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Sunday 4th September 2022

Lucan Festival is back.....

The long-awaited festival was launched on Monday night last following a two-year break due to Covid-19, and there are lots of surprises and fun activities in store for Lucanians over the coming week.

Guest speaker on the night, bringing good wishes for the event, was South Dublin Mayor, Cllr. Emma Murphy.

We also had a few interesting words from the new resident of Lucan House, His Excellency the Italian Ambassador Mr. Ruggero Corrias who was accompanied by his wife, Ms Vania Lorenzo. He is delighted to open the grounds of Lucan House once again to the public.

The Zara Curtis Academy treated us to some light footwork on the night – they are pictured here with Chairman of the Festival, Joe Byrne, along with the Italian Ambassador and his wife.



(Photo by Paul Butler)

We extend best wishes to the Festival Committee and all those taking part, and look forward to a very enjoyable week ahead. (See the full programme of events on the centre pages of this issue).

New Beginnings for some

“the whining school-boy with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like a snail
Unwillingly to school.”

William Shakespeare

You'd be hard-pressed to find a schoolchild fit the above description these days. It was lovely to see all the boys and girls return excitedly to their schools, and we send special good wishes to the little ones going to big school for the first time, and also to those making their debut at secondary level.

All the teachers deserve a mention also – no doubt they are looking forward to hearing all the tales of summer gone.....



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

***The closing date for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSC&FA) is Friday 30th September 2022.**

Renting out a room in your home

What is rent-a-room relief?

The rent-a-room relief lets you earn up to €14,000 per year tax-free if you rent out a room (or rooms) in your home to private tenants. A self-contained unit, such as a basement flat or a converted garage attached to your home, can qualify for this relief.

While renting out a room that is part of your home is not covered by landlord and tenant law, renting out a self-contained unit is covered – see 'Your rights and obligations' on our website.

Depending on their circumstances, your tenant(s) may qualify for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) – read more in 'Housing Assistance Payment' below. In certain circumstances, a tenant can claim Rent Supplement.

Rules: For you to qualify for rent-a room relief, your home must be located in the State and you must occupy it as your sole residence during the year of assessment. This means that it is your home for the greater part of the year and is where people would normally expect to make contact with you. In most cases, you do not have to own the property – you could be a tenant and be sub-letting to someone else. (In these cases, you should check with your landlord that sub-letting is allowed – see our document on tenants' rights and obligations.) However, if you are renting to a HAP tenant you must own the property and provide proof of ownership.

Currently, the total (gross) rent that you get, which includes any money that the tenant pays for food, utilities, laundry or similar goods and services, cannot exceed €14,000 in the tax year (1 January to 31 December) – see 'Exclusions from rent-a-room relief' on our website.

You cannot deduct expenses from your rental income while claiming rent-a-room relief. However, depending on the circumstances, it may be worth your while to opt out of the relief in a particular year in order to offset expenses against the rental income and avail of wear and tear allowances, see revenue.ie for examples of when this can be beneficial. The 'How to apply' section below describes how to opt out of rent-a-room relief.

If you qualify for rent-a-room relief, the income you get from renting out the room will be exempt from PRSI, the Universal Social Charge or income tax. However, it must be included on your annual income tax return.

Rent-a-room relief will not affect your exemption from Capital Gains Tax (CGT) if you sell your home.

Exclusions from rent-a-room relief

You will not qualify for the relief if:

Your gross income from rent and related services is over €14,000. In this case, Revenue will treat the full rental income minus allowable expenses as part of your total income for tax purposes and this should be included in your tax return.

You are renting the room in your home to your civil partner, son or daughter (but there is no restriction in the case of other family members)

You are an employee or office-holder in a company, and the company pays you to allow clients to use the room in your home on an occasional basis

You are renting the room to short-term guests, for example, through an online accommodation booking site

The relief applies only to residential tenancies, not to short-term let arrangements. The occupants must be using the room on a long-term basis. So, renting a room to a student for the academic year or for a one-month course is covered, but providing accommodation to occasional visitors for short periods, for example, through an online accommodation booking site, is not, as this income is not considered to be rental income. This is because the visitors use the accommodation as guests rather than tenants. Revenue has published a guidance manual on how this income is treated for tax purposes (pdf).

