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## WHERE ARE THE PEACEMAKERS?



My mother died, *compos mentis* to the end, at the age of 98. The Nursing Home predicted her demise almost to the hour and family were advised to stop working and regularly visit in her final week. A gentle Filipino carer asked her in that last week to tell him about the happiest days of her life. He got a very surprising answer. My mother emphatically stated that her happiest days were during World War Two. She had experienced the Blitz and volunteered for the British Army Censorship Board. She described the war as an exciting time where all suddenly got employment and there was a purpose to life. Cinemas and Dance Halls thrived under the blackout and clubs and pubs opened as new businesses. Then the Americans came with resultant high spending and filled the social venues. Though a Belfast Catholic she remained a pro-British monarchist with unionist sympathies all her life, especially when living out her purgatory in what to her dying day she referred to as the Free State.

Interestingly the women in the Censorship refused to believe stories of the holocaust, it was too unbelievable. The background music in our family was Gracie Fields, Vera Lynn and the quite awful George Formby who really couldn't sing.

I think she was describing war as an exhilaration of purpose. Society works well under threat and people put their shoulder to the awful work. We see this now in Ukraine which was unjustly attacked and fights hard to maintain normality, plan for a European future and has in a way united Europe in its support.

But where are the peacemakers? In the 1960s when a lot of us grew up there was a plethora of small post-colonial wars but there were missions proposing solutions throughout the Continents. Now Russia and Ukraine can agree on shipping routes, prisoner exchanges, and nuclear problems when all the while they fight a medium level war, a proxy war of sorts.

Where innocents are bombarded, children killed and massive destruction caused where are the people we would expect to try and organize a ceasefire? Where is the Vatican, where is the Dalai Lama or the Archbishop of Canterbury? Russia has refused the mediation of the Swiss and the UN but there are many other states that could act as honest broker-they don't have to be western European referees but there are South American or African states that have well-structured diplomatic structures who could at least stop the killing. One feels that solutions may not come from a Eurocentric source.

Whatever one wants there will be some medium solution which will not suit either side fully. When Ukraine develops within Europe it could be an attractive prosperous state that could embrace all its constituent peoples, they could win the peace rather than the war.

Blessed are the peacemakers, says the Bible. This is reciprocated in the other great World religions. All peoples pray for peace. Let's hope that very soon we find the women or men to achieve it. The alternative is too frightening.

Tony Feeney

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto: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

### What is the Additional Needs Payment?

The Additional Needs Payment is a means tested payment to help you with an expense that you cannot pay from your weekly income.

You may get an Additional Needs Payment, if you are working and on a low income, or getting a social welfare payment.

When you apply for the payment, your income and circumstances will be assessed to find out if you qualify.

The Additional Needs Payment includes the Exceptional Needs and Urgent Needs payments.

### What can I get the Additional Needs Payment for?

You can get the Additional Needs Payment to help you with an expense that you cannot pay from your weekly income.

*For example:*

An increase in your fuel or electricity costs, Essential repairs to property, including motor vehicles and replacing household appliances and furniture, Funeral costs, Deposits for private rented accommodation, Bedding and cooking utensils, if you are setting up home for the first time, Food, clothing and shelter after an emergency event such as a fire or flood, Recurring travel costs to hospital, Visiting a relative in hospital or prison.

This is not a complete list, other expenses can be covered too.



More information on this topic and information on how to apply is available on our website on [https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social\\_welfare/social\\_welfare\\_payments/supplementary\\_welfare\\_schemes/additional\\_needs\\_payment.html](https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/social_welfare/social_welfare_payments/supplementary_welfare_schemes/additional_needs_payment.html)

### The law on hate speech - What is hate speech?

In Irish law, hate speech is any communication that is made in public with the intention or likelihood of being threatening or abusive and likely to stir up hatred against people because of their: Race, Colour, Nationality, Religion, Ethnic or national origin, Membership of the traveller community, Sexual orientation.

The communication can be spoken, published or broadcast. Communication made in a private residence that cannot be seen or heard by people outside the residence is not included.

### The current law on hate speech in Ireland

The Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred Act 1989 sets out the law on hate speech.

It says that it is an offence to communicate threatening, abusive or insulting material that is intended, or likely to, “stir up” hatred against a group of people because of their race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origins, membership of the travelling community or sexual orientation.

The communication can be spoken, in writing, broadcast or part of a recording.

If the person did not intend to stir up hatred, they can defend a charge by proving that they did not know the content of the material, and had no reason to suspect that the material was threatening, abusive or insulting.

