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Flowers of Spring pay homage to Lucan's famed Liffey Bridge

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.

Hospital Fees

Public in-patient and day service hospital fees were abolished on 17 April 2023. This means that the daily charge for staying in hospital for public patients no longer applies from this date.

Social Welfare

An extra payment of €200 will be paid to anyone who gets a social welfare payment that qualifies for the Christmas Bonus or the Working Family Payment in the week starting 24 April 2023.

Carer's Support Grant

What is the Carer's Support Grant?

The Carer's Support Grant is paid to carers once a year by the Department of Social Protection (DSP). It used to be called the Respite Care Grant.

You can use the grant in whatever way you like. You can use it to pay for respite care if you wish, but you do not have to. There is information on our website about respite care facilities.

In June of each year (usually on the first Thursday of the month), the DSP pays the grant automatically to carers getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, or Domiciliary Care Allowance. Only one Carer's Support Grant can be paid for each person getting care.

The Carer's Support Grant will be paid on 2 June 2022.



Rules for getting the Carer's Support Grant: The grant is paid automatically to people getting Carer's Allowance (both full rate and half-rate), Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance. If you are not getting one of these payments, you can still qualify for the Carer's Support Grant.

To get the Carer's Support Grant, you must be:

Aged 16 or over; Ordinarily resident in Ireland
Caring for the person on a full-time basis
Caring for the person for at least 6 months - this period must include the first Thursday in June
Living with the person being cared for (or if you do not live with them you must meet certain criteria, for example the person must be able to contact you quickly and directly)

During this 6 month caring period, you cannot:

Work more than 18.5 hours per week as an employee or self-employment
Take part in an education or training course for more than 18.5 hours a week
Get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit
Sign on for credited contributions
Live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution
If you are caring for more than one person, a grant is paid for each of them.

Rate of Carer's Support Grant: In June 2023, the Carer's Support Grant is €1,850. It is paid once a year for each person you are caring for. It will be paid on 1 June 2023. It is not taxable.

How to apply: If you are getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance, you do not need to apply for the Carer's Support Grant. It will be paid automatically paid to you in June. If you are not getting one of the above payments, you should fill in an application form CSG 1 (pdf) for each person you are caring for.

When to apply: You can apply for a Carer's Support Grant for any given year from April of that year until 31 December of the following year.

For example: You can apply for the Carer's Support Grant for 2022 at any time from April 2022 up until 31 December 2023. The grant rate for 2022 was €1,850.

Where to apply: You can get a Carer's Support Grant application form from your Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre.

Department of Social Protection, Carer's Support Grant Section, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford N39 E4EO. Tel: (043) 334 0000
www.gov.ie/en/service/16220307-carers-support-grant/ Email: Respitecare@welfare.ie

Lucan I.C.A

Monday 24th April: All the ladies are kept busy with their projects - all full of vim and vigour after their Easter break.

Tea Hostesses are Carmel and Fiona.

It was so nice to see so many of our members attend Linda Ruane's funeral Mass and stand in the Guard of Honour as a mark of respect to her.

Below are some photos from four ladies who attended handcraft week in An Grianan.



Anne, Mary, Pauline and Mary with the Tree of Unity in the background, all guilds in the country embroidered an oak leaf which was stitched to the branches of the tree.



Our National President Hilda Roach (*centre*), with Mary and Pauline. We learned new crafts and had a very enjoyable week catching up with old friends.

Pauline & Mary.

WAR



George, Bridget and Yvonne are all members of the Finnegan family who are central to both the public and private drama that is played out in Roddy Doyle's WAR. Of all the questions that are asked during this hilarious and sometimes gritty play the most pressing one could be just where did Bridget hide the Jaffa cakes?

WAR will run at the Lucan SPA Hotel from May 23rd to 27th with tickets going on sale from April 24th.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your doorstep.

Ever wonder....

Why is "Abbreviated" such a long word?



Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

Phone 01 6288556

Pickle Ball – The new Indoor Sport for all ages. A hybrid sport that encompasses badminton, table- tennis, and tennis. Why not come down and try it out? Friday Mornings 11am / €5

Over 66 and on a pension?

You can join our Mill Works Gym for 1 year for just €50.

Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge, Kate Walsh House at The Mill
Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome
Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 26th April: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.

All 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



Best wishes to the boys and girls of **Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.



And to the pupils of **Scoil Mhuire GNS**, and **Lucan Educate Together** who are making their Confirmation this weekend and **Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig** who will be confirmed next Thursday.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

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.

Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

All Welcome.



Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally. *St Mary's Divine Mercy Group.*

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel secretary@lucanparish.com

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Michael Nolan**, Palmerstown and to the family and friends of **Rita O'Toole**, Sarsfield Close. **May they rest in peace.**



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.

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am and 7pm Masses.

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. **All are welcome.**

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Catholic Faith Formation for Children

Would you like your children to know more about God and the Catholic Faith? We are thrilled to invite your children to a programme that would help them to understand and appreciate their faith. They will explore their faith through age appropriate, interactive activities, discussions etc.

When: Starting from September 2023

Where: Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan

Age groups: Between 6-12 years and 13-17 years.

If you are interested, please email catechism@lucansouth@gmail.com OR contact the Parish Office at 01 457 2900

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually.

We would gladly welcome new members. We meet 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Legion of Mary:

Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at **7.30pm** in the Confessional Room in the church.

Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor.

All welcome.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance).

All are most welcome.

Wool Needed

Apostolic Workers – St Mary's.



If you have any leftover wool and would like to donate it to us, please drop it into St Mary's Parish Centre and we will collect them from there.

This enables us to continue knitting up items for the charity 'Heart to Hand'. Our knitting goes to Northern Albania and more recently to Ukraine. We knit up little jumpers, hats and scarfs.

We would much appreciate it.

Apostolic Workers.



Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

15th May or 18th October for 9 nights was €825 now €775. Single room supplement €180.

17th May or 18th October for 7 nights was €775 now €715. Single room supplement €140.

Phone Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan.

Acknowledgement

LUCY GANNON

The family of the late Lucy Gannon wish to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them during their recent loss.

To the many people who attended the Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of condolences.

A sincere thank you to all the staff at Marymount, who cared for Lucy.

Thank you also to Fr. Ubaldo for his help and support, and beautiful Mass. To the Church choir and Church staff for their beautiful singing.

To Cunningham undertakers for their professionalism in organising the Funeral arrangements and also to the gravediggers for preparing Lucy's final resting place.



LAURA HUGHES (CURTIS)

1st Anniversary away from home

Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts, you are always there
The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows
Each one of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today.
Always remembered Gaye, Jamie, Lisa, Karl and Brian

Anniversaries

ROSE CAHALANE

1st Anniversary - 24th April

Those we hold closest in our hearts never leave us
They live on in the kindness they have shared
And the love they brought into our lives.

Remembered and loved always, her daughters Michelle and Caroline, sons-in-law Conor and Tony and grandchildren Anna, Robyn, Grace, Ava, Hugh, Kate and Isobelle

Rose will be remembered this Sunday, 23rd April at 12.00 Mass.

MICHAEL (MICK) CUMMINS

1st Anniversary - 24th April

Late of Woodview, Lucan.
Lonely is the home without you
Life to us is not the same
All the world would be like Heaven
If we could have you back again
Our lips cannot speak how we loved him
Our hearts cannot tell what to say
But God only knows how we miss him
In our home that is lonely today.

Sadly missed by his wife Bernadette, sons Stephen, Robert and David, daughters-in-law and grandchildren



**LUCAN COMMUNITY GAMES**
TALENT COMPETITION

**LUCAN SARSFIELDS**

17:30
SUNDAY 7th MAY
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DRAMA, IRISH DANCING, CHOIR, MUSIC

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Monastic Vocations Weekend St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh

6th – 7th May 2023

Opportunity for those discerning a religious vocation to pray and work alongside our Monastic Community.

Talks on our history, way of life and spirituality.

For more information, please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com
www.benedictineadorerscobh.ie
www.tyburnconvent.org.uk



Warm sunny days – we had a lovely treat this week getting a taste of warmer weather. Great to hear the lawnmowers back at work regularly, but what a display of Dandelions all over the place!!!

A sight to behold!