If you normally rent out the room for the academic year and you rent it out for short breaks during the summer as well, you must identify the income you get from the short rentals separately from the income that qualifies for rent-a-room relief, when making your tax return to Revenue.

You can read more about rent-a-room relief on revenue.ie.

You can read more about renting out a room in your house on our website at

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/housing/owning_a_home/home_owners/rent_a_room_scheme.html

Lucan ICA

Welcome back, Ladies!

Craft Group resume activities on Monday 5th September. We look forward to seeing everybody back and rearing to go for another year of I.C.A. activities.

Hope you all had a nice restful holiday and enjoyed the glorious sunshine over the past two months.

Tea Hostesses: Pauling and Mary C.



Drama is back!

Following a deserved break after a very successful run of 'Playboy of the Western World' drama is on its way back to Lucan. Lucan Drama Group will be staging a number of 1 Act plays at the SPA Hotel, this November.



If you are interested in reading for a role, helping with lights/sound, set design or front of house why not come along to one of our auditions/open evenings on **Monday Sept. 12th or Wednesday Sept. 14th at 7.30pm at the SPA Hotel.**

We are always happy to welcome new members and who knows, it could "be the beginning of a beautiful friendship".

If you have any questions, contact David at 085-7149623.

With continued gratitude to the management and staff of the SPA Hotel and all the team at Lucan Newsletter for their ongoing and very kind support.

Our Readers write.....

Lucan to Connolly Hospital?

The local bus from Lucan to Blanchardstown shopping centre does not stop at Connolly hospital making a half hour walk for people with bad mobility from the terminus to Connolly hospital in all weathers.

If you call an ambulance from Lucan you will more than likely be taken to Connolly hospital where there is no direct bus route to that hospital from Lucan!

Buses from other Dublin areas stop in Connolly hospital grounds.

Mairead Hilliard

Demesne Wall

A Chairde,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the delay in reaching a solution to the repair of the wall around the grounds of Lucan House opposite Maxol. Many of us in recent years, thanks to the generosity of consecutive Italian ambassadors, have walked through the grounds of Lucan House and had the opportunity of visiting the bathhouse which is of historical interest to the people of Lucan and should have public access.

I would like to suggest that an arrangement could be made with the Ambassador to allow public access along a strip of land in exchange for SDCC carrying out the repair work to the wall and providing a gateway to the bathhouse without further delay. This would be a win- win situation for everyone.

*Is mise le meas,
Caitriona McClean*

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE: Lucan Harriers AC 5 Mile Road Race

The Traffic Section has been notified of an upcoming 5 mile race scheduled to be held in the Lucan area.

The details for the necessary temporary road closures are as follows:

Date: 4th of September 2022 from 10:30 am to 12:30 am.

Roads affected: Newcastle Road, Lock Road, Adamstown Road and Castlegate Way.

The following please take note: Finnstown Abbey Residents Association Larkfield estate, Lucan, Co. Dublin Esker Woods Residents' Association Elmwood Estate Lucan Castle Riada residents Johnsbridge Esker Meadow Residents Group Adamstown Residents Group Pforster Estate Residents Group – Lucan Canonbrook, Lucan The Paddocks Residents (Official) Lucan Colthurst/Rochfort Residents Lucan Moy Glas Residents Lucan Griffeen Glen Finnstown Cloisters Residents Shackleton Park Residents Hillcrest Residents Association Lucan



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 are live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

Christian Meditation:

Resumes on Tuesday

6th September at 8pm

in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.



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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster September 2022:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses in St. Mary's for the month of September 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.

