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Front page invite

Lucan Newsletter has been published now for over 50 years and has a wide readership across the Lucan area. We carry a variety of community news and information ranging from the Christian Churches in Lucan to news from the local schools, sports clubs and community groups as well as political notes from the various local reps. The success of the newsletter is probably down to the wide range of interests that are represented.



Recent improvements in our printing technology enable photographs to be produced in good quality, which makes a difference. From time to time we carry images of the Lucan of the past, giving us a glimpse into Lucan life before the housing expansion of relatively recent years. These always prove popular, they offer a window into the past.

Our small ad section is ever popular and many locals have found plumbers, carpenters, chimney sweeps, decorators, electricians among the ads.

Focus on....

From time to time we would like the front page to focus on some particular aspect of life in Lucan, so we are inviting any group, organisation or individual who would like to highlight their contribution to Lucan life to send us in a submission. Space is limited so we would ask that contributions be kept to a maximum of about 420 words and you could include a photo or logo that would accompany the piece. This offers groups an opportunity to showcase their work and to invite new members. It's amazing how people can often be unaware of the variety of groups active in the area, we hope that a front page in the newsletter will help increase awareness and help raise the profile of many of the groups.

The invite is for all non-commercial voluntary community groups, clubs and organisations. Submissions may be edited for available space etc.

Submissions to: marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

Parents of 6th Class children in the schools within the boundaries of St. Mary's Parish and St. Patricks Parish who wish their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 are requested to register online without delay. Registration will close on October 31st

St. Mary's Schools: www.lucanparish.com

St. Patrick's Schools: www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Philip Curran

St. Mary's & St. Patricks Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

October is World Mental Health Month -

www.mentalhealthireland.ie

Budget 2023 was announced on Tuesday, 27 September 2022. The Budget sets out an overall package of €11 billion. This is made up of a package of once-off measures worth €4.1 billion and budgetary measures for 2023 of €6.9 billion.

Our website has a document giving a short summary of the main changes in taxation, cost of living supports, supports for energy costs, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas. It is an overview and not a complete statement of all the measures announced in Budget 2023.

Some of the changes announced in the Budget come into effect immediately or before the end of 2022. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2023 or later in 2023. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

More information on Budget 2023

You can access a range of information on gov.ie's Budget 2023 page including: The Expenditure Reports, Spending review, Ministers' speeches, Taxation measures, Budget publications, The Budget in Brief.

Social welfare

The Department of Social Protection budget allocation is €23.4 billion in 2023.

Cost of living supports

October 2022: People getting a weekly social welfare payment will get a once-off payment of an extra week also called a 'double week' (minimum payment €20) as a cost-of-living support.

November 2022: Double Child Benefit payment
Once-off payment of €200 to people getting the Living Alone Increase

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting the Fuel Allowance

Once-off payment of €500 to people getting the Working Family Payment, Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension and carers who qualify for the Carer's Support Grant

Social welfare weekly payments

The maximum rate of all weekly social welfare payments will increase by €12 with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment (January 2023).

People aged 25 and under who are getting a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance will get the full €12 increase (January 2023).

The weekly rate for a qualified child will increase by €2 from €40 to €42 for children under 12 years of age. It will increase by €2 from €48 to €50 for children aged 12 years and over (January 2023).

Christmas Bonus: A Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in early December 2022 to people getting a long-term social welfare payment (minimum payment €20).

Child Benefit: A once-off double Child Benefit payment will be paid (November 2022). This means you will get an extra €140 per child in November.

Fuel Allowance: People getting Fuel Allowance will get a once-off payment of €400 (November 2022).

The Fuel Allowance income threshold will increase from €120 to €200 above the applicable State Pension (Contributory) rate. For people aged over 70, it will increase to €500 for a single person and €1,000 for a couple (January 2023).

Disablement Benefit and half-rate Carer's Allowance will be disregarded in the means test for Fuel Allowance (January 2023).

Living Alone Increase:

People getting Living Alone Increase will get a once-off payment of €200 (November 2022). If you get Fuel Allowance and Living Alone Increase, you will get both once-off payments.

Payments to families:

People getting the Working Family Payment will get a once-off payment of €500 (November 2022). The Working Family Payment income limits will increase by €40 across all family sizes (January 2023).

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Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

We had another great day at our club this week. Thirty-six members attended and enjoyed all the activities. Next week we have Chaerobics with Carmel so I'd say we'll have a big crowd for that as everyone loves taking part.



We have thirty-three members booked so far, for the pre-Christmas special outing on 22nd Nov. Deposit of €25 should be paid next Wed at the club. Anyone else who wants to come along, get your names on the list with Treasa or Helen.

We meet each Wed at 1.30pm in St Andrews Church Hall, Main St., Lucan

Marian Egan, Club Secretary

Lucan Special Olympics Club

are holding a

Table Quiz

in **Kenny's Pub**
on **Friday October 14th**
at **8pm**

A table of four costs €40.
There will be a raffle and spot prizes on the night.

We welcome everyone to what should be a fun event!