Pretty Spring flowers along the Weir Promenade. Well done to the planters!



LUCAN Festival

**Belfast Newsletter
27th March 1783**

DUBLIN, March the 24th.
This Morning died at his Seat at Lucan, Agmondesham Vesey, Esq; Son to the late Archbishop of Tuam. He was Member of Parliament for Tuam, and Accompt General, in which Employment he is succeeded by his Son Agmondesham Vesey, Esq;

**Freemans Journal
16th May 1885**

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE COLONEL
VESEY, D.L.**

Yesterday the remains of the late Charles Colthurst Vesey, D.L., J.P. Colonel Commanding the 5th Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, were interred in the family mortuary chapel within the demesne of Lucan House, Lucan. The Kildare and Lucan tenantry of deceased attended and assisted by the labourers on the estate, bore the remains of their deceased landlord from his late residence. A guard of honour composed of seventeen sergeants of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers under the command of Captain Mansell, took part in bearing the remains to the grave. The remains were encased in a rich brown oak sarcophagus with brass fittings and breastplate, the latter bearing the following inscription

**Colonel Charles Colthurst Vesey
Born 18th June 1826
Died 11th May 1885**

The burial service was conducted by the Rev C W Benson Incumbent of Lucan. The following were the chief mourners EC Vesey (son), Colonel Colthurst, M.P. (brother): Sir George Colthurst, Bart (nephew), Colonel GW Fraser and HC Warren.

The following noblemen and gentlemen attended- The Duke of Leinster, Lord Annaly, HL Barton, General Brooke, Arthur Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Alex Kirkpatrick of Coolmine, Wm Moran, John and James Willis, John A Walker, Colonel Vernon Quartermaster Lowery etc, etc.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Messrs Arthur Jones and Son, 135 Stephen's Green.

The above are some of the Vesey family buried in the ruins of the original and first Lucan church which be seen in the grounds of Lucan House.

On **Saturday 9th September** you can view these graves, and also the magnificent **Lucan House, Sarsfield Monument** and **Bath House**.

There will also be musical entertainment and kiddies attractions. To top it all, Sam will be there with his Birds of Prey.

All the above is due to the kind permission of **H.E. The Italian Ambassador Mr. Ruggero Corrias** and his wife, **Ms. Vania Lorenzo**.

A Journal April 2023

Lucan Demesne has two new picnic seats with wheelchair / buggy access.

River water tested on Wednesday – result:
Oxygen levels good.

Early green lacework of hedgerows and trees and Cowslips, Anemones and Primroses abound in our parklands.

Kriegel family tree being rededicated in St. Catherines Park.

Yoga circle with ambient music in St. Catherines Sunday am, near cattle enclosure.

New fencing surrounds paddock at riverside.

Planning permission sought for Leixlip Golf Club on site off Cooldrinagh Lane – notice shown on right of walk towards reservoir and water treatment plants.

At Bleachgreen property, “Ben” who trains his horses for film work, grazes them there – bring a carrot if passing for bother *Napoleon* and *Caesar*!!

A young man who notes down his wishes for his day plus his regrets for yesterday, crunches the paper in his fist, shakes a little incense, and burns his offering under an old oak tree – an eager prayer between earth and heaven.

A recent I.F.I. archival film gave a fascinating glimpse of Lucan Spa Hotel, its under-road tunnel to the pump house etc, plus a sweep of the cascading weir, and later a film of Fr. Payton, the Rosary Priest at prayer.

Could anyone identify the history of 2 broken arches in a keystone with 2 – 3 cut stones occurring in the walls of both the Italian Ambassador’s property, and opposite in the wall of the now Ardeevin development? A rainwater grating near Tandy’s Lane junction gives a line of sight to both inserts – Would gateways have existed between Agmondisham Vesey and the old Lucan Lodge properties??

“Nothing ever goes away until it had taught us what we need to know”

Pema Chodron

Happy Springtime!

B.L.C.

Note: There was a pedestrian gate to Lucan Lodge close to the Ballalley, and the feature described in the demesne wall was most likely an oculus, through which people could view the estate. M.M.



COLÁISTE PHÁDRAIG
PARENTS ASSOCIATION
PRESENT:

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT ???

