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Waiting for you.....

Waiting for someone to sit
awhile,
And share a care or woe;
To watch them float above the
trees,
Where all the sad thoughts
go....

Or
Perhaps you have some happy
thoughts
You'd like to share with me;
Though silent, I'll still hear
them
As they rise above that tree....

I watch the children, some in
hand,
Skip past with shouts of glee;
Someday, they too will sit
awhile
And share their thoughts with
me....

The surrounding scents will
calm you,
And bring you peace untold.
And I'll be waiting next time
You've a problem to unfold....



By Park Bench

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

What is Fuel Allowance?

A Fuel Allowance is a payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. You can get the Fuel Allowance, if you are getting a long-term social welfare payment and you are unable to provide for your heating needs from your own resources. See 'How to qualify for Fuel Allowance' on Fuel Allowance (citizensinformation.ie)

Only one Fuel Allowance is paid to a household. Fuel Allowance is generally paid with your social welfare payment on the same day.

The 2021-2022 Fuel Allowance season started Monday, 27 September 2021, and ran for 28 weeks.

Rate of Fuel Allowance

Weekly payment: The Fuel Allowance is paid from the end of September to April each year for 28 weeks. From the 12 October 2021, the Fuel Allowance increased from €28 to €33 per week. This increase was effective from the start of the 2021-2022 Fuel Allowance season.

Lump sum payment: The total Fuel Allowance payment over 28 weeks is €924.

It can be paid to you in 2 lump sums.

In the year 2021/2022 the first lump sum was paid the week beginning 27 September 2021. The second lump sum was paid the week beginning 3 January 2022.

How to apply for Fuel Allowance

Applying for the first time you need to fill in application form NFS 1 (pdf).

If you apply for the Fuel Allowance after the start of the Fuel Allowance season, it will not be backdated.

You do not need to reapply for the Fuel Allowance each year as long as your circumstances remain the same and you continue to get the same social welfare payment.

The Fuel Allowance will be included in your weekly payment, if you are getting a social welfare payment.

If you are not getting a social welfare payment, your Fuel Allowance can be paid directly into your account in a financial institution or you can collect the allowance at your local post office.

Choosing lump sum or weekly payments

You can get your Fuel Allowance paid weekly or in 2 lump sums. The first lump sum is paid at the start of the start of the Fuel Allowance season.

The second lump sum is paid in January.

NB To get your Fuel Allowance paid in two lump sums, fill in the Change the Payment Frequency form (pdf) at least one month before the first lump sum is due.

This option is not available to people getting payments under the Rural Social Scheme, Tús, Gateway, Community Employment or Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

More information is available on gov.ie - Fuel Allowance (www.gov.ie)

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear

Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school.

The BTSCFA scheme is open from 20 June 2022 until 30 September 2022. Full information is available on Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (citizensinformation.ie)

The BTSCFA was paid automatically to many families in the week beginning 11 July 2022. If you are paid automatically you don't have to apply for the BTSCFA. You will get a letter before 20 June 2022 to let you know that you will be paid automatically.

If you haven't got a letter by 20 June 2022, you must apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance online – see 'How to apply' below.

If you do not get a letter confirming that you will get the payment automatically, you must apply for the BTSCFA online on www.MyWelfare.ie.

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2022.



LUCAN FESTIVAL

Unfortunately the Vikings and boat cannot be with us this year but we will have additional items like a working vintage steam engine (opposite Ulster Bank) and the Lucan Tram and a 1940s 25 bus (opposite Courtenys). These are on the Sunday 11th Sept.

Remember on Sunday the 11th from Ardeevin to the Ulster Bank the road will be closed from 10am to 7pm.

We would appeal to those who are in the Village on Saturday night not to leave their cars there until Sun morn as it causes problems in setting up the attractions for our Family Fun day.

Full programme of events will be published next week.



Get Well Wishes
to Barbara

Take it nice and
knee-sy!!!