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

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of *Anne Ward*, Ballyowen Lane and to the family and friends of *Mary Hyland*, Allenwood and formerly Hillcrest. *May they rest in peace.*



St. Vincent de Paul –

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT

Saturday/ Sunday 10th/11th September.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Call-out for Coffee Dock Volunteers



Fr. Philip would love to see the parish being in a position to **welcome back parishioners** to the Coffee Dock on weekday mornings (10.00 am to 12 noon) and to the Parish Hall (*new venue*) on Sundays. In order to do so,

we need some more volunteers – and we would ask you to please consider coming on board.

If you are willing to help out, please let **Deirdre Dowling** know, by phone 01-6217041 (*from 9.30 am-2.00 pm except Thursdays*) or by email at secretary@lucanparish.com.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

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

St Mary's, Leixlip:

Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish Facebook pages:

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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses are livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie



St Vincent De Paul – St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate Collection at all Masses

THIS weekend **3rd/4th September.**

Many thanks for all your donations.

AONTAS



AONTAS along with Fr Pius from St Patrick's will be celebrating the Mass on

RTE 1, RTE Radio 1 and RTE Media Player

at **11am** this

Sunday 4th September.

Please tune in.

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

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

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MPMH 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.

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: e-mail: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com
telephone: +353 (0)1 628 0217



Anam Cara South Dublin,

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's

monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 12th September at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Anniversaries

Jackie Byrne

26th Anniversary

Late of Sarsfield Park

You are only just a thought away Daddy

You are loved and remembered every day

So sadly missed, Triona, Áine, John, Barney,

Conor and Liam.

Ned Carroll

7th Anniversary – 5th September

Always in our thoughts and prayers

Deeply missed by all the family.

Ollie Kearns

11th Anniversary

Late of Airlie Heights

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day

Still loved, still missed

Still very dear.

So sadly missed, Barney, Triona, Conor, Liam

Áine and Joe

Seán McHugh

5th Anniversary – 3rd September

Late of Beech Park, Lucan

Always remembered

Never forgotten

Loving wife Mary, John, Fiona, Eda, Andy

Michael, Amanda, Susan, Mark, Peter,

Andrea, Siobhán, Andrew and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass at 12 noon, 4th September

St Mary's Church, Lucan



Household Mattress Recycling Amnesty

Did you know, the materials from a mattress including steel springs, foam, cloth, and wood can be removed, recycled safely, and reused for other purposes. Do you want to ensure your old mattress does not end up in a landfill and instead materials will be reused? If so, you can avail of free mattress recycling over the coming weeks.

Recycle IT a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Clondalkin is proud to offer a mattress recycling amnesty to residents in South Dublin. Mattress Recycling Drop Off Days will take place on multiple dates starting August 29th, 2022. Householders will be able to drop off up to 10 mattresses at no cost. Just drop off to Recycle IT, Unit 14/2 Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Clondalkin Dublin D22 TK37.

Our teams will be on hand to accept and help with lifting, and moving, clean, dry, unwanted mattresses. Household mattresses of any size will be accepted.

This recycling initiative is operated by Recycle IT with support from South Dublin County Council.

Mattress drop-off will operate Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3pm between Aug 29th and Oct 7th, 2022.

Our facility will also open on **four Saturdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm including Saturday Sept 17th Sept 24th, Oct 1st, and Oct 8th, 2022.**

Several additional recycling opportunities will also be available including:

Electrical Recycling: When dropping off your mattress why not bring along all your old household electrical items for safe recycling. Recycle IT will accept all types of household and small office electrical equipment as part of the same drop off and at no cost to you.

Metal Recycling: Recycle IT will also accept pure metal household items like old bikes, metal lawnmowers, pots, pans metal radiators, metal from trampolines, once in parts and lots more. For detailed lists click here.

For further details about our free and cost-effective services call us on 01 4578321, email info@recycleit.ie or visit the Recycle IT website at www.recycleit.ie



Esker Cemetery Mass

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

Sunday 4th September at 3pm.