TICKETS
€30
(per team of 4)
TICKETS ON THE NIGHT
OR VIA EVENTBRITE



WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL
9PM
Kenny's, Lucan Village



Celbridge

Bike Maintenance Workshop

Wednesday April 26th 7.30 pm

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CHOOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Mary Martin Memorial Event:

St. Joseph's College will be holding a memorial service for Mrs. Mary Martin, who passed away on Saturday, 29th October 2022. The memorial service will be held in St. Joseph's College on Friday, 5th May at 2.30pm. Principal, Ms. Bernadette Fitzgerald, would like to invite former students, who wish to attend, to this most special event. Mary contributed so much to the life and spirit of the school during her many years as teacher of Home Economics, Year Head and dear colleague to the staff of St. Joseph's. If you wish to attend the memorial service, please RSVP to dlynch@stjosephslucan.com by Wednesday, 26th April 2023.



Transition Year Activities: Our Transition Year Students had a jammed packed first week back after the Easter break. On Tuesday 3 groups took part in a Barista workshop with Dublin Barista School. The groups thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and they loved learning how to make Lattes, Cappuccinos and Mochas. They enjoyed tasting them even more. On Tuesday a large group also had an excellent Road Safety talk delivered by one of the RSA education officers. On Friday 21st Francesca Bonin from Connecting Women in Technology presented a Digital Futures Session to TY students. Francesca works with IBM and is representing one of 20 organisations in the world of IT. Careers in IT are

being promoted and the students enjoyed hearing about all the opportunities in the Digital World.

CEIST Student Conference: Members of our Student Council participated in the CEIST Student Leadership Conference on Wednesday, this was an excellent opportunity for the 6th year students to engage with students from different CEIST schools throughout Ireland. There were a number of Keynote speakers and students from various schools discussed initiatives and activities that happen within their school settings.

Well Done: Congratulations to all our 6th Years who completed their oral exams over the Easter break, they were treated to a breakfast morning on their return by their Yearhead Ms. Bould. They all enjoyed the chance to socialise on their return for their last term in St Josephs. Congratulations also to Jennifer Guest in 4A6 who won 5 gold medals competing in the British Kayaking Championship during the Easter.

Congratulations: A big congratulations to Robyn Higgins in Transition Year who had the big honour of meeting the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar in Government Buildings yesterday to speak to him about her experience as an autistic young person for World Autism Month, as a member of the AsIAm Youth Leadership Team.



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Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Fundraising: A reminder that Coláiste Phádraig's Parents Association are holding a pub quiz in Kenny's pub in Lucan Village on **Wednesday 26th April @ 9pm**. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of defibrillators for the new school building which will be officially open for business in Sept 2023! Tickets can be purchased at the door.



English: As part of the English Department's literacy programme, a *Drop Everything And Read* (DEAR) week was held in the school recently. All Junior Cycle students took part and the principal announced the 20 minute periods every day where the students stopped working in their classroom and took the time to read quietly a book that they had brought in.

Some of the more popular titles read by students included *The Everything Stone*, *Artemis Fowl and the Arctic Incident*, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *The Hunting Party*, *Private Peaceful*, *The Hunger Games* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Some other students preferred such literature classics as *Robinson Crusoe*, *Lord of the Flies*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Animal Farm*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Hobbit* so it was great to see such an eclectic mix of reading material in the different classes.

Well-being: Just before the Easter holidays, as part of Well-being in Coláiste Phádraig, our students took part in the "Hello, how are you?" campaign. This initiative by Mental Health Ireland, dedicated Thursday, 30th March as the day to practice saying *Hello* and asking the question *How are you?* with true meaning. The unique premise of this campaign is to encourage people to not just ask the question but to support people in knowing what to do next. In Well-being classes, students were introduced to the 5 step process (**Hello, Engage, Listen, Learn, Options**) as set out by Mental Health Ireland. Since the beginning of the school year, first year students have been working continuously on developing the skill of mindful listening and the process of 'reflecting back' during their well-being classes. The skill of paying attention & listening attentively is such an important life skill to develop and grow! When we feel seen, heard and listened to, we connect with others and we feel supported and valued. Asking the very simple question: *How are you?* with true meaning, can make a big difference to someone's day. Creating, maintaining & staying connected with others can help tackle loneliness, create a sense of belonging



and purpose and help us build and maintain relationships. It really is so powerful! Well done to the students who practiced saying *Hello* & asking *How are you?* with such true meaning, attention and care!