Lucan ICA

Monday 10th October: Craft Group busy from 10am to 12.30pm, some doing Tenerife Embroidery, others making bags, dolls, knitting and crochet.

Tea Hostesses: Anne Beales, Mary Duffy.

We had a lovely visit recently from Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, our new Curate at St. Marys and St. Patrick's Parishes. He admired our work and was impressed with all the different projects being worked on. We hope he'll visit again soon.

We send condolences to our former member Sadie O'Hanlon on the death of her husband, Luke. May his soul rest in peace.



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Ballyowen
Community
Centre
Ballyowen,
Lucan

Introduction to Community Development

FREE 8 WEEK course to discover how to become an agent for change within your own community. Developing and building women's confidence providing them with the skills, tools and belief to consider taking action within their community. 10.00-12.00pm every Monday starting 17th October.

Monthly Reading Circle Always open to new members Venue: ONLINE Time: 7-8 pm Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Are you reading/listening to books more? Come join our book club. New folks are always welcome! Each month the group reads a book and hold a session to review the main points and discuss the issues raised, but mostly to have a chat.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

join us for a Walk to the park followed by Tea, Coffee, Cake & Chat's all Proceeds raised will go to The Marie Keating Foundation. Donations on the Day. Get in Touch to register.

13/10/2022: 7-9pm Drumming circle
20/10/2022: 7-9pm Mediation with Sacred Space
27/10/2022: 7-9pm Reiki Meditation/Share.
Reiki practitioners from The Sacred Space
November Social Inclusion Workshop
December Creative Workshop for 16 Days
Christmas Celebration

Joanne Nolan, Development Worker

Tel: 0838607947 www.womenscollective.ie

E-mail:

developworker.lucan@womenscollective.ie

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Venue - St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan

Day and time - Thursdays at 11.30 am to 2.30 pm, refreshments served at 1 pm approx.

We play bowling, Scrabble and cards or you can just have a chat.



Now that we are in the "season of mists", we have plans for some new activities over the coming months.

New members welcome!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil:

6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

November Altar

List of the Dead

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church Porches.

Please return to the Sacristy when completed.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord. *All are welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. *Sr Geraldine*

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On **Wednesdays after 10am Mass**. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Baptisms:

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

Church Art Calendars 2023

For sale

in the Sacristy and the Parish Office.

€2



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.

Coffee Dock Open Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12noon.

All Welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 15th/16th October.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

Sunday: 9am and 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's, Leixlip: Sun: 11.30am. **Tues:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday
7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Meeting every **Monday night** in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on
www.lucansouthparish.net

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Thurs: 7pm: Holy Hour (Adoration/Confession)

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

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

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Anam Cara South Dublin,
Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 10th October at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

Anam Cara North Dublin,
Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Wednesday 19th October at 7:15pm** in the Hilton Hotel, Malahide Rd, Northern Cross, Dublin, D17 Y924.

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

Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

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Medjugorje 2022

Depart 19th October: 6 nights.
€685.00. 8 nights €745.00 p.p.s.
Call Marian Pilgrimages Tel: 01 878 8159.

Please say I'm going with PAT COLGAN
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Acknowledgement



ROGERS (DAN) R.I.P. - 2nd April 2022

A Heartfelt Thank You.

Mary Carey-Rogers and family, Ger, Caroline, Adrian, Edel, Roisin and grandchildren would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported them on their untimely and very sad loss of **'Our Dan'** known to many, loved by all especially his wife Mary and family. Thank you to Fr. Philip Curran, Sr. Geraldine and all the Funeral Team for your support and prayers both at home for Dan and at his Funeral Mass. Thank you to Nikola Hendy for your beautiful songs which made the mass so special.

Grateful thanks to my daughter Edel for her support when Dan was in hospital, overseeing Dan's final days of care and for taking the lead, planning and organising Dan's funeral and final farewell.

Thank you to Michael Cunningham and all of his team for your professionalism, support and advice at this very difficult and sad time, we are most grateful for your assistance throughout these difficult days and also for your help to Edel with organising Dan's Funeral. Grateful thanks to Jackie's Flowers for the beautiful displays especially the Offaly and Man United Crest, he would have been as proud as punch, a true Offaly man was **Our Dan**.

To all of Dan's siblings, extended family and friends (Rhode, Tipperary, UK, Florida USA, Lanzarote and New Zealand) we thank you most sincerely for your support. To Dan's children in the UK (Danny, Kelly, Tracey and Annmarie) and grandchildren, we thank you for joining us and sharing your memories at your dads / grandads farewell. Thanks to my nieces, especially Sheila Moore (Enfield) and Trish Quinn (Ballinagar) for their continued love and support. To the extended Cummins, O' Callaghan and Carey families near and far, including all that travelled from overseas, a huge heartfelt thank you for your continued presence and support.

To our great neighbours in Woodview Heights, former neighbours of Beech Park, many friends especially Bridget and Jimmy (Beech Park) John, Anna, Claire Meenan (Beech Park), Fran and Paddy (Mayo) Jean and Tracey (Lucan), Olivia and colleagues of all family members, a huge thank you for your ongoing support since Dan left us, we are so grateful. A huge thank you to Dan's Ball Alley Crew, for your ongoing support since Dan's journey with illness began.