### Private residences

You cannot be convicted of inciting hatred for things you say in a private residence, unless the words, behaviour or material are heard or seen by someone outside the residence. You may not be guilty of an offence if you were in a private residence and had no reason to believe that your words, behaviour or material would be heard or seen by someone outside.

There is more information on this topic including how to report hate speech on our website at:

The law on hate speech ([citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie))

## Thank You

Thank you very much to the two ladies and the gentleman who came to my aid when I fell in the village on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Your assistance was very much appreciated.

Marie Fay



## LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Are you as quiet as a mouse?

Do you hate speaking in public?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on alternate Thursdays in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests.

Come along on **Thursday next, September 22nd**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out our Facebook @lucan.toastmasters or website at [www.lucantostmasters.com](http://www.lucantostmasters.com)



Well done to everybody involved in the Lucan festival, what a fantastic few days! I'd like to say

thanks to our outside broadcast team, Kelly, Jon & Stephen who provided the music at the fireworks. And a special thanks to Willie who provided the power for us! Also, well done to Maria & Gary who presented the outside broadcast from the Garda station on Sunday and thanks to everyone in the station for inviting us.

If you were interviewed on the day or just came in to say hello to Maria, you can now listen back to the podcast of the event on our website.

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook **Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!**

## Lucan Senior Citizens

It was a great pleasure to welcome all our members back after the holidays and to see everyone looking so well and rested. There was an air of excitement and a great buzz of conversation. Welcome back!

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** 10.30 – 12.30, St. Mary's Parish Centre. New members welcome.

## LOST

**Phone** lost on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September, between SuperValu and Hillcrest Lawns. If found, please phone 01-6280661.



## Lucan ICA

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Craft Class continuing 10.30am to 12.30.

We welcome new lady Suraiya this week, she is very interested in all crafts we are doing at the moment.

**Tea Hostesses** are Fiona and Carmel.



## Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi all!

We started back to our club today: we had thirty-three members all ready to meet up again and join in our activities. We had the lovely Carmel taking us for a session of Chaerobics which was fantastic. Great chat and buzz around the club as we all got to meet up after the summer holidays.

Next week we'll have bowls, whist, bridge, table tennis and scrabble so something there for everyone.



Looking forward to seeing you all next week at 1.30pm, St Andrews Church Hall, Lucan.

*Marian Egan*  
Club Secretary

## Morning Soirees in St. Mary's Parish

**Mondays 10.30 – 11.30, Irish Conversation.**

Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to engage in conversation as Gaelige. Whether you know the basics or you are advanced, all are welcome to join and take part.



**Fridays 10.30am – 11.30, Photography**

*Starting back Friday in the Parish Bungalow.*

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.



## Anniversary

**Mary McCarthy O'Brien**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary who died on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

Always part of our lives.

*Maura and family.*



## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

#### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

**Masses are live-streamed on**

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



**Scriptural Readings** will take place at **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*



**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** We meet every **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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

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

## Coffee Dock

Return of the Coffee Dock on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** and **Weekdays from 3<sup>rd</sup> October** 10am to 12noon.

*All Welcome*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://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](http://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.

#### Visitation team for Holy Communion:

**Pastoral care of the Sick is provided for all who suffer in any way in our communities.**

**When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass, our Ministers facilitate visitation of the sick at home or in a care setting when this is requested by families and permitted by public health authorities.**

**Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.**

cross  care

The Annual Church Collection in Aid of Cross Care will take place at all Masses this weekend. This will replace the Share Collection.

*(Please do not use the card machines at the doors for this special collection)*

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)



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

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

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

## NAGARHOPE

Nagarhope, Doc Clandillon's charity, educating children in Nepal, is holding its Church Gate collection at both St. Mary's and Esker churches **NEXT weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

The charity's work has gone from strength to strength over the years.

We have a school there called Nagarhope Basic School, catering for 126 children from pre-school through to primary Class 5. The earthquake in 2015 set us back but the school is again flourishing. At the moment, a new earthquake proof 10 room building is in progress.

We have not been able to fundraise since before Covid, hence the need for a boost in funds.

**Donations can also be dropped in to Niamh at 191 Beech Park.**

*Thank you for your support over the years.  
Niamh Clandillon*

## 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](mailto:lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com)  
telephone: +353 (0)1 628 0217



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Do you need additional support as you age?

We can help and support you to live

independently at home, safely and securely.