Esker Cemetery

Many parishioners have been distressed over recent events at Esker Cemetery, and following representations made by St. Mary's Parish, the following reply was received from *Burial Grounds Dept. / Environment, Water and Climate Change / South Dublin County Council*:

"Further to your contact with the Burial Grounds Section regarding the gates at Esker please note the following:

A decision was taken in recent days to close the gate access to Esker Cemetery. This decision was not taken lightly and was as a result of a number of issues which include traffic management, health and safety, damage to graves, illegal dumping, and anti-social behaviour.

In light of the response, we have received from the public, we have reviewed this decision. 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, we will inform the public with due notice of the changes.

We apologise for any inconvenience this closure may have caused you."

Esker Cemetery Mass: The Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place on **Sunday 4th September at 3pm**

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our weekly meetings will resume on Thursday 8th September at 11.30 am in St Andrew's Hall, Main St., Lucan. New members are welcome.

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 1st, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook @lucan.toastmasters or website at www.lucantostmasters.com

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.



Deepest sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Hermann Mitchell**, Woodview Heights, to the wife, family and friends of **Séamus Duggan**, The Orchard, and to the wife, family and friends of **Gerry O'Shaughnessy**, Elmwood.
May they rest in peace.



Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

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.



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

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.



On the 7th August we said a fond farewell to Fr Tom as he celebrated his last Mass here in St Mary's. He thanked everyone for their good wishes and received a standing ovation at the end.

Everyone enjoyed the light refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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 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.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at
stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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](#)



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.

Medjugorje Irish Centre

Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value).

To be in with a chance to win go to our website www.med-irishcentre.com
For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com
Our next draw is for 31st October

Pilgrimages

Medjugorje 2022: 6 Nights - 19th October, Dublin (5pm) to Mostar (9pm). 25th October, Split (5.15pm) to Dublin (9pm). € 685.00pps

8 Nights - 19th October, Dublin (5pm) to Mostar (9pm). 27th October, Split (5.15pm) to Dublin (9pm) €745.00pps

Fatima: 5 Nights - 7th September, Dublin (6.45am) to Lisbon (9.25am). 12th September, Lisbon (5.25pm) to Dublin 8.05pm) €595pps.

Call Pat 087 223 891 or call Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan)

Acknowledgement

HUNG - CHI KUEN - July 12th 2022

(Lucan, Co. Dublin). The Hung family, wish to deeply thank all the friends, neighbours and the members of the Chinese Gospel Church who attended Chi's funeral. Also, to those who sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and condolences. Every card or message that was sent, we carefully read, and your condolences acted as a comfort to us all.

R.I.P.

FIDELIA OKEREKE

(Mother of Christopher Okereke) The death has occurred at her home in Nigeria of Fidelia Okereke who was the mother of Christopher Okereke, former Parish Worker in Lucan. Please pray for Christopher and his family at this time.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Anniversaries

GEORGINA (GINA) BOLGER

1st Anniversary, 30th August

Late of AGP, Lucan. In loving memory of our beautiful, beloved daughter and sister Georgina Bolger. Also remembering at this sad time, our beloved Dad **Shamie Bolger** whose first anniversary occurs 16th December. Rest in peace.

God called your names so softly
That only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of Angels drawing near
The Golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best

Not a day goes by we don't think of you both.
Always in our thoughts and prayers
No one could fill the void you both left.

Very sadly missed and always remembered by Mam (Philly) and brothers James, Johnny and families

MARY O'NEILL

1st Anniversary, 23rd August

Late of Dodsboro
Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only I could have you back for just a little while
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do
You always meant so very much
And always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause me pain
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.
*Also remembering our loving father Benny.
Your loving daughter Rose, Bill and family*



JIM MALLON

9th Anniversary, 8th August

Special memories keep you near
As time unfolds another year
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you today.

Loved and remembered by Colette, Colm, Sinead, Tom and Aoife

ROBERT (BOBBY) McCABE

42nd Anniversary, 24th August

Late of Sarsfield Park.