Awards: Well done to 5th yr **Calum Conway** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for March in recognition of his outstanding work with the Greens Schools Committee.

Congratulations to 2nd yr **Ciarán O' Sullivan** who won the *Sports Star of the Month* Award in recognition of his excellent displays for the school's 2nd yr basketball, hurling and football teams.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Aaron Wall** ón gcéad bliain a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

Economics: Well done to 5th yrs Calum Conway, Mobashir Ahadmanish, Tabib Haque and Cian Carr who have been selected for the "Gold Medal" category for the Young Economist of the Year 2023. Being selected in the "gold medal" category means their work has been recognised as being of the highest quality possible, and they have been invited to exhibit their project at the awards ceremony, which will take place in UCD on Friday 28th April. Gold medal winners will be shortlisted for further awards in relevant categories so hopefully our students can win a richly deserved award on the day.

Fundraising: A GAA skills and fun day was held in the school on Wednesday 29th March as part of a TY fundraising initiative to raise funds for Pieta House and Dogs Trust. 2nd yr students got the opportunity to use the playing pitches for the 1st time since the construction work began last November. They got to learn some GAA skills, play 5-a-side football, take part in a penalty shoot-out as well as play tag-rugby and rounders. The TY students also washed teachers' cars in the yard while students got the chance to throw wet-sponges at their teachers! All for a good cause of course!

Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse which brought a premature end to proceedings. The event did raise €250 at least for the charities.

Political Notes

Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh- Sinn Féin

Mobile: 087-2136345.

Email: dobradaigh@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie

New Path Resurfacing – Airlie Heights:

Well done to the residents in Airlie Heights that raised the need for resurfacing works of the 47-metre-long black tarmac path that runs across the green space opposite Scoil Mhuire National School last year. I was delighted to table a motion at the local Area Committee meeting last June on behalf of the residents in Airlie Heights requesting just this.

New Pedestrian Crossing Lights – Leixlip Rd, Lucan:

Whilst completing a newsletter update in Ardeen, Ardeevin and Tandy's Lane last week, I spoke with several residents on the doors and by subsequently by phone. One issue raised here was the new pedestrian crossing still not 'powered on' by ESB Networks. Once again, I have raised the unacceptable lengthy delays between installation of new crossings by the council and being made operational by the ESB.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan.

01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Lump Sum Payment:

Next week a €200 lump sum will be paid to pensioners, carers, people on long-term disability payments, lone parents, families in receipt of the Working Family Payment, and other vulnerable groups to help with the rising cost of living. I welcome this support to those who need it most.

Esker Active Retirement:

I was delighted to host members of Esker Active Retirement for a tour of the Dáil this week. If you or your group would like to visit the Dáil, please contact my office.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574.

Email: ginokenny@oir.ie

Concern at increase in homeless numbers during eviction ban:

There has been serious concerns raised by local representatives as figures from South Dublin County Council reveal that homeless numbers increased during the eviction ban. My party colleague Councillor Madeleine Johansson is

herself facing eviction and said that she was "deeply worried" about the fact that there were 160 new presentations to homeless services in the first quarter of 2023. The figures were released as part of the Capital Programme Progress Report at the April meeting of South Dublin County Council. 80 new households were added to the homeless register as a result. There are now a total of 511 households registered as homeless in South Dublin County.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time"

Tel: 087-2752489.

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

GP services and public health nurses:

I've again been raising this issue with both the HSE and the Minister for Health. GP services are private operations but there's not enough proactive supports to help GPs set up in developing areas, such as Adamstown. Lucan has been hit due to several retirements and while there are several new services, there is still a deficit. Meanwhile, many parents of young children are affected by a shortage of public health nurses in the Lucan area. I acknowledge that recruitment is a national issue, but some areas are more impacted than others and there should a better way to equalise existing resources.