(weather permitting)



Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we are getting ready to return to the start of our annual year which starts on the 14th of Sept in the Parish Hall in Palmerstown at 8 pm.



Ahead of that, we are having a social evening in the Penny Hill pub in Lucan on the 7th of Sept at 8 pm. So, if you would like to pop along and meet some of the other club members ahead of the new season you are more than welcome to do so.

In the club year, we have a beginners' course in photography which runs for six weeks and also speakers both local and international throughout the year as well as club competitions.

We ran weekly outings over the summer months and below are two images from Miriam Power one of our photographers who captured Dublin in one of the outings.



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.

Adult Education & After School Classes at Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College is looking forward to welcoming everyone back for Adult Education and After School Classes with a **10 week Autumn term starting 19th/20th September - Enrolment Online or on 13th September in the school.**

Interested in learning a new language or hobby and making new friends in the community? Lucan Community College evening classes are back this September for 10-week courses in...

Yoga, Pilates, Guitar, Ukulele, Choir, Italian, Spanish, French, Irish, Crochet, Knitting, Irish History, Bee Keeping, Film Studies, Creative Writing, Beauty Therapy, Reflexology, African Beading, Personal Finance, First Aid, Drawing, Watercolours & Acrylics, Acting & Stand-Up Comedy, Life Coach Journaling, Meditation,

Zumba!!, Tai Chi, Gardening, Floral Arrangement and Wreath Making, Embroidery, Ballet for Adult Beginners, and Leaving Cert Irish.

We will also have after school classes for 7-11 year olds in Guitar, Football skills, Basketball skills, Art, Irish Dance, Ballet, and Cookery & Baking.

All information is available on our website lucancc.ie

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Lucan Active Retirement Association
Our meetings resume on **Thursday 8 September** and we look forward to meeting our existing and new members.

We meet on Thursdays from 11.30am to 2.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main St. Lucan. Parking is available. We have bowls, Scrabble and cards or you can just have a chat. Light refreshments are served at 1pm approx.

You are welcome to wear a face covering if you wish. New members are welcome.

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



Birdie is all aflutter with the coming village festival!

Hopefully, the weather will be good to us for another bit, and we'll all get out and see Lucan at its best.

Good luck to all the organisers and those taking part – especially the stewards. Please listen to them and follow their advice at all times!

Leaving Certs! Our thoughts are with all the students who will be receiving their results by the time most of you read the Newsletter. No doubt there will be great celebrations after all the hard work.



Liffey Descent 2022 Race Cancelled!

This was another event which we were looking forward to – due to take place on Saturday 10th September. Unfortunately, due to the low water level in the Liffey the race has been cancelled.



Not surprising when we see the stretch of water in Lucan Demesne this past week – if you had your wellies with you, you could walk across.

Apparently, *Canoeing Ireland* are exploring the possibility of moving the race to April, given the low water conditions in September of the past few years.

Cemetery Mass this Sunday 4th and again, we need the weather to be kind. Workers have been busy all week, cutting the grass for the big day.

Parking at Liffey Valley! We've heard that payment for parking will shortly be introduced at this shopping centre. Apparently, it will cost €2.50 for the first hour, with the following two hours free. Could be a very costly trip if you're only in and out for a particular item.



All day parking by bus users into the city has been suggested as one of the causes for the move.

Those Briars! Take care when walking along the footpaths these days – plenty of wild briars are suddenly sprouting out at eye level. Easy enough to walk into if light is fading.

Six Little Stories with lots of meaning...

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith!
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust!
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the following morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope!
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence!
5. We see the world suffering but still we get married and have children. That is love!
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience. That is attitude!

Thank you to the reader who sent in the above!