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.

To the people of Lucan, we thank you most sincerely from the bottom of our hearts, for the immense love and support over this truly difficult and very sad time. To all who joined us online for Dan's Funeral Mass especially family and friends abroad, to all who called to the house, 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 show to each and every one of us



over this really sad time. **Mass will be offered for your intentions.**

Heartfelt thanks, Mary Carey-Rogers and Family, Woodview Heights, Lucan

Anniversaries

LALLY (MAUREEN) 12th Anniversary 8th October

Mom, I still see your face before me
Your voice I long to hear
I miss and love you dearly
God knows, I wish you were here
Tears fall freely from my eyes
Like a river filled with grief
My only comfort now is that
From pain you've found relief. Missing you.
Dearly loved and greatly missed, Alison, Andy, Ruth, Alisha, Craig and Caden xxx

LALLY (MAUREEN)

Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin
Mum, you were such a special Mum
In whom I always could confide
Always wise and caring, always on my side
We shared so much happiness in times of yesterday
And to say how much I miss you
I could never find a way
When I think off all the memories
That will never fade away
I'm so thankful to have had a Mum
Who brought joy to every day.
Forever in our hearts, from your loving daughter Joyce, son-in-law Mark, grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran, Matthew and great grandson Ollie xxx

LALLY (MAUREEN)

A mother's love is ageless, a crown that she has won,
Today I mourn and honour her for all that she has done
You felt so very lonely mum, ever since dad died,
But you can walk together now, forever side by side.
Greatly missed by your loving daughter, Debbie son-in-law Peter, grandchildren, Niamh, Karla and Aine xxx

McMANUS (PHILIP) 5th Anniversary 10th October

Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts you are never gone
Memories are precious, they don't fade away.
Remembered by your wife Mary, son Declan, daughter-in-law Laura, grandchildren Molly and Finn

RANKIN (NORA) 19th Anniversary 9th October

Late of Dodsboro, Lucan.
A spray of roses just for you
A sprinkle of tears instead of dew
And in the centre, a forget-me-not
To show you mother we have not forgot.
Loved and missed always by Marie and all the family

Sincere Sympathy

MURRAY (THERESA)

Sincere sympathy to Yvonne on the death of her Mam.
Mother & Toddler Group, St. Mary's Parish Centre

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpcc@mail.com



Last month in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition "Open", and below we have two of the winning images, the first from Aoife Tierney with her image titled "First Light" and she won in the advanced colour category.



And the second photo was by Orla Brady who won the image of the month with "The book and I".



'October winds lament around the castle of Dromore.....' A line from a song learned in school many many years ago, and it still haunts Birdie at this time every year. We now have

wrap-up days, when we need to protect ourselves from the wind and rain, and at the same time enjoy the spectacle of the beautiful Autumn leaves swirling in all directions.

Flu vaccine and Covid boosters are available once again for all the elder lemons, who need all the help they can get these days. Much as we give out about our health service, we do appreciate some things.

Junior Cert Results – no sign of them yet! No doubt, students and their parents are waiting anxiously. Surely they would have a bearing on subjects chosen going back to school in September, for those not doing Transition Year.

Swooping Magpies! Heard a story about Magpies in Australia this week – it seems they actually swoop down on people and pluck hair from their heads to help build their nests. So no one dares go out without their hat or helmet.

Our roving reporter took a chance photographing this fellow!

We asked *Mr. Google* about these Magpies, and it seems that they are not at all related to the European species.

Thank goodness for that!

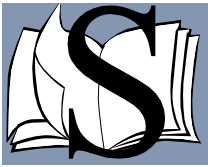
Mind you there are a lot of Magpies around Lucan these days. The only place Birdie ever saw a Magpie as a child was in a comic!



And then the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and Autumn was awakened.

Raquel Franco





Oluchukwu won the Senior Cycle Runner Up for her Art Entry in 2022. Our day also brought us to the GPO Museum where there is a permanent display and history of the Irish Flag.

St. Joseph's College

Rosie's Garden: Rosie's Garden was officially opened last Friday, 30th September in St. Joseph's College. We were delighted to have many past staff who taught with Sr. Rosario, Sr. Rosario's family members, students and their families, Presentation Sisters, Local Community Guards, Lucan Tidy Towns & our Parents Association join us for this special day. Thankfully, the rain clouds disappeared just on time for the cutting of the ribbon. We look forward to using the garden for some quiet time in the days to come!



Good Witches Walk: On Friday it is planned that all of the first-year group will go on the Good Witches Walk around Lucan Village, so look out for their spooky costumes around the village. Well done to Ms. Wards Events Management class who have been extremely busy over the last few weeks in organising this event as part of their Future Leaders Programme.

Classical Studies Trip: On Thursday our 6th year Classical Studies students will depart for Rome to take in the sites of the amazing architecture that surround the ancient mythology that they have been learning about over the past 2 years in class.