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day.

Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.

Birthday Remembrances

RAYMOND (RASH) CAREY

56th Birthday, 31st August

Much loved and missed son, Ray.

Forever Young. Ray, the times I get so lonely and shed a silent tear

I hear you softly whisper, don't worry Mam, I'm here

We tell you how much we miss you

With every passing day

Again you whisper to me, Ray, I'm never far away

Your birthday is a time for gifts

and to turn another year

But the only gift that we can give you

Is a candle and a prayer and a lot of tears

Ray, I hope you have a big party up in Heaven

With Orla, Shane and Alan

Look after them for me until we meet again

Happy Birthday sweetheart.

Loving and missing you forever, your heartbroken

Mam, Dad, brother, sisters, nephews, nieces and all the family xxxxxx

MAUREEN LALLY - 30th August

The day that God called your name

It broke my heart in two

But Heaven needed an angel

And the one he picked was you

I just wish he could have waited

And let you stay with me

But you have left memories in my heart

And that's where they'll always be.

Happy Birthday Mam x

Never forgotten from your loving daughter Debbie, son

in law Peter and granddaughters Niamh, Karla and

Aine xxx

FOUND:

Sum of Money was found in Lucan Village second week in August. To claim, please contact Lucan Garda Station.

Glasses found in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Please call Parish Office to claim. Ph. 01 6217041.



Back after the break!

We're back, all bright-eyed and bushy tailed, and looking forward to receiving news from all our local groups, clubs and schools, over the coming weeks.

While Summer was slow to come, it certainly made up for it with a couple of heatwaves, and we still have plenty of lovely warm days to come.



Wildlife Ponds in Griffeen Valley Park!

We discovered newly formed wildlife ponds in the parkland, courtesy of the Parks Department, and some local voluntary groups who helped with planting a couple of weeks back. It looks well already, but should be truly spectacular when the plants mature and the surrounds are settled.

If looking for the site, follow the Griffeen River from King John's Bridge on your left, and Arthur Griffith Park to the right – a pleasant little walk!

Esker Cemetery!

Some people became very distressed and with good reason, on finding the gates locked to the public recently.

This is all very well if you have your health, and can walk to any corner of the graveyard to pay respects to loved ones, but it can be quite a distance for elderly people, or those not so abled.

It is disappointing that this was done without consultation. The excuses given were dumping (*by a very few*), and graves being damaged by cars – so everyone else had to pay the price!!!

Thankfully, due to pressure from locals and various groups, the gates are once again open to all, and the situation is under review by the Council – watch this space!

Congratulations to local Canoeist, **Jenny Egan-Simmons**, who won a bronze medal at the Senior Canoe Sprint World Championship in Canada, in early August. She went from there to the European Championships in Munich where she finished in 6th place, after a bit of a mishap. Well done Jenny!



By the way, the **Annual Liffey Descent** takes place on Saturday 10th September!



Thought we were looking at some ancient site here, but this is part of the new **Esker Lawn Cemetery!**

Sarsfield Park Residents Assoc.

We hope our residents all had a nice summer break and the return to school is approaching very quickly.

To the new and returning parents of the kids attending the schools in our proximity we ask that you park responsibly and be respectful of our estate and residents. We wish the children have happy and safe experience at the schools and their trace to and from.

Residents meeting in Kennys back lounge **Monday 5th September at 8 pm** all welcome. Any outstanding dues should be paid as soon as possible please.

ICON WRITING at St. Mary's



A very interesting Icon Writing Course was held in St. Mary's Parish Centre during August.

Organised by *Bernie Martin* it was conducted *Mihai Cucu*, writer of the WMOF icon.

Writing (painting) an icon is a prayerful and specialised gift.

On Sunday 21st August the newly written Icons were anointed and blessed at the 12pm Mass by Fr Samuel.

Congratulations to all who took part in the course, and completed these wonderful works of art.



Fr Tommy McCarthy R.I.P.