Tue 6th

Walking Tour of Historical Lucan Village

Meet 10 am at bus stop opposite Circle K garage **FREE**

The Ingenious Mr Hutchenson

Illustrated talk on the Dubliner who inspired the American war of Independence and the United Irishmen

8pm Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Wed 7th

Schooldays in the 50s/60s

Public forum where today's school children ask some of Lucan's senior citizens about their school days

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Thur 8th

Walking Tour of Lucan Village

Meet 10am Car Park opposite St Mary's Church **FREE**

Irish Civil War in Colour

Illustrated Talk by Michael Barry

8pm Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Fri 9th

Schooldays in the 50s/60s

Public forum where today's school children ask some of Lucan's senior citizens about their school days

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Fireworks Display

Liffey Weir from 8.30pm

Viewing area Weir Veiw **FREE**

Sat 10th

Lucan House Grounds

(1.30 to 5pm)

Courtesy of the Italian Ambassador

View the beautiful House built in 1770s in its surrounds of 26 acres which include Vesey's/Colthurst's family graveyard.

Sarsfield's Monument, Bathing House and early 1700s stables.

Vintage Horse Carriage

Entertainment by Lucan Gospel Choir, Lucan Concert Band, Philipinos Choir, Nickola Hendy and her pupils.

Members of Society for Old Lucan present to inform people of the History

Birds of Prey Display, Exhibition Cricket, Vikings, Magician.

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Lucan

Tickets €6 at Gate. Children 12 and under free

Model Railway Exhibition

St Andrews Parish Centre
(2pm to 5.30pm)

*Continuous slide shows on Hills Mills, Lucan Trams, Sale of Lucan and Jane Shackleton. **FREE***



Lucan Festival

5th - 11th September 2022

Sunday 11th

from 12.30pm

Celebrate the centenary of the Gardai arriving in Lucan.

Station open to the public from 2pm.

*Garda Band, fingerprinting, Garda Horses, see the Cells, Garda Water Unit.
Historical display of Garda Memorabilia.*

Lucan Tram and Bus (opposite Courtenys)

Lucan Village Drone Selfie

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kennys)

Wooleys Pet Farm (Village Green), **Puppet Show** (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carrolls Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Battle of the Bands on stage outside Staggs

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Model Railway and Historical Slide Shows in St Marys Parish Centre

World renowned **Duck Race** on the Griffeen at 4.30pm

Vintage Steam Engine(near Ulster Bank)

International and Irish food Stalls

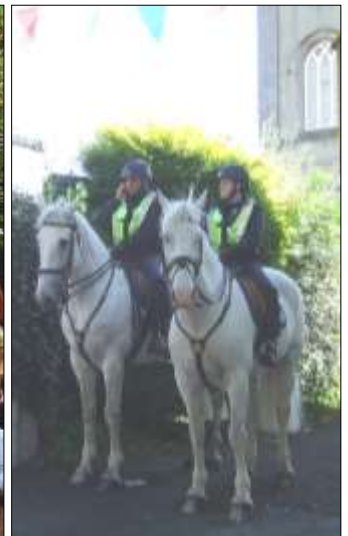
Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

This is our Family Fun Day

The Village will be closed to through traffic from Ardeevin

To the Ulster Bank from 10am to 7pm

Most events are free



Lucan Festival

FUN DUCK RACE!

THE GRIFFEEEN RIVER @ THE VILLAGE GREEN

SUN 11th SEPT. Race starts 4:30PM sharp!

Prizes for winning Ducks

1st €125 / 2nd €75 / 3rd €50

Only €2 entry (per Duck)



Tickets from Information Tent.





SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Schools Back: We were delighted over the last week to welcome back all of our wonderful students. It was great to see all the excited faces returning to school and the enthusiasm for the year ahead. A special mention to our First Years who have settled in so well in their first week. We were also delighted to welcome back our wonderful staff and we wish them all the best for the year ahead.

Leaving Certificate Results: On Friday the 2nd of September our class of 2022 will receive their Leaving Certificate results, these are available online and in school on Friday morning. We wish them the best of luck with their results and also wish them well in whatever they choose to do in the future.