Flag Day Awards: We were delighted to attend the Thomas Francis Meagher Flag Day Awards in Leinster House on Monday, 3rd October. Our 6th Year students, Oluchukwu Uwechue, Salma Abbas, Principal Ms. Bernadette Fitzgerald & Deputy Principal Ms. Catherine Bligh enjoyed a tour of the Houses of the Oireachtas followed by the official launch of the 175th Anniversary of the raising of the Irish Flag, to be held in March 2023.



Transition Year: Its back, the Musical has returned to St Josephs after a two-year absence and we are very excited to announce that this year's production will be Guys and Dolls. On Thursday last the entire Transition Year group met with Jimmy and Carol to get an introduction to the musical and this week Auditions have begun and the excitement is building. We will be soon releasing information around ticketing for this event which will take place in December.

World Champions: Congratulations to Aoife Sammon, Isabella Stritch and Daisy Stritch who all represented Ireland recently at the Karate World Championships in Barcelona. They were hugely successful and we are very proud of them. Aoife won 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Isabella received 3 Gold and 2 Silver Medals and Daisy received 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal.



Athletics: Well done to all the students who took part in the west Leinster athletics competition in the Phoenix Park on Thursday. We had some excellent individual displays on the day. Congratulations to Poppy and Isabella Lyons Kennedy, Ellen Kenny, Ana Jones who were all in the top 15 of the 1st year Cross Country. 2nd year medal winner was Katherine Kilcullen.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Retirement: A retirement function for Marie Melia, who worked in the school shop and kitchen for more than 25 years, was held in the Springfield Hotel last Friday. Marie was presented with flowers and a gift from management and staff of Coláiste Phádraig in recognition of her loyal and fantastic service over many years in the school. Many retired teachers, some gone from the school for over 10 years now, were in attendance along with current staff and Marie's family. Marie became quite emotional as video messages from some of the past prefects, who worked closely alongside her at various times, came up on screen.

Former principal Mr. Murtagh made a moving speech paying tribute to Marie's professionalism, dedication, decency, empathy and compassion, qualities that anyone who ever knew her recognised in her immediately. It was a hugely uplifting and enjoyable night of nostalgia, friendship, celebration, singing, dancing and laughter, the perfect antidote to the plethora of bad news stories that seem to appear on our TV screens on a daily basis. We hope Marie enjoys her retirement as much as we enjoyed working alongside her.



Ms. Winters and Ms Ryan present Marie with flowers on her retirement

Athletics: Well done to our 30 athletes who competed in the Dublin cross-country championships held in the Phoenix Park last Thursday. 10 1st yrs competed the 1.5km course with Conor Abbott doing brilliantly to finish in 3rd place (out of 200 competitors!). Conor ran the race of his life and kept pace with the frontrunners throughout before using his blistering pace to finish strongly and claim a richly deserved medal.

10 2nd yrs competed their 2km course with John Donoghue doing best with an 11th place finish. As there were also 200 2nd yr competitors the organisers decided to award medals to the top 20 so John can be proud of his determined performance and medal. In the 2.5km 3rd yr race, our 10 competitors all ran good times with Lucas Collender finishing strongly

to claim an impressive 10th place and a well-deserved medal. Next up for our athletes in the Leinster Championships in January.

Hurling: Our 16 hurling team won their opening group game in the Dublin League after an emphatic victory over St. Kevin's College, Finglas in appalling conditions on Friday 30th September. The torrential rain made life very difficult for both teams with Lucan coped much better with the conditions as they overwhelmed their spirited but somewhat limited opponents, eventually winning on a score-line of to a 7-23 to 2-06.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams began their Eastern League campaigns on Monday, with both teams emerging victorious against Kishoge CC in their opening group stage matches. The u16s enjoyed a comfortable 42-27 victory with Gabriel Sales impressing with 17 points and Lewis Adjinakou adding a further 12 points. The u19 match was a much tighter affair with the outcome hanging in the balance until the final buzzer. Lucan eventually won 38-35 with Jaime Sales contributing 13 points and his younger brother Gabriel also scoring 13 points.

History: Our 3rd yr students visited The Irish National Heritage Park and Ferns Castle in Wexford last Tuesday with their History teachers. Located on the banks of the picturesque River Slaney, this park is truly the cornerstone of Ireland's "Ancient East". The 40 acre outdoor museum, showcasing 16 reconstructed sites each built using the materials and skills of the period, is situated within natural forestry and wet woodlands and depicts 9,000 yrs of recreated Irish History. Upon arrival the students were met by their tour guide Paul, appropriately dressed in Viking gear! The students took an unforgettable journey through the archaeological heritage of Ireland's past and experienced stories, sights and sounds that shaped our country. The students visited representations of various periods in Irish history ranging from Stone Age houses and burial tombs, to more recent history like Viking dwellings and ship-building huts, and learned about the daily lives of our ancestors. The tour then delved into the Bronze Age period and Viking era, before they got to eat lunch from a genuine "Fulacht Fiadh" (burned mounds dating from the Bronze Age). The 2nd part of the tour was centred on Ferns Castle, considered to be one of the finest examples of an Anglo-Norman fortress in Ireland. The students learned about the Medieval Period and were given a fascinating guided tour of the Castle. The group were afforded stunning views from the top of one of the towers, with Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny all clearly visible on a fine September day! The tour gave the students a real life revision-course on key elements of the Junior Cycle History Syllabus, and they are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour, throughout.

Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College Open Day 2022

Many thanks to those who visited our hugely successful Open Day on Tuesday 4th October. We welcomed 5th and 6th class pupils from our local community along with their parents/guardians to sample what we have to offer here in Lucan Community College. An enjoyable and informative afternoon was had by all. Please note that the closing date for applications for First Year 2023 is **12 noon Friday 28th October 2022**. Application forms for 1st Year 2023/23 are available on our website: www.lucancc.ie



and off the pitch. Sincere thanks to Ms Geraghty, Mr Branagan, Weston Hockey, and David Williamson of Glenanne Hockey for their support in getting the team up and running.



Transition Years enjoy a Reptile Workshop

On Monday, TY's enjoyed a visit from Reptile experts who gave a workshop on a variety of species from the reptile world! An enjoyable afternoon learning about snakes, spiders, and lizards was had by all. Many thanks to Transition Year coordinator Ms Higgins for organising a great afternoon for Transition Year students.

Past Pupils Return!

On Wednesday, Ms Freeman invited two past pupils into Lucan Community College. Aine Kennedy, (Smooth Company) and Jack Tuite (Fit for 45) were invited in as guest speakers for TY Enterprise and LCVP. Both had very inspiring stories to tell about their individual success since leaving Lucan Community College.



New Girls Hockey team in Lucan Community College

Here in Lucan Community College, we are proud to offer a wide variety of Extra Curricular activities to cater for all of our students. On Wednesday last, we had 35 students turn up to girls' hockey training before their first league game against Skerries on Monday. The girls displayed great team spirit and resilience both on



Morning Soirees in the St Mary's Parish



Irish Conversation

Wednesdays: 10.30am to

11.30am: Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to

engage in conversation as Gaeilge.

Whether you know the basics or you are advanced, all are welcome to join and take part



Photography - In the Parish Bungalow

Fridays 10.3am to 11.30am:

Whether you are experienced or just like taking photos bring along your camera and get tips on how to capture the perfect image, while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

'CÚPLA FOCAL' CLUB

Where: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse

When: Every Monday

Time: 8.00pm to 9pm

Gaeilge

Two groups:

1. Beginners. 2. Advanced

Learn to speak Irish in a fun way.

Learn 20 new words and 20 new phrases each night.

Interested?

Email mograda48@gmail.com

text 0872331983

Cost: Donation if desired to Nagarhope

Fáilte roimh gach duine

Found

Key found in first cul-de-sac in Beech Park.

Ph: 087 7956167.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 12th October: Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel 10.30 – 2.00.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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Disability and illness payments: People getting Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension or Blind Pension will get a once-off payment of €500 (November 2022).

People getting Disability Allowance and Blind Pension will be able to earn up to €165 from work without affecting their payment. This is an increase of €25 on the previous threshold of €140 (January 2023).

Carers: Carers who qualify for the Carer's Support Grant will get a once-off payment of €500 (November 2022).

Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) will increase by €20.50 from €309.50 to €330 (January 2023). DCA will be available for babies who remain in an acute hospital after birth for a period of 6 months (January 2023).

Employment programmes: The Community Employment (CE), Tús and Rural Social Scheme top up payment will increase by €5 from €22.50 to €27.50 (January 2023).

Employer's PRSI: The weekly income threshold for the higher rate of employer's PRSI will increase from €410 to €441 to ensure that there is no incentive to reduce the working hours for a full-time employee on the increased minimum wage (1 January 2023).

Farm Assist: The income received from agri-environmental schemes disregarded in the means test for Farm Assist will increase from €2,540 to €5,000 (January 2023).

Pilot food poverty programme: A pilot scheme will be developed and implemented to support people experiencing food poverty (January 2023).



Canon Despard Centre Chapel Hill Lucan Village

We have a few vacant times in our main hall if you or your organisation would be interested in renting.

We offer competitive hourly rates to Adult and Youth Groups.

There are also vacant slots in 2 other rooms which are suitable for small groups or committee meetings.

Please contact leixlipunion@gmail.com for more information

Lucan Library

Phone 01-6216422

or email lucan@sdblincoco.ie

Red Line Festival 2022 – 13th – 16th Oct. South Dublin Libraries' annual Red Line Festival returns with another fantastic line up of talks and workshops. It includes leading Irish writers such as Donal Ryan, Michael Harding and Louise O'Neill amongst others, as well as events on Sport, History, Horror, True Crime. There is something for everyone! Check out www.redlinefestival.ie to find an event that appeals to you!

Talk for Adults at Lucan Library:

Thurs. 13th Oct. 7pm. **Tales from the Fraud Squad** - former head of the Fraud Squad Willie McGee in conversation with Seoirse Dunbar. Please contact the library to book your place, lucan@sdblincoco.ie or ask at the desk. Booking Essential: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tales-from-the-fraud-squad-tickets-410498962447>

Red Line Reading Group for Adults: M.R.