Support and Befriending visits from a volunteer

Support and Telephone Befriending

Housing issues and Grant Applications

Financial Issues

Access to health service

Help with hospital discharge

Linking to activities and events

Security and safety

Assistive Technology

**Call our national support line on 0818 222 024  
From 8am to 8pm, seven days a week**

Alone is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish.

We work with **all** older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or facing other difficulties.

We provide an integrated system of:

Support Coordination

Support and Befriending Visitation

Practical Supports with everyday tasks

A variety of Phone Services

Social Prescription and Health and Wellbeing

Housing with support

Assistive technology, helping you maintain contact with your family and friends.

We use support plans to improve physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We have volunteers throughout the country who conduct and provide practical supports to older people, visits and phone calls, linking older people into social activity and being a companion.

Email [hello@alone.ie](mailto:hello@alone.ie) or visit our website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie)

Once you've made contact, **ALONE** staff will work with you to find a solution to your challenge.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre

**Every Thursday**

From 9.30am to 11.30am

(New start time)

**All welcome**



## BRIDGE CLASSES

Looking for something to do to pass the long winter nights? LEARN to play the wonderful game of Bridge.

- Stimulate your brain
- Make new friends
- Have Fun



You will be playing after the first lesson.

**Where:** Confey GAA Leixlip

**When:** Tuesdays at 7.30 – 9.30 pm

**Starting:** Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact:** Kathie McGrath – 086 1537417



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**Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries**

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**Reports and Ads. etc** may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.**



## Lucan Festival



*We think it's a first in Lucan – Indian dancing to Irish music!*



*The choir from Divine Mercy Church were delightful.*



*A tram in Lucan at long last!*



### Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Senior Initiative

The group had a fantastic 2 day trip to Belfast taking in Armagh Cathedral, The Giants Causeway, Bushmills Distillery, The Saint Patrick's Centre Downpatrick and St Edna's GAA Club Newtownabbey.

## Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

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



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

### URGENT SHOUT-OUT!

Are you an "old Lucanian", or have memories of St. Finian's, or of the old graveyard in the village?

We're looking for old Lucanian's NOW with memories or stories of St. Finian's church and graveyard in days gone by, or of the old village graveyard behind O'Neill's. We have received funding from the Heritage Council under the Community Grant Scheme for 2022 and the deadlines are very tight. Part of this grant covers gathering locals' memories of the old graveyards of Lucan, to create an eBook, for posterity. We have a community training project (on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>) that intends gathering these stories and ALL contributions are welcome, big, or small. Please contact us via <https://bit.ly/3qiLW7n> to allow John Tierney, Archaeologist with Eachtra Heritage and Historic Graves, contact you directly about the eBook process.



We hope YOU can join us for this project on **23<sup>rd</sup> September** at St. Finian's church, Esker, (exact details to follow next week) as John records these memories and talks attendees through some of the interesting finds from his recent survey. This built on the excellent transcription work done by a group of SOL members during 20/21. You can view the entry for St. Finian's here: <https://historicgraves.com/graveyard/st-finian-s-esker-church/du-stfi> . We will be adding photos to this record online over time.

People unable to attend the workshop will still be able to submit their stories in written, audio or video format. The project is being directed by archaeologist John Tierney of Eachtra (contact [john@eachtra.ie](mailto:john@eachtra.ie)) who directs the Historic Graves Project in tandem with the Society for Old Lucan team.

We know some of you may have been disappointed not to get tickets, but we plan running evening events at St. Finian's again in the coming year.

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Over the summer months members of the Palmerstown Camera Club attended a "Birds of Prey" shoot in Russborough House, County Wicklow where they had an opportunity to take photographs of various birds including Owls, Falcons, Hawks and Eagles. The following picture of a Great Owl was taken by Brenda Hartley.



Palmerstown Camera Club offer an **Introduction to Photography Course** cost €110 and is suitable for beginners and people with a little knowledge of photography. The course is conducted over a six week period each Wednesday evening commencing early October. Time: 7 to 8 pm with a Saturday or Sunday morning practice day. Contact the club secretary to book your place.

The club meet every Wednesday from September to June in the Parish Hall in Palmerstown at 8pm. 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 Club Secretary [secpcc@mail.com](mailto:secpcc@mail.com)

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our club has reopened and we welcomed a good number of our members on our return.

We enjoyed bowling, Scrabble and card games including Whist.

We look forward to a new season.

We meet on Thursdays in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm.

You are welcome to attend one of our meetings, light refreshments are served at 1 pm approx. Please wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so.