Debs: On Thursday the 1st of September our class of 2022 will have their DEBs dance, this will take place in Dunboyne Castle and we hope they thoroughly enjoy the occasion.

Building Project: Our building project will commence in the near future with phase one beginning in the next couple of weeks. We have had some preparation works done at the end of last year in the school in preparation for the new building, this included erection of 6 temporary classrooms which are fully operational for the new term. This is a very exciting time for everyone in the school and we can't wait for the work to begin.

Rosie's Garden in full bloom! Rosie's Garden was certainly in full bloom this week for the return of all students and staff to St. Joseph's College. The Rosie's Garden Girls have to be highly commended for their dedication to the garden throughout the summer months. The Silver & Gold Gaisce students, now in 6th Year, tended to weeds, to the watering of climbers & new hedges, planting, tidying & all while in great heat and on their summer holidays. Rosie's Garden is the school's new memorial garden, created in the memory of Sr. Rosario who passed away on 29th September 2020. Sr. Rosario was one of the

founding Presentation Sisters of St. Joseph's College as it began as a secondary top in 1955.



We were delighted to have Sinéad Collier, Sr. Rosario's youngest sister, visit the school on Monday, 29th August with Carmel Collier, Sr. Rosario's niece. We enjoyed listening to many memories & stories of Sinéad's days in Ireland with Sr. Rosario before Sinéad left to join the religious life in England. It was a great honour to have Sinéad and Carmel join us as we prepare for the official opening of Rosie's Garden on Friday, 30th September 2022.



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Find us on our

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



POLITICAL NOTES

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

Lucan Festival:

Delighted to attend the official launch of the Lucan Festival last Monday in Kenny's of Lucan. Great to see it back after 3 years. Well done to everyone involved, best of luck to everyone taking part, proud to sponsoring such a wonderful event in our village.

Liffey Valley car park charges:

Recently I published a detailed report regarding the introduction of car parking charges. The feedback I have received will be reported back to the management of the Liffey Valley centre, I intend to discuss these plans in more detail.

Pedestrian crossings:

Work commenced on the new and improved pedestrian crossings at the roundabout on Esker Drive/Hayden's Lane. I would have posted regular updates here, over the last couple of years, delighted to have this project near completion. I will continue to work on road safety improvements in Lucan area.

Emer Higgins, TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Esker Cemetery Gates:

Thanks to all those that contacted me about South Dublin County Council's decision to close the gate access to Esker Cemetery. They said this decision was not taken lightly and was as a result of a number of issues including traffic management, health and safety, damage to graves, illegal dumping, and anti-social behaviour. I'm happy to report that the decision has been reversed and the gates of the cemetery are now open and will remain open until a full review is complete. Once a decision is made on the future opening and closing times of the gate, they will inform the public with due notice of the changes.

Lucan Library:

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Michael Collins' death at Béal na Bláth, Lucan Library have a Collins related display of books for patrons to borrow.

LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

Lucan Bridge club is very excited and happy to be reopening on the **7th of September 2022 in the Springfield Hotel at 7.30pm**

We look forward to seeing our members back playing at the table.

Lucan Bridge Club would welcome and encourage bridge players from other clubs to join us on a Wednesday night.

Bernadette UiDhuill
Club Secretary.



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 30th.

Contact: **Kathie McGrath – 086 1537417.**



BRIDGE

Beginner Lessons with David, commencing 15th September 2.00pm.

Celbridgebridgeclub@gmail.com

Slip Hall (Castletown Gates).