James' Ghost Stories – Mon. 10th Oct. 7pm
Pop up reading group for the Red Line Festival. The group will read and discuss M.R. James' Ghost Stories.

Parenting Talk: Practical Techniques to help a child's communication with Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language Therapist. CATTS
Tues. 18th Oct. at 11am (Online)
Booking via Eventbrite: Practical Techniques to help a Child's Communication Tickets, Tue 18th Oct. 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite

Sensory Workshops for Children with

Additional Needs: Sat. 8th Oct. 2pm - 3pm.
Sensory Workshop: Soap Making with Aoife Munn. Lots of hands-on fun for children ages 7-12. Booking Essential from Sat. 1st Oct. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-workshop-make-your-own-bar-of-soap-tickets-429119446817>

Sat. 15th Oct. 10.30am - 11.30am: Book-themed Family Lego Fun with The Brickx Club, for children with additional needs and their families. Booking essential: <https://redlinefestival.ie/events/we-love-lego-autism-friendly>

History and Heritage: Lucan Hotels and Spas Past,

a talk by local historian Joe Byrne
Tues. 25th Oct. 6.30pm. Part three of Lucan Historian Joe Byrne's series of heritage talks on the fascinating history of Lucan Spas and Hotels. Booking essential: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lucan-spas-and-hotels-part-three-by-joe-byrne-tickets-429253086537>

World Mental Health Month - Connect Cafe at Lucan Library, Tues. 11th Oct. at 11am - 12noon. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/connect-cafe-tickets-399121411887?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Children's Book Festival and Mid-Term

Events: October is the month we celebrate the national Children's Book Festival with a great programme of workshops and talks mostly for schools, however we also have two after-school events: **Thur.13th Oct.** 4pm - 5pm (ONLINE) BrickFlicks Stop Motion Animation Live Online Workshop. Suitable for ages 8yrs + (we recommend that an Adult assists setting up the online call). Booking Essential: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/online-bricks-flicks-workshop-for-kids-8yrs-tickets-29590565947?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Arts and Crafts Workshops for Children with Elena Buttner. Thurs. 20th Oct. 3.30pm - ages 6-8 year olds, Booking via Eventbrite from Thurs. 13th Oct. at 3.30pm. Thurs. 27th Oct. 3.30pm - ages 9-12 year olds, booking via Eventbrite from Thurs. 20th Oct. at 3.30pm

Events for Babies and Toddlers: Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles Thurs. 27th Oct. at 10am. Bookings via Lucan Library Eventbrite, from Thurs. 20th Oct. at 10am

Storytime for Under 6s: Every Wednesday at 3pm. Special fancy dress Halloween Storytime on Wed. 26th Oct. at 3pm. All welcome!

Lucan Library Book Clubs Monthly meetings:

Wednesday Evening: 26th October, 7pm
Monday Lunchtime: 24th October, 12noon

Lucan Library Classic Movie Night:

Tues. 18th Oct. 5.30pm

Scrabble Club for Adults:

Tues. 11th Oct. 12noon (please note later start time this month)
All welcome, contact the library for information.

TTRS at Lucan Library: Touch-Type-Read-Spell is available from Lucan Library from September. Contact us to learn more about this learning support, and how you can avail of a TTRS course free of charge. Phone us at 01-6216422 or email lucan@sdblincoco.ie for more information.

Exhibition:

Sharon Casey, local artist, 8th – 28th Oct.

Part 8 Drawings for the M4 Bus Priority

Measures - on display from 14th Oct- 11th Nov.

Please note: All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.

All events and activities are free of charge.



Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

Tel: 087-2752489. E-mail: info@paulgogarty.com
"Not just at election time"

Wall breach opposite Maxol:

Further to a request for information made by myself and others, SDCC confirmed that a meeting was held recently with embassy staff and it has been agreed to progress the detailed design for repairs. They stated: "The repair of this wall is a significant piece of work and will require specialist contractors, having the design prepared should allow us to establish a better estimate of the works required and the project costs.

"While a full agreement has not been reached with the Embassy as of yet there is an acknowledgement of the need to progress this issue swiftly. We believe that there is now a good understanding from their side as that the overall responsibility for the repair is theirs but that the council is in a position to provide technical assistance wherever possible."

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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

Lucan Community Advice Walk-In:

My new community advice walk-in are now in Ballyowen Castle Community Centre, Lucan. It will be every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 1-2pm

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan
01 401 3416 Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway:

Public Consultation is open for the proposed construction of 4.2 km of shared pathways, pedestrian and cycle facilities within parklands and quiet streets around Lucan. Traffic calming measures on vehicle carriageway from Grand Canal to Lucan Village. The proposal also includes construction of 4.29km school connections with improved footpaths, cycle facilities, and school zones which is very welcome to promote active travel to schools. All plans can be viewed online, including a virtual consultation room at <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie> or in person at County Hall, Tallaght during office hours. Closing date Oct 21st.