Works at St Joseph's College:

I've asked the contractor to give more notice to local residents when road or path blocking works are imminent. They've agreed to look at additional measures.

*Have you ever noticed,
Those people on the wing?
The ones that always pass you by,
And never say a thing.
And even though you know them,
They hurry past in haste,
No quick hello or friendly smile –
They have not time to waste.
For those poor people on the wing,
who never stop to say a thing,
Their minds are full of this and that;
There isn't time to stop and chat.
Until, someday when they're not well,
Will stop you with a tale to tell,
Of all the aches and pains they've got –
And of, course, you too will trot.
Author unknown,*

Castletown House & Gardens

Sunday Stroll in our Living Landscape

23 April @ 3pm. Meeting Point: Cafe Courtyard
Join us for our Parklands walk and see the landscape of Castletown with new eyes! Visit the Ice House and much more...

The walk takes place this Sunday, 23 April @ 3pm.

To book your slot email castletown@opw.ie or Phone 01 628 8252

The Phoenix Winds

Entrance Hall, 28 April 2023 @ 7-8 pm

The Phoenix Winds, formed in 2022, comprises of Julie Maisel (flute), John Hearne (Bassoon) and Paul Roe (clarinet), all lecturers in the TU Dublin Conservatoire. In 2018 they came together to record music of Italian-American composer, Luigi Zaninelli. Their debut performance occurred in that same year. They are all keen chamber musicians and have individually performed in numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout Ireland, Europe, the UK and America.

Performing works by numerous artists including Luigi Zaninelli (Rome Suite: Tango, Waltz, Blues, Foxtrot)

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/590178749527>

Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?

Anxiety

Panic

Anger

Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:

**St Marys Parish Centre Lucan
Thursday 7.30 p.m.**

Tel: 00353 062 60 775 /

www.recoveryireland.ie

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Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday

1.30pm - 3.30 pm

JOIN

US!



St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan road, Lucan

Contact - Adrienne Mc Avinue

phone number- 086 838 1215

email address -amcavinue@alzheimer.ie

Our Club is a social gathering where people can access information and support, meet other people as well as to exchange ideas and experiences.

Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season

One Day Retreats

May:

Monday 1st, Sunday 7th, Tuesday 9th, Sunday 14th,
Saturday 20th, Saturday 27th, Monday 29th,

August:

Saturday 19th, Tuesday 22nd, Sunday 27th

September:

Saturday 2nd, Wednesday 6th, Saturday 9th,
Tuesday 12th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th,
Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th

Admission: €45, Booking Essential,

Concessions available for groups

Three Day Pilgrimage

Thursday 1st June until Monday 15th August

(last day to begin Sunday 13th August)

Admission: €80, Booking Advised,

Concessions available for students, seniors & groups

Lakeshore Pilgrimage

(along the Pilgrim Path)

Sunday 21st May and Saturday 30th September

Admission €25, Booking Essential

Quiet Day

Friday 12th May and Friday 15th September

Admission €35, Booking Essential.

Sanctuary of St Patrick, Pettigo, Co Donegal

www.loughderg.org

info@loughderg.org

Ph: 071 9861518



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



After a wonderful Easter break, all the action returned with a bang. Last week-end was Feile week-end for LGFA. Our Division 1 team was hosting and the club did a wonderful job, pitches were in excellent condition and the sun was shining not to mention the football.

The Jim McCarthy Memorial was well attended with many thankful of the numbers allowing a roll-on roll-off to occur much to the relief of the Johns ambulance who attended. Many recantations of old war tales followed in the bar where the lads could remember the old days with Jim over a sandwich and a pint. A lovely tribute by his former players and friends.



There will be a special Gala Performance for Lucan Sarsfields at Fossett's Circus at 11am on Saturday 29th April. Book online at <http://bit.ly/CircusFossetts>

Lucan Sarsfields White Collar Boxing

After 5 weeks of training, the pairings for fight night will be made and published this week, keep an eye on <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsWCB> for all the information. Tickets (subject to availability) are now on-sale from the clubhouse during evening opening hours, and are going fast, Ringside €50 or General Admission €30.