**Congratulations to Joe and the Lucan Festival Committee** on the success of this year's event.

Activities during the week, were well received, and when it came to the Fireworks and

Open Day at Lucan House, it was just magical.

### **Patrick Sarsfield**

was meeting and greeting those visiting his estate on Saturday last.

Despite a very wet start to the Family Fun Day on Sunday, things certainly looked up once the rain stopped and it was great to see the

crowds, among them many new faces, enjoying our village and the many attractions on the day.



**Congratulations to Lucan Gardai** who put on a great show for their centenary, and we got a chance to admire the new uniform!

**Danger!** A reader pointed out this dangerous set up on lower Tandy's Lane, opposite Ardeevin Road - an unsightly leaning and seemingly redundant, Eircom pole with loosely hanging cables presenting a hazard to passers-by, especially during adverse weather conditions. Wouldn't it be wise to remove it **BEFORE** somebody gets hurt!



### **Burnt out car in Kew Park!** (across)

Residents were shocked to find this vehicle on fire at 12.30 on Sunday night last. Not something you'd expect to find in a quiet estate.

## **September Morn – Odyssey**

The warm sunlit path through rain-washed landscape of the Demesne now refreshed and scented while Robins sing

Canoeists chasing water await a release from reservoir, and Anna Livia's deep brackish river soon sets them afloat.

Walkers, Talkers, Joggers etc share the fresh quiet air and the ascending path bordered by Teasels and Buddleia leads towards the calls of Westmanstown Youth Rugby at practice.

The thorn hedge path by BMX area is quiet, - onwards past 'Young Cuchulainn' on the Black Avenue.

Clonee Road takes one by the place of tragedy, Glenview House, its environs – nearby a 'lost' cottage –

Passing 'Hillview' the journey reveals an ancient double cottage with its front doors and small 4 glazed windows – nearby also a 'square' dwelling whose frontages comprises door and 2 windows – homes long shrouded with overgrowth – now coming into light.

Onwards down leafy Stanford Hill passing 'Oonavara', 'Bleach Green' and 'Sunday Well'. Returning by the riverside path passing 'Weir View' to cross the single span bridge.

A descent to the promenade where sunlit Breakfasters are ignored by swan pair at the top of the weir cascade.

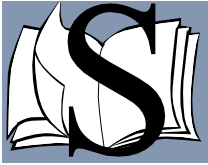
Traversing the quiet village homeward in gratitude for a gifted day.

*"May the nourishment of the earth be yours and may the clarity and light be yours"*  
(John O'Donohue)

*B.M.L.C.*







# SCHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Transition Year:** Another one of our transition year groups attended the public speaking workshop, these are fantastic workshops that build the students confidence to speak in a public place or in front of an audience which is a vital life skill. The delivery of these workshops is engaging and relaxed and promotes student participation at all times which makes them thoroughly enjoyable for the students.

Our first group of students will take to the Liffey this week when 4A1 go rafting with rafting Ireland, this is always an enjoyable activity where the group will raft from Lucan to Palmerston.

**Transition Year Information Evening:** On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September there is an online webinar information evening scheduled for the Parents of Transition year students.

**Bake Sale:** On Thursday we had the first charity bake sale of the year which took place in Ms Banks' room at break time and lunchtime with all proceeds going to Harold's Cross Hospice. Students and Staff contributed to the delicious treats that were on sale. Well done to all involved.

**New Building:** Work has finally begun on the first phase of our new school extension with the builders now on site. Major work has already been done in preparing the site for the first phase with the relocation of the Staff car park to the rear of the School and the erection of temporary accommodation in the basketball court area. The front entrance of the school is now not accessible with the school only being accessible from the Lucan Heights entrance. An information letter has been sent out to all Parents/Guardians in relation to the safe drop off and pick up from the school with no access for drop off or pick up through the Lucan Heights gate. Parents/Guardians should continue to drop students off at the lay-by outside of the school for the safety of the students and to ease the congestion on the Lucan Heights gate entrance. We thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Follow Us on Twitter:** @StJosephsLucan

**Instagram:** @stjosephscollelucan

**Website:** www.stjosephslucan.com

## Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2022. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place in the mornings. For more details, contact alimccann@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.