Chamber of Commerce:

Last week I attended a South Dublin Chamber of Commerce event celebrating The Irish Air Corps 100th year anniversary. It was great to have an opportunity to chat with several local businesses and get their feedback Budget 2023.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Fianna Fail

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Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

Griffen Avenue Cycle Path:

Great result to see these long overdue cycle path repairs take place at Griffen Avenue in Foxborough! It is something I have been raising since being elected and noticed the work had been done when I was cycling home the other day. They will make a huge difference to those who cycle and walk to school.

Cluain Rí Park:

It is great to see the continued improvement works I sought at Cluain Rí Park – the footpaths have made it much more user-friendly. I look forward to the remainder of work being done this year.

Lighting Hermitage/Ballyowen Lane:

I am pleased to see that the lighting of the footpath between Ballyowen Lane and Hermitage is in place and effective – this is something I sought as part of this year's Public Realm Works programme.

Liona O'Toole – Independent. P.C.

087-2795274. lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
www.lotoole.com

Lucan Traffic:

Lucan traffic and various issues around traffic light issues has been brought to my attention over the last few weeks. I have raised the sequence of traffic lights with council management and in some cases the issues relates to a technical fault. Throughout the year I can raise a traffic issue/safety concern at the Traffic Management Meetings which takes place every two months, you can contact me on any issues in your area.

Crashes on M50:

Lucan made headlines this week(via various news outlets), newly released statistics shows the most dangerous times to travel corresponds with heavy commuter traffic periods. Driving on the M50 near Lucan and Liffey Valley between 4 and 5pm is when you are most likely to be involved in a crash. I will continue to work on finding solutions to improve traffic for the Lucan area.



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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Senior Football management Team: Dave Cullen and Ollie Collins have decided to step away from their roles as Senior Football manager and coach. Dave and Ollie led us to our first championship semi-final in ten years in 2021 and were very unlucky in 2022 not to progress to a championship Quarter final. Over the last two years Dave and Ollie introduced several young players to Senior football and leave us in a strong position to continue our progress. Our Director of football, David Herlihy, will implement a formal process in the next couple of weeks to find successors to Dave and Ollie. The club would like to sincerely thank Dave and Ollie for their dedication and hard work over the last 2 years.

Senior Hurling Management Team: Cathal Fenton has decided to step down from his position as Senior hurling manager. Cathal led us to our first Division 1 hurling title this year and we progressed to the Quarter Final of the Senior hurling championship. Our Directors of hurling Paul Stapleton and Vince O'Connor will launch a formal process in the coming weeks to identify Cathal's successor. The league title this year was a huge positive. Thanks to Cathal and his team for your hard work and commitment.

This Sunday is a big hurling day for the club with our three junior teams all in semi-final action. These are all home fixtures as each team topped their respective qualifying group. The Jun A's play the combined forces of Good Counsel Liffey Gaels on Pitch 1 at 11am. The Jun B's play Faughs on AGP3 also at 11am. In the afternoon, our Jun C's play Thomas Davis on Pitch 1 at 3pm. Victory not only ensures a place in the final but also promotion to a higher championship grade for next year.

Go Ahead Junior 5 All County Football Semi Final: Lucan 3-08 Clann Mhuire 1-11.

A battle where you couldn't be sure of the winner until the final whistle. This Lucan team seem to have the right mix of youth and experience. The first half was evenly contested with both teams going in to the break with 1-04. The second half seen Lucan go ahead but Clann Mhuire stayed in the game through some needless frees. Overall a solid performance with a lot to work on and some serious selection headaches over the next two weeks before the final which will take place at the club at 3pm on Sunday 16th October.

Lucan Team: A. Norton, N.Smith, C. Hickey, D. Kelly, O. Collins, N. McKiernon, T. Mulqueen, R. Kelly, S. Kelly, P. Sloan, J. Doyle (1-0), S. Donohoe (0-1), G. Hamilton (0-2) G. Mortimer, T. Mulhall (2-04). Subs introduced M. Wallace (0-1) and F. Buckley.



U19A Lucan vs. Cuala, 12th Lock 2/10/2022

Our second championship game started slowly with the day looking like it would be a tough one, fortunately the Lucan back line exerted enough pressure to force the early Cuala chances wide of the mark. After the alarm call Lucan rallied and for the rest of the half our lads pressed on and were unlucky not to capitalise on some goal chances carved out by our forward unit. The first half finished 0-16 pts to 0-4. Our lads then started the second half with some lovely interplay, our forwards showed well and this combined with some accurate passing was a key element of our performance. A memorable and cheeky moment from Cathal Doody who after losing the sliotar in a tackle had a cheeky chip with the boot placing it in the lámh of Brendan Kavanagh to point. Cuala tried to rescue the game through a press for some goals but our backs covered the treat and disrupted, moving the ball quickly to our forwards who punished by pointing. Sean Harkness eventually got the goal he deserved and Lucan pushed on to close out the game. Final Score 1-24 to 0-11.