Hurling

Four wins from five league games was a rich return from a busy weekend of action for our adult hurlers in the welcome late Spring weather. The only team to lose out were the Junior B's who lost to Commercials. Our Seniors, Intermediates, Junior As and Junior Cs all won against Ballyboden, Cuala, Round Towers (Lusk) and St James Gaels/An Caisleán respectively.

AHL1: Lucan Sarsfields 0-21 Ballyboden 0-14, 12th Lock, 15/04/2023.

Lucan seniors remain unbeaten in the league after this decent performance against Ballyboden St Enda's at the 12th Lock on Saturday evening.

AHL4: Lucan Sarsfields 8-25 Cuala 1-12, 12th Lock, Sunday 16th April 2023.

This game was as one sided as the scoreline suggests with Lucan establishing dominance from the start and had the game won well before halftime.

AHL7: Lucan Sarsfields 3-12 Round Towers (L) 0-9, 12th Lock. Sunday 16th April 2023.

Lucan Junior As had a comprehensive win over

the visitors from Lusk on a beautiful spring morning at the 12th Lock.

AHL 9: Lucan Sarsfields 0-13 Commercials 4-16, 12th Lock, 16/4/2023

Following Commercials beating us in the Junior A Final last year and our U21 Final win over them, we are seeing an increased number of fixtures against one of our closer neighbours. On Sunday afternoon, their second team took home the spoils against our Junior Bs. Next game is a trip to Skerries and Lucan will be hoping to have some key players back for that trip.

AHL10: Lucan Sarsfields 2-17 St James Gaels/An Caisleán 5-7, AGP, 16/04/2023.

The Junior C Hurlers had their third match of the league campaign against St James Gaels on Sunday at AGP3. In a very competitive game of hurling this relatively young team were able to dig in and get over the line to record their first win of the league campaign on a final score of Lucan 2-17 - 5-7 St James Gaels.

Coiste na nÓg/ Juvenile

Lucan had 3 ladies team compete in the Feile this week-end. The division 1 team hosted in the lock, whilst Division 5 travelled to Erin's Isle with Division 10 travelling to Silverpark Kilmacud. All their team competed well. Our division 1 team played some lovely attacking football in front of the home crowd. Having won 2 and drawn 1 they finished second in their group and progressed to a Semi-final against Naomh Mearnóg only to lose in the last half of extra-time to the eventual winners. Congratulations to all the girls, the future of Ladies football looks very strong.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €17,400. The Numbers were **7, 10, 11, 14.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Ciaran O'Neill, Brendan Wright, Paul McCann, Martin Kelly and Declan Murphy.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€17,800.** The draw is sponsored by Red Island Interiors and will be led by Frank Fleming.

Tá €17,400 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí F8 - Iomaint

An-sásta leis na leaids.
I gcoinne freasúra láidir
lean siad orthu ag
iarraidh a gcuid

scileanna nua a úsáid agus an liathróid a bhaint
den talamh. Is é an diongbháilteacht sin a
dhéanfaidh imreoirí iontacha dóibh.



Buachaillí F11 - Iomaint

Maidin álainn le cluichí iomáint dian deacair
inniu i gcoinne Uí Dhuibhir, foireann a raibh an
láidir. Ach fós bhí sár-imirt agus scileanna le
fheiceáil ar na beirt páirceanna.

Ar an A páirc sár-obair ó Rhys Reilly, Ronan de
Paor agus Oisín McDonnell chun an cluiche a
thógail go dtí Uí Dhuibhir.

Ar an B páirc bhí sár-cluiche ag Cian
MacGiollaPhadraig Evan Foley agus Dara
Canning.



Cailíní F8 - Peil

Bhí maidin iontach ag na Cailíní F8 arís ar an
Domhnach. Ár gcéad chluiche peile den séasúr in
agaidh Naomh Jude. Nach aoibhinn dúinn an
Ghaeilge a chloisteáil uathu chomh maith. Bhí
cluichí iontacha ag na cailíní ar fad ón dá
bhfoireann. Bhí sé chomh deas an spreagadh agus

tacaíocht a fheiceáil ó na cóitseálaithe ar fad dos
na cailíní go léir cibé foireann a bhíodar ag imirt
le. Míle buíochas as an bhfáilte mhór a thugadar
dúinn ar maidin. Ag súil go mór bualadh libh arís,



Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Thaisteal Na Buachaillí F12 go Naomh Fhionnán
agus bhí a fhios acu go mbeadh cluiche dian,
fisiciúil ós a gcomhair. Bhí Naomh Fhionnán an-
láidir sa chéad leath, ach throid NGÓ go tréan
agus go dian sa dara leath, ag léiriú an-spioraid.
Cé gur éirigh leo 2 chúl agus 2 phointe a scóráil
sa dara leath, níor éirigh leo an lámh in uachtar a
fháil ag an deireadh faraor. Maith sibh a
Bhuachaillí - d'oibrigh sibh go h-iontach lena
chéile i gcoinne foireann a bhí an-láidir.



Iomáint

Bhí bua maith ag príomhfhoireann iomanaíochta
an chumann i gcoinne Erin's Isle i bPáirc
Caitríona.

Bhí an lámh in uachtar ag an bhfreasúra sa chéad
leath in ainneoin deá-iarrachtaí Eoin Ó Masúin,
Kevin Silke & Michael Twomey.

Scéal difrúil a bhí ann tar éis an bhriseadh, thainig
Phil Taylor, Naoise de Bhaldrathe & Steve
Donohue go láidir isteach sa chluiche agus
chríochnaigh NGÓ le bua snasta ar deireadh.

SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 V-Par (Nett).

14-16 April 2023.

- Gents Class 1 Winner - Anthony Malone - +7 [B9]
- Gents Class 2 Winner - Paul County - +6 [B9]
- Gents Class 2 Runner Up - Simon Heffernan - +6
- Gents Class 3 Winner - Paul Brady - +3 [B6]
- Ladies Class 1 Winner - Adrienne Kelly - +4
- Ladies Class 2 Winner - Kathleen Grainger - -1 [B6]

Congratulations



Last Sunday in Irene Pitch & Putt Club Gareth Walsh won the Scratch Cup with Chris Gallagher coming second.

Congratulations Gareth you are the first this year to bring silverware back to our

Club – hopefully it will be the first of many for you.

Dublin Leagues

Congratulations must also go to Stephen Needham – in his league match last Saturday he had a hole in one on three different greens. Needless to say he won his match. All our teams are doing well in the leagues so far and we wish them luck in the weeks ahead.

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles



Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an

application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at

info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the

Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend.

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 6th May -Race Night and presentation of our Remembrance Competition prizes
- 1st July - 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration
- 22nd July - Captains' Day/Night
- 26th August - President's Day/Night.

Liffey River CLEAN UP

Lucan Diamonds: River Liffey & Lucan Walls

As Told: National Spring Clean

SAT 22nd April : 10am

Meet at LRC, Clubhouse: Lucan, Demeerod

Help Needed! All Welcome!

Lucan Kayak Club

For further details email lucanpitchandputt@gmail.com

DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING

Venue : Lucan Golf Club

Date : Friday 25th August

Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00

Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)

Members & Visitors Welcome

Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

A couple of members of the group have been absent for some weeks because of health issues. We miss their presence and wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back in the Parish Centre soon on Friday mornings.

As mentioned previously the photography subject for the month of April is “machinery” and Donal produced some still life photographs involving his collection of retro Nikon cameras. The photo he submitted for publication he entitled **“How many Nikons does it take to make a good photo????”**. As a Nikon owner I was not amused!!



This week there is more evidence of Spring in the air with Frances submitting a photo of Furze/Gorse from Esker Bog, Milltownpass Co. Westmeath and Josie submitting photos of tulips in full bloom in her garden.



Conor submitted a nice photo of stepping stones across the Dodder, a popular way for residents of Rathfarnham and Terenure to access Bushy Park.

He has also managed to capture butterflies, in particular a Peacock Butterfly (*Aglia io*) feeding on a dandelion from which butterflies drink their nectar and for this reason he urges us not to cut our lawns at the moment.



The Peacock butterfly hibernates over winter before laying its eggs in early spring, in batches of up to 400 at a time! It's spectacular pattern of eyespots evolved to startle or confuse predators and this pattern makes it one of the most easily recognized and best-known species.



Stay safe until next week!