## Language Explorers

with Ferndanda from Mother Tongues



Creative Multilingual Family Workshops  
Storytelling, arts, crafts, drama, music and fun!  
For 3 & 4 year old children and their families  
Fostering language, parent-child communication and literacy

**Lucan Library, Tuesdays at 2pm**  
**September 20, 27, October 4 and 11**

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/language-explorers-creative-multilingual-family-workshops-tickets-402712573147?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



The Lucan workshop will take place on  
**Monday 19 September at 6pm**  
in **Lucan Library**

*All are welcome to attend*

**Have your say - make wellbeing a priority!**

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Soccer:** 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer trials began last Wednesday after school with huge numbers of students turning up, all eager to impress the coaches. The trails are being held twice a week for a further five weeks, at which time 22 players will be selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr panel. Our young soccer players only have to look at the many photos up around the school of successful soccer teams over the past 10 years especially for inspiration and further motivation to get on this year's panel.

The 1<sup>st</sup> yrs are entered in the Dublin League Division 1 as well as the prestigious 1<sup>st</sup> yr Leinster Cup, a competition that attracts all of the best teams in the province. The group stage matches of the League begin in November with the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Cup to be played in December. Hopefully our 1<sup>st</sup> yr team can have a competitive and successful season and maybe even have their own celebratory photo put up on the school walls by the end of the sporting year! Trials for our u15 team begin next week.

**TY:** Our 60 new TY students were delighted to go on their 1<sup>st</sup> outing of the year on Wednesday when they headed off to Greystones for a hike along the cliff walk to Bray. The 7km hike took them a leisurely 90mins they enjoyed fantastic views of the Irish sea and the Wicklow Mountains throughout. They also learned about the rich history of the cliff which is brimming with wildlife and colourful flowers. Despite the weather not being too great throughout, the group still enjoyed being outdoors and getting some exercise to work up an appetite for some delicious fish and chips in Bray afterwards!

The students are already looking forward to their next TY outing, with a packed schedule of trips already pre-booked by their TY co-ordinator Mr. Dunne. It promises to be an exciting and adventurous year for our new cohort of TY students for sure.



**Study:** Afterschool Supervised Study started up again on Monday with all 60 places taken up by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> yr students, all eager to get into a study routine as soon as possible. The study sessions run for 2 hrs after school, 5 days a week throughout the school year.

**PE:** Thirty of our 5<sup>th</sup> yrs have become the 1<sup>st</sup> ever cohort of students to take up PE as a Leaving Cert subject in our school. The new subject was introduced to a small number of schools on a phased basis in recent years and now it is widely available in schools throughout the country. Unsurprisingly, there was huge interest among our students in taking up the subject and we currently have one large class group of 30 students who are being taught by both Mr. Phelan and Mr. O' Brien on a team-teaching basis. LCPE is designed to appeal to a broad range of learners, whether they excel in sport or just have a keen interest in physical activity and sport as a participant, coach or analyst. The students had their 1<sup>st</sup> PE class test last week with some questions about the muscles, bones and joints. They are currently engaged in a classroom discussion on the Nature v Nurture debate in sport and the acquisition of skill. They are debating and reflecting on the different personal, social and contextual factors that impact on whether or not we are physically active or can excel in our chosen sport. Through this, they will develop valuable analytical and evaluation skills as they debate topical, and sometimes controversial, issues and study different viewpoints. Active participation is central to learning in LCPE. So, as they learn about the theories that impact performance, they will have the opportunity to put them into practice in the sports hall and the outdoor yards. Rather than just playing basketball, some students will demonstrate various attacking moves and dribbles while the other students analyse their movements, skills and team-work. They will use a variety of tools, including video and photography, to analyse their own and others' performances. They will then use the data they have collected to make a plan for improvement, implement a training programme and reflect on their progress. The exam is made up of a final written exam worth 50% of the overall marks, a performance assessment worth 30% and a personal activity project making up the remaining 20%. The students will find LCPE useful if they want to progress to study sports science, PE teaching, leisure and recreation courses, physiotherapy, fitness training, sports psychology, media studies and many other courses.

## Lucan Community College

**Debs for Leaving Cert '22 class:** A big thank you to the Parents' Association and the Red Cow staff who organised a wonderful night of celebration for our LC 2022 graduates. Students were delighted to see their teachers and tutors on the night and share their college/work/further training plans as well as passing on sincere words of thanks for the support over the last six years. Everyone was dressed for success with beautiful gowns and smart suits on display. A great night was had by all.



**Supervised Study in Lucan Community College:** Our supervised study programme for 3rd and 6th years starts on Monday 19th September. Interested students should contact Ms. Bean for further information.

**Parent Association:** The first PA meeting of 2022 took place on the first Tuesday of the month. A big thank you to parents who have been with us for many years and whose time on the committee is now over. Our school relies on the

help and support of our PA members and wider parent community. Please consider joining the PA group and attending their next meeting. Contact [lccparentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:lccparentsassoc@gmail.com) for more details.