Readers will be saddened to learn of the passing of Fr. Tommy McCarthy on 5th August last. His Funeral Mass took place at St. Anthony's Church, St. Lawrence's Road, Clontarf, and he was laid to rest in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a ainm dílis!

Hailing from the Rebel County, he came to Lucan as a young priest, and was attached to the local Tech where he was Chaplain. He subsequently became a Curate in St. Mary's, along with the late Fr. Con O'Herlihy – another Cork man.

In 1972, Fr. Tommy took up residence in the new Hillcrest estate, and found his way round from there. As well as being a great support to the many newcomers to Lucan, he played Gaelic football with Lucan Sarsfields, and also togged out with Hillcrest Football Club – there were often gasps from the opposition when they realised there was a holy priest on the Lucan side. He was involved in local boxing, where there are those with fond memories of his days with them, and he was also handy enough at golf.

Lucan Newsletter people have very fond memories of him too - on one occasion, while looking after Fr. O'Herlihy's budgie in the old Presbytery, the latter being on holidays, he felt sorry for the little bird in the cage, and let him out to have a fly around the house, forgetting that he had opened the windows – the budgie saw his opportunity and was gone! Fr. Tommy took himself off to a pet shop, and purchased a new budgie which he thought looked exactly like the old one – Fr. O'Herlihy couldn't quite put his finger on what was different about his budgie when he returned, but the matter was never mentioned again.

By 1976, Fr. Tommy was taking flying lessons – the story goes that he was visiting a mechanic at Weston Airfield when the owner asked him if he would like to learn to fly. On saying that he would love to, but could not afford it, he was offered lessons on condition that he became a flying instructor. Needless to say, he jumped at the chance. When he found his wings, he flew Parish Priest, Fr. Donal Coughlan, up in the wild blue yonder! In 1982, he was appointed Chaplain to Dublin Airport.



(Photo: Irish Independent August 1982)

Those who knew him very well will tell you that taking a lift from him was not for the feint-hearted – he loved speed!

In 1977, when it was decided that Lucan should have a second parish due to the population expansion, Fr. McCarthy was given charge of the new St. Patrick's Parish, in Esker, until such time as Fr. James Loughran was appointed Parish Priest. His 'church' back then was the old pre-fab building, with its draughts and leaks – but he and the fund-raising committee got to work on raising those funds for the present St. Patrick's building which was consecrated in 1985.

From time to time, Fr. Tommy wrote for Lucan Newsletter – not always very conventional pieces, but reading them now paints a very accurate picture of the man we all remember!

Report from Hillcrest

85, Hillcrest, Lucan (20th August 1972)

Did you ever boil half an egg? Well I know how it's done. You need an electric kettle. The other details may be obtained at 85 Hillcrest, where there are two priests in residence. For the first time in my life, I am beginning to sympathise with the housewife and her problems.

Curtains have to match I am told.
Colours have to be exact I am told.
A garden must be tended I am told.

Father Boyers and myself, are giving these matters serious thought. He is artistic: I am practical. I boil my egg in the kettle when I make the tea – that's practical. He doesn't like the taste of eggs in his tea: is that artistic? I am going to tarmac the front lawn. He is going to put flowers in it: may the best man win.....

Meals are messy things. Neither of us likes washing up. He can cook. I would like to but I can't. He burns the toast. When I scrape the toast on to the floor he objects. I want to use disposable plates – practical. He says it's not done in the best circles. It strikes me that we are very good in going around in circles.

It has been suggested that we get in a woman daily to clean up things and give us each day our daily bread (I have to bring religion in here somewhere). I say do not mess up things, and you won't have to clean up – that's practical, I think - well maybe!

Fr. Boyers paints his own pictures. I want a television. He likes French rare bits – that's a dish. I'm suspicious of all 'dishes' – I have more experience you see. He is very young yet.

All suggestions on how to run a house properly gratefully received by me at my door. Put suggestions in the suggestion box outside the door. It's used as an E.S.B. meter box at the moment.