Lucan Library

Culture Night



Tackling 'Finnegan's Wake' for the Absolute Beginner
Friday 23rd September at 4pm.
A workshop for reader of James Joyce's 'Finnegan's Wake'.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

The adult hurling championships are reaching a crucial stage and this weekend was the penultimate round of group games. Unusually, we got two walkovers, with both the Junior A and Junior C teams receiving the points without playing as the opposition failed to field. For the games that did go ahead, we had mixed fortunes – the Seniors lost out to Kilmacud Crokes and the Junior B's had a good win over Faughs – match reports below. As we head into the final round in two weeks' time, the seniors face a do or die battle against St Brigid's, a win will see us through to the quarterfinals, anything less will see us in a relegation playoff. Our Junior As and Junior Cs have both already qualified as group winners. The Junior B's are well placed but need something from their final game to be sure of progress.

Senior Hurling Championship, Kilmacud Crokes 1-24 Lucan Sarsfields 0-18, O'Toole Park, Saturday 27/8/2022.

Junior B Hurling Championship, Lucan Sarsfields 1-17 Faughs 0-15, 12th lock, Sunday 28/8/2022.

Junior A LF Div 5 Cup Semi-final Castleknock B 2-12 Lucan 3-3, Somerton.

U11 LGF

The U11 ladies football teams were delighted to be back in action this week. The noise and excitement on AGP during the week was fantastic as we heard all their summer news and the fun the girls had at different sports camps over the break. We also welcomed some new members to the group, and we hope they grow to love the sport and make lots of friends. On Saturday afternoon the girls travelled down the road to Castleknock where we got a very warm welcome. There was great support on the side-line from parents and mentors. The girls played two great games of football and enjoyed being back as a team. We all look forward to the term ahead and thank all our parents for their continued support.

Social News & Events

Garth Brooks Raffle

The Club has managed to secure a couple of tickets for Garth Brooks in Croke Park on Saturday the 10th September and will raffle these to raise funds. Entry to the draw will cost 10euro and will be limited to 150 entries. The raffle will take place in the club bar on Thursday the 8th

September. Entries accepted in the club bar, or you can revolute Colm Farrell 087 6829218 or Paul McGann 087 2546555.

Golf Society

Our final outing of the year is the Captains Day on September 10th in Roganstown Golf Club. First tee off is 10:45.



Presentation of prizes, including player of the year will be made in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club that night. Please contact Brian Mahon on 0879254126 to reserve a tee time.

Summer break-out

Our U15 hurlers took some time out from normal training and had a great day out in Newcastle Golf Centre in Peamount Lane playing Hurling Golf. We had 2 holes in one and also ran a Nearest the Pin competition. Thanks to Newcastle Golf Centre for a warm welcome the lads thoroughly enjoyed their day out.

Lotto:

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €4,200. The Numbers were **3, 5, 15, 28.**

Lucky Dip prizes go to, Mark Redmond, Patty Moore, Louise Fagan, Martina McGilloway and Paul Henaghan

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,600. The draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Cormac Gordon.



Tá €4,600 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin. The draw will be held on Thursday 1st September, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:

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

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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.

Buachaillí agus Cailíní F7

Tá na cailíní agus buachaillí F7 ar ais ag traenáil i ndiaidh an briseadh Samhradh. Iontach iad a fheiceáil ar ais le chéile.



It's great to see the under 7's back training after the Summer break.

Buachaillí F10

Bhí 3 chluiche maith faoi sholas na gréine ag an deireadh seachtaine.

Ar pháirc A, scileanna iontacha ar taispeáint ó Rhys Reilly John McDermott agus Aodhfin Farelly. Troid fíor ó Eoin K'Eogh agus Conor Sheehan i lár na páirce.

Ar pháirc B bhí fear an chluiche ó Bobby Foy, le tacaíocht ó roinnt léirithe iontacha ó Ruairí Fee, Giuliano Bursese agus Luke Brandon.

Ar pháirc C, tháinig tús mall le cúilín den scoth ó Evan Foley agus Oisín Murphy sa dara leath, áit a raibh tacaí iontacha agus feidhmíocht chosantach fear an chluiche ó

Tadhg Byrne. Tríd is tríd, tá sé iontach a bheith ar ais amuigh ansin ag imirt. NGÓ abú!