**Teamworks day!** The First Year and Transition Year students had a great opportunity to bond with their new classes and learn the importance of teamwork.

Team Works focused on the development of communication, trust and collaboration within groups. Thanks to Ms. Gallagher (First Year Year Head) and Ms. Higgins (TY Coordinator) for organising two fantastic days for the students.



## Lucan Community College Adult Education & After School Programme

The programme is relaunching this **September 19th/20th** with classes for **7-11 year olds** and a wide variety of evening courses. All of the information and enrolment is available on our website [lucancc.ie](http://lucancc.ie).

Come and join us on Monday and Tuesday evenings for Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, Meditation, Life Coach Journaling, Spanish, Italian, Irish, French, Guitar, Ukulele, Beekeeping, Gardening, Floral arrangement, Zumba, Personal Finance, Africa Beading, Ballet for adults, Leaving Cert Irish, Crochet, Embroidery, Reflexology, Beauty Therapy, Creative Writing, Knitting, Art - Drawing, Water colours, Acrylics, First Aid (PHECC), Acting & Stand-up Comedy, and Casual Choir.

## Cllr. Paul Gogarty - Independent

“Not just at election time”

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**Swimming pool further delay:** SDCC confirmed this week that the pool and refurbished leisure centre complex will not be finished by the end of 2022 as was previously indicated. Leaving Covid aside, it's still several years overdue. Have yet another motion and question down for Area Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> September and am requesting a site visit by Councillors.

### **Canal route cycleway project to Lucan:**

Latest consultation process now available to view on the Council's consultation portal via <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie>. Message me and I can forward on the specific link. The project is wider in scale than previously indicated and has some additional linkages for school access. It's to be welcomed overall but there are several features and pinch-point locations that are likely to prove very contentious. As with the village parking scheme, people are encouraged to make submissions ASAP.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Stewarts School:** This week I attended the formal opening of the new Stewarts school building in Rosse Court, providing purpose built classrooms, sensory areas and play areas. Stewarts School caters for students with moderate, severe and profound general learning difficulties.

**St Joseph's College:** Building has commenced on the long awaited extension to St Joseph's College. Since my election I worked closely with the school team and the Department of Education to get this project off the ground.

**Community Grant Funding:** South Dublin County Council announced their latest round of Community Grants totalling €86,000. Well done to the successful Lucan groups; Adamstown Community Summer Camp, Esker Woods Residents Association, Lucan Festival and Lucan Harriers Athletic Club.

**Lucan Festival:** Thank you to the Lucan Festival Committee for a fantastic week!

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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### **Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway:**

The Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway is now open for public consultation. This was previously known as the canal loop cycleway, but has been changed. Changes include the rerouting of the cycleway through Brookvale Park.

It will not go through Sarsfield Park housing

estate which is good news for both residents and cyclists. The project will make it easier for cyclists to get around Lucan in a safe way and will hopefully encourage more people to take up cycling. The consultation is finishing on the 21<sup>st</sup> October and can be accessed on South Dublin County Council's consultation portal.

**Lucan Swimming Pool:** It's regrettable to hear that the Lucan swimming pool won't be opened this year. The delays in construction is being blamed on not finding subcontractors to do the work.

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**Lucan Swimming Pool:** I have consistently posted updates here, regarding progress on the swimming, however it is regretful that I am now providing updates regarding delays. At this week's full council meeting I questioned the Chief Executive about these delays. He confirmed that the pool will **not** be built by December. Reason given for the delays were a combination of issues including the main contractor having difficulties in securing sub-contractors and supply chain issues. CE also confirmed that a detailed update will be provided at the October meeting. I have since placed a question on the agenda for the area committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> September asking for a headed item on the pool to be brought forward.

**Teen Space:** (Griffen Park, Newcastle Rd.) the upgrade of teenage amenities in the park includes a newly relocated 'boules' court area, more updates to follow!



*A Chairde,*

further to my suggestion regarding the repair of the wall, I met the Italian Ambassador at the Lucan Festival on Saturday and I drew his attention to my letter in the Lucan Newsletter. He accessed the letter there and then from his phone, read it and told me at once that he liked it. Subsequently his officials were given a printed copy of the letter as it appeared.