I draw maps of Lucan Parish every two days – very difficult.

*Faithfully yours,
Fr. T. McCarthy, C.C.*

Know your Car

(Christmas 1972)

As a Curate of this parish I sometimes take a half-day off, for a game of golf, or maybe football or to do some shopping, but recently my car needed servicing so I decided to do it myself.

I went down to one of our local garages where the tools were on hand. I borrowed a pair of overalls and got stuck into the job. After about two hour mucking about in oil and antifreeze and water I must have lost my saintly appearance!! This rich looking dame came in with her automobile; looked me up and down and said "Would you change my oil please?"

Presuming that she meant the car oil, I duly did the job – it's quite easy. When I was finished she asked the price and this is where I got the real kick out of it. "I don't know Missus," I said, "I'm only the local curate". You should have seen her face; she nearly took one of the doors away when she backed out of the garage Clerics turn up in the strangest places nowadays.

Now, what were we talking about?
Oh, yes, cars.

When I see a Morris Minor on the road I have to pass it, that's it. I have a thing about those cars. It is not the car itself as much as the people that drive them – ultra conservative, middle of the road people who never break the rules of the road but cause all sorts of problems for others. I bet you two to one that at the head of any traffic jam you will find either a lorry or a Morris Minor.

There is more to driving a car than just knowing the rules. You must know your car. What does horse power in relation to car power mean?

'Front wheel drive' what's the difference? What effect does water have on brakes? If your (car) tappets were loose, would you recognise the sound? What relevance do these things have to driving a car? You would be surprised. That's why I sometimes spend a half-day in a garage.

I am not particularly known for slow driving so I must be consistent in my philosophy about the subject.

I would say "If you drive a car don't be getting in everyone's way. DRIVE ON".

Let your motto be "NON MESSO".

Fr. T. McCarthy, C.C.



Arthur Griffith Park 50th Anniversary

The Committee would like to thank the following:

Donations: Darragh Kane at DK Windows and Doors. Finnstown Credit Union. Lóna O Toole Councillor. Mark Ward TD. Gary Melia - Australia. Supervalu Lucan. Ian at SDCC Estate management. Weston National Flight Center. Lucan Golf Club. Damien Curley at Chadwicks (Anto and Craig del drivers). O Neills Pub. Kennys Pub. Penny Hill Pub. K78 Gym. Cluck Chicken Restaurant. Eir. Rye Pharmacy Leixlip. Greenpark Pharmacy Clondalkin. Lloyd's Pharmacy Supervalue. Lucan Florist Supervalu. Diamond & Gem Jewellers Tesco. Gerry at McDonald's Supervalu. O Briens Cafe Supervalu. Ritchie Sweets. Éamon Poole. Patricia Whealan. The Gannon Family AGP. Clinton Bennett. Tina Bennett. Lisa Baker Clothing. Eric Gaffney. Sarah Graham Candy Cart. Ivy Blue Hairdressing. Carmel Keogh. Ash Holmwood. Bernadette Fagan (homeless services). Carol Rafter, flags and colours.

Vendors: Donal Ó Callaghan GH Hire. Plush Party Events (Transformers). Covi Costumes (Mascots). Smiths Ice Cream Van. Amy's Bakes and Cakes. Robs Pizza Van. Ita Anderson. Hope Coffee Van. Tuffloo Ballymount. Kids party. ie (B. Castles). Budget Event Hire (Bins and Barriers).

Special Thanks: An Garda Síochána Lucan and mounted unit (2 Horses). Order of Malta Dublin. SDCC.

Memorial Mass: Fr Samuel and May Clifford.



Photography and Drone: Paul Butler and Bill Maher.

Mascots: Leah McFarlane & Karl Walsh.

Face Painters: Jodie McDonagh, Claudia Kearney, Mya O'Brien, Lyndsey Manning.