Cailíní F12

Tá na cailíní ar ais ag traenáil agus ag obair go dian. Bhí an-cluichí acu in aghaidh Naomh Bríd ag an deireadh seachtaine.

The under 12 girls are back training hard. They had a great game against St. Brigid's over the weekend.



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Congratulations to all the Lucan Harriers AC who travelled to Tullamore for the weekend and left quite an impression, positive I may add. Some fantastic running and PBs on a tough day, we even got a wonderful mention in the race report. So many in the Half Marathon but also a very impressive turnout in the local Parkrun along the canal

Nice to see some of our friends and neighbours from Esker RC too. For the record Colm O Connor got a medal. Thanks also to the support team of Rob and Colin and many more.

Lots more pictures on other pages including Tullamore AC and MyRunResults

Race Report

The Bord Na Mona Tullamore Half Marathon was a huge success this year with just over 1,200 runners signing up. It was certainly back with a bang this year. When a lot of events were down in numbers, the Tullamore Half Marathon was hitting record numbers. The event has a special aura and real strong sense of club tradition that attracts runners. It has grown over the years and the good news of how good this event is reaching far and wide. Runners from all over the country ran today with a phenomenal crew from Lucan Harriers.



The Event hosted by Tullamore Harriers offers runners a great running experience. Their state of the art facilities contributes to their top class event. Runners enter the stadium and onto the

athletics track to be greeted by a wall of sound from the cheering spectators. The track finish allowed runners to cross the line feeling safe and sound after their tough run. It also allowed for them to greet their fellow club mates as they entered the track for their lap of honour to the finish line. Runners basked in the summer sunshine and spoke of their great experience with other like-minded participants. The most commonly used description of the course was "honest". With some great performances runners came away with a great sense of achievement.

This event was also part of the Athletics Leinster Half Marathon and Offaly Championships. This year's race favourite Peter Somba of Dunboyne AC won the race in a time of 1:07:24. In 2nd place was Mick Fogarty of Ferbane AC running a stunning race and breaking the 70 mins mark clocking a time of 1:09:43. Derek Crammond of Sli Cualann was 3rd. The men's race was deep with quality runners as the field behind came thick and fast.



The women's race was won by Catherine O'Connor of Sli Cualann in a time of 1:23:27. Catherine has had a great year winning 4 world masters medals recently in Finland. In 2nd place was Caroline Donnelly of Edenderry AC. Heather Murphy of St. Michael's AC was 3rd.

There were also age cat awards and team prizes. The men's team award was the Quinlan Cup and this went to Tullamore Harriers. The women's Phylis Delaney Cup went to Athlone AC.

Huge congratulations to Tullamore Harriers and their crew of volunteers for putting on another great event.

Don't Forget a big day for The Harriers as they hold their annual 5 Mile race on Sunday 4th September at 11am.

Registration will be taken on the morning. See you there

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The sad news this week is the announcement of the cancellation of the Liffey Descent due to low water levels in the river Liffey. Those members of the soiree anxious to practise their action shot photography will be disappointed. Conor will be particularly disappointed.

Willie is continuing his tour along the west coast of Ireland. This week he sent in photographs from Lahinch and Bunratty Castle in county Clare and of Dun Aonghasa, Fort on Inis Mór to name but a few. According to the Heritage Ireland website Dún Aonghasa is over 3,000 years old and is the largest of the pre-historic forts of the Aran Islands. The fort, perched on a sheer cliff face, with an 87-meter drop, consists of three massive drystone defence walls. Outside them is a *chevaux-de-frise* – that is, a dense band of jagged, upright stones, thousands in number. A devastatingly effective way to impede intruders, the *chevaux-de-frise* surrounds the entire fort from cliff to cliff.



Paddy was nearer to home with photographs of the Phoenix Park and Castleknock while Joe got as far as Howth.



Next Friday the Soiree will be back in the Parish Centre for the start of the new season.

Until next week stay safe!