I am calling on SDCC to step up to the plate and do the necessary work to repair the wall and provide a gateway for public access, and I am asking all Cllrs to support this initiative of giving the people of Lucan access to the historic Bathhouse which has found immediate support from the Italian Ambassador himself. I am asking that official conversation takes place to move this initiative to fruition which is a win-win situation for everyone.

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**Hurling Championship update:** We had another successful weekend of hurling results with our seniors accounting for St Brigids on Saturday afternoon in O'Toole Park to set up a quarter final vs. Ballyboden. On Sunday morning, our Junior A's completed the group stage with five wins away to St Vincents. The Junior B's also won and topped their group beating St. Finians Swords away by 2-15 to 2-12. In the afternoon, the Junior C's also completed the group stages unbeaten at home against Clontarf. As all Junior teams won their groups, we are assured of home quarter finals in two weeks' time. Well done to the management teams and players for all qualifying for the knock-out stages.

**U12 Div. 2, Lucan Sarsfields 1 Vs Castleknock 1, St. Catherines Park, 10/9/22:** After picking up their first league win against St. Sylvester's two weeks ago, Lucan 1 hosted Castleknock 1 in Catherine's Park. Conditions were perfect for hurling and both teams gave a great account of themselves. The game ebbed and flowed with neither side able to gain dominance for very long. A draw looked the likely outcome, but Castleknock scored late to take the points. Lucan were left a bit disappointed but can be proud of their performance.

**Final result Lucan 3-6 Castleknock 4-7**

*Squad:* Daire Sheehan, Victor Adankin, Óisin Brady, Daniel Carroll, Tomás McSweeney, Conor O'Keefe, Liam Dunne, Leon Brennan, Jack Biggs, Ronan Kelly, Quinn Damer, Conor Colohan, Johnny Donovan, Alex Mahon, Conor Sheehan.

**U12 Div. 7, Lucan Sarsfields 1 Vs St Vincents 2, Fairview Park, 10/9/22:** A brilliant performance by Lucan 2 this Saturday, Lucan started a little slow up front against a very strong St Vincent's team, but our defence was like a rock all day keeping the Marino boys to 1.1 for the entire match. First half was a very tough battle and we had difficulty making the ball stick and scoring, only managing 1 point from a free. The second half was a totally different affair where we were switched on fully in every position. We started with an early goal which helped spur us on a little. We drove hard against the opposition, were first to every ball, made the ball stick to us, drove through tough challenges and peppered their goal with 5.1. The second half score was unanswered due the continuing pressure our defenders and goalkeeper placed on every single Vinnies attack and player. A brilliant 1.1 v 5.2 win for Lucan Sarsfields. The boys should all be very proud of their performance today. Keep up the hard work on picking and catching at home.

**Final Result, St. Vincents 1-0 Sarsfields 5-2**



*Squad:* Darragh Mc Andrew, Dara Kelly, Andrew McGarry, Adam Elhadi, Peter Hickey, Cormac Hallinan, Matthew Doherty, Dylan Walsh, Alex Morley, Cameron Lindsay, Dylan Hearn, Dáithi O'Reilly, Matthew Colfer, Adam Breen, Liam Gamble.

**U11 LGF & Camogie:** The U11 girls had a busy weekend. On Friday evening they were delighted to have Triona Leonard and Siobhan Birnie with their U16 Leinster ladies football and All Ireland cups. Many of the girls recognised Triona from her days training at the academy and even though the girls had grown since then Triona was able to address many of them by name which was an added bonus. The girls had plenty of questions for Siobhan and were delighted to take photos with Triona, Siobhan and the cups. On Saturday afternoon the U11 ladies football teams had a home game with St. Judes. Between the 2 groups we had almost 90 girls playing football, which was a great turnout. We would like to thank our four Lucan referees who did a great job on the day and had no trouble explaining to the girls why they blew the whistle etc, which was of great benefit.

Then on a very wet Sunday morning the U11 camogie group went up to the club to support the senior camogie team. They gave the senior girls a lovely guard of honour as they left the dressing room. The U11 girls cheered on the senior team and even got to play a quick game at half time. The U11's then continued to watch the senior girls and were very impressed with their skill level. Many of our U11's want to follow in the footsteps of these senior players.

**U10 Football:** As well as playing our usual Go-Game fixtures, a squad of U10 footballers also participated in the Celbridge Festival on Saturday. Despite the heavy rain, the blitz was a massive success.

**U9 Ladies Football:** Well Done to all our U9 girls who braved the downpours on Sunday morning, great dedication and teamwork.