U11 Camogie: The U11 camogie group played at home on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. This week's opposition were St Jude's. Both sets of girls played some great camogie, showing off all the skills they had been practicing over the last few weeks. Once again there was great support from the side-line for all girls and it was great to hear the girls complementing each other on good team work. As always our Lucan Sarsfield's referees were superb, always explaining to the girls why they were blowing the whistle. Making it an enjoyable learning experience for all. For some of the girls the afternoon finished with October ice-creams.

Annual Remembrance Mass: The Annual Club Mass to remember members and relatives of members, who have passed away during the last year, will take place on Thursday 17th November at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

AGM: Club AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 24th November at 9pm

Ladies Football Celebration: On 22nd October from 8pm onwards, the Ladies Football section are having a night in the Club bar to celebrate over 30 years of ladies football and the 20th anniversary of their Leinster Championship. They hope to have a display of photos over the years, so if anyone has any photos they would like to share, please contact Tracey Walsh 087 9735665. All are welcome on the night, particularly anyone who has played Ladies Football for the Club.

Lotto: No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €6,200. The Numbers were **3, 5, 18, 20.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Sarah Power, David Bryan, Patrick Lyons, Cormac Gordon and PJ Finnerty Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€6,600.**



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Gradam an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta do Dheá- Chúiseanna

Bhí Na Gaeil Óga i measc 35 (as 4,000) eagraíochtaí sa bhabhta ceannais i nGradam an Chrannchuir Náisiúnta do Dheá-Chúiseanna 2022. Bhaineamar an Gradam Contae. Comhghairdeas le Gaillimh le Gaeilge na buaiteoirí náisiúnta inár gcatagóir. Is léir go bhfuil an gradam seo mar aitheantas ar an obair mhór atá déanta againn le pobal teanga a chothú i mBÁC trí chluichí CLG. Sibhse na baill atá freagrach as an ngradam seo - bhur gcuid iarrachtaí, fuinnimh agus oibre. Maith sibh go léir. NGÓ abú.

Na Gaeil Óga were one of 35 (out of 4,000) organisations in the finals of the National Lottery Award for Good Causes 2022. We won the county award. Congrats to Gaillimh le Gaeilge who won the overall award in our category. This award recognises the hard work that club members have put in to promote the Irish language in Dublin through Gaelic games. Well done to all club members for their efforts which helped us win this award.



Buachaillí F10 - Peil

Bhí peil iontach ar taispeáint ar an bpáirc in aghaidh Chaisleán Cnucha ag an deireadh seachtaine. Ar pháirc A, bhí an taispeántas is láidre riamh sa séasúr ag na buachaillí seo. Iarracht foirne aibí a bhí ann le scóráil agus greamú iontach, agus pasanna álainn ó gach duine ar an bhfoireann. Seachtain eile ina raibh an fhoireann ar fad mar fhear an chluiche.

Ar pháirc B, rinne Luke Hickey cúpla sábháil an-láidir. D'oibrigh Luke Brandon & Orin Crowe go dian freisin. Ar pháirc C, is féidir an traenáil a saothair le feiceáil, le Finn Graham, Luke O'Toole & Oisín Ó Murchú ag taispeáint sárghabhálacha agus pasanna tapa. Bhí Tadhg Byrne agus Dara Canning láidir mar is gnách sa chosaint, agus Ruairi Mac Giolla Phádraig ag ceangail go maith i lár na páirce. Míle buíochas le Sadbh agus Fionn as cabhrú le huimhreacha freisin.

There was some great football played by the boys against Castleknock at the weekend. Pitch A saw the lads give their strongest performance so far this year. The whole team played well, displaying some impressive passes and scores. All players were deserving of player of the match in an excellent team effort.

On pitch B, Luke Hickey made some fantastic saves while Luke Brandon & Orin Crowe also worked very hard. On pitch C, the training that the lads have been doing was evident, with Finn Graham, Luke O'Toole & Oisín Ó Murchú mixing fantastic ball control skills with some excellent passing. Tadhg Byrne and Dara Canning were strong in defence and Ruairi Mac Giolla Phádraig at midfield also excelled. Many thanks to Sadbh and Fionn who helped out also.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée



At our meeting last Friday morning we made good headway in selecting the photographs to be included in this year's exhibition and in our calendar for 2023. We are continuing the good work this Friday. The target is to have all this work finished by Friday 14th October to allow time for printing, mounting and framing the photographs.

This week Donal, Conor, Paddy and Kay shared some photographs on our WhatsApp group. We had photographs taken in the 16th century village of Eus which is situated about 40 kilometres west of Perpignan in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France. The village has been classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France.



We also had photographs of Cork Harbour and the back of Bray Head as well as photographs taken in Dublin Castle.

The castle was originally developed as a medieval fort at the beginning of the 13th century. Following a fire in 1682 rebuilding in the late-seventeenth and eighteenth centuries saw the Castle transformed from a medieval bastion into a Georgian palace. The new building included a suite of grand reception rooms known as the State Apartments.



Since the foundation of the State some of the famous people entertained in the State Apartments have included Princess Grace of Monaco (1961), John F. Kennedy (1963), Charles de Gaulle (1969), Nelson Mandela (1990) and Queen Elizabeth II (2011).

Until next week stay safe!