**Remembrance**

We regret that the club learned of the passing of Fr. Tom McCarthy who served the Lucan parish of St. Marys as Chaplain. Fr. Tom played both codes for the club in the 70's. His team mates remember him for his dedication on the field, so much so he often shortened the mass service so he could attend the match. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

**Lotto**

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €5,000.

The Numbers were **2, 7, 8, 13.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Karen Boylan, Tony Rigney, Eileen Benson, Clare Rigney and Brendan Wright

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€5,400.**





## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Foireann Camógaíochta - Cluiche Ceannais

Comhghairdeas mór leis an bhfoireann camógaíochta a bhuaigh an cluiche leathceannais craoibhe i gcoinne Sháirséalaigh Leamhcáin 1-5 go 1-4. Moladh ar leith do laochanna na himeartha Mary Grace, Rachel Nic Chárthaigh agus Róisín Ní Fhallúin.

Iontach na sár-mháithreacha Annette Reilly, Annamarie Farrelly, Sarah Dodd agus Éilís Breathnach a fheiscint ag imirt rólanna cinniúnacha freisin.

Ár bpobal, ár dteanga, ár gcluichí, ár gclub.

Beidh siad ag imirt cluiche ceannais i gcoinne Erin's Isle an Satharn seo i dTrinity Sports, Seabntrbh ar 3pm. Fáilte roimh gach duine!



### Buachaillí F10 Iomáint

3 chluiche iomaíochta do na buachaillí F10 sa deireadh seachtaine.

Ar pháirc A, scóranna den scoth ó Rhys Reilly agus Eoin Keogh, le himirt iontach foirne ó gach duine.

Ar pháirc B, bhí cluiche an-iomaíoch, scóranna iontacha tógtha ag Shayne Lynagh, agus roinnt imirt tacaíochta mhaith ó Giuliano Bursese.

Ar pháirc C, imródh cluiche an-teann idir dhá fhoireann a bhí ar chomhchumas. Tacaíocht iontach ó Tadhg Byrne agus Oisín Murphy, agus throid na deartháireacha Dunbar Darragh (cúl báire) agus Conor (lán-tosaigh) go dian ag dhá cheann na páirce.

Deireadh seachtaine iontach eile, agus na foirne ar fad ag éirí níos láidre agus níos iomaíche. Maith sibh na buachaillí uilig!!

The under 10 burlers had 3 competitive games at the weekend. On pitch A, Rhys Reilly and Eoin Keogh got excellent scores in a game in which all players excelled.

On pitch B, in a competitive battle, Shayne Lynagh got some good scores and was well supported by Giuliano Bursese.

The game on pitch C was between two evenly matched teams. Tadhg Byrne and Oisín Murphy played well, while the Dunbar brothers Darragh (goalkeeper) and Conor (full forward) worked hard at opposite ends of the pitch.

The lads are continuing to go from strength to strength and are improving with every game. Well done to all involved!

**Lá Oscailte leis Na Gaeil Óga Open Day**

**Páistí a rugadh i Children born in 2019 - 2016**

Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, K78 RK40  
10am Sathairn 17/09/2023

- PEINTEÁIL AGHAIDHEANNA / FACE PAINTING
- BOILOEOGA AGUS SPRAOI / BUBBLES AND FUN
- SPÓRT TRÍ GHAEILGE / SPORT THROUGH IRISH

**Text Ailbhe ar 083 094 9215**

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday we had a good attendance at the first meeting of the Camera Soiree of the new season. Provided some logistical difficulties can be overcome and COVID does not come back with a vengeance we plan to have our 10<sup>th</sup> photographic exhibition on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We are also putting in hands the preparation of the group's calendar for 2023. All going well we will have a busy period up to Christmas.

On Friday members of the group visited the City Assembly House, South William Street to view the exhibition of recent work by their artist friend, Katherine Geoghegan, entitled BOGLAND (*photo*). All were agreed that the exhibition was nothing short of spectacular. BOGLAND is described by Katherine as an exhibition of works exploring and describing Ireland's peatlands through its mysterious plants. The pictures in the exhibition have been inspired by walking these wild places over a period of two and a half years between COVID lock-downs. During these walks Katherine discovered myriad colours of sphagnum moss, carnivorous native plants and beautiful alien species that have found ingenious ways to survive this harsh acidic terrain. The exhibition closes on 17<sup>th</sup> September.



This week Donal shared photographs he took a while back in France of gorgeous peaches and a Gecko which is a small lizard as well as of a crazy biker on the rocks in Dun Laoghaire and Joe was in the Slieve Bloom Mountains.



*Until next week stay safe!*