Entertainment: Pat Silke. Holly Walshe & Ryan Brogan from Emerald Lakes School of Dance. Emma Kelly - Sensory Play. Kev & Kelsie Fox Liam Flanagan DJ. David Costello - Sound tech. Joe Keegan - Sound tech. Joe Delaney - V. I. P tent. Archie - Piper (Bagpipes). Lucan Twirlers (Majorettes). Esker Boxing - Ed Griffin & his group of young talented boxers. Layla O'Brien Boyne School of Dance.

Media: Lucan Newsletter (Beautiful Advert). Sunshine Radio (Dublin Diaries). Liffey Sound (mention). Echo Newspaper Dublin South West. Liffey Champion.

Guest Speakers: Tiernan Griffith Grey (Great grandson of Arthur Griffith).

Guest Invite: Deputy Mayor Joanna Tuffy SDCC. Senator Joan Freeman and Family. Griffen Lodge Nursing Home.

Artistic Support: Angela McDonagh.

Volunteers & Helpers: Lollipop Ladies Sandra and Noreen (Sweets). Pascal Kirwan. Darren Burke - Stage. Emmet McAuley - Logistics. George Kelly. Cian Mitchel - Supervision. Katie Colgan - Supervision. Gary Rafferty - Refuse. Pat Naughton - grounds. Chris Hand - Lawns. Environmental Group: Tommy Cartwright, Geraldine Harrington, Eileen Hallahan. Peter O'Kearney - Crowd Control. David O'Kearney - support. Ger Harte - support. Mark Edmunds - support. Peter Jackson at Parks SDCC. Damien Hedrington - Taxi. Tony Clifford - Sound tech.

If we have forgotten anyone we apologise, as you can see the support was phenomenal.

And finally we would like to thank the residents of Arthur Griffith Park & Court for their generosity in spirit and donations. Thank you for making the Arthur Griffith Park 50th Anniversary Celebrations a truly memorable, enjoyable, successful and historic occasion.

Go gcuire Dia an t-ádh ort.

Committee Members:

Chairperson: Anita O'Kearney
Secretary: Sarah Graham
Treasurer: Danielle Kearns.
Research: Kelly Mitchel
Fundraising: Gill O Néill.
Entertainment: Tina Bennett.
Logistics: Leanne Spollen.
Support: Annmarie O'Kearney
Support: Frances Spollen.

Planning Application

SD22A/0324 08 Aug 2022

Permission New Application

Applicant: Frances Dowling

Location: Hillhouse, Lucan Road, Lucan.

Description: Demolition of an existing house; Ancillary outbuildings and the construction of 1 two to four storey building accommodating 19 apartments comprised of 6 one bedroom apartments and 13 two bedroom apartments; Vehicular access to the proposed development will be via Lucan Road with traffic calming measures onto Lucan Road; 11 car parking spaces and 20 bicycle parking spaces and ancillary services including a detached water storage tank and bin store housing all on a site of 0.1925 hectares.

Congratulations

to **Killian** who became a teenager on Tuesday last

and

to **Cian** who celebrates his 7th Birthday on Friday 26th August.

*Lots of love from
and Granddad Cummins.*



Castletown House, Celbridge

Monthly Market

Sunday 28 August at 10am-5pm

From delicious treats to craft stalls there is something for everyone at Castletown!

Leaving Cert Results

Next weekend will be an exciting time for many young people, as the Leaving Cert results will be out at 10am on Friday 2nd September. We send our best wishes to all!



*"A fallen leaf is nothing more
than a summer's wave goodbye."
Anon*

Beautiful Avondale!

Some of us took ourselves off to Avondale in Wicklow, and took in the 'Beyond the Trees' walk.

From the very top, we enjoyed views of Wicklow, in every direction, and some of those trees are very tall – it was a long way down to the ground!



The idea is that you walk a gradual climb to the top, and can walk back down, or else come down on the slide – we had planned to do the latter, but there was a 2-hour queue for it when we were there – we'll have to try again.....

We also enjoyed the walks and wildflowers, and a nice spot of lunch – you need sustenance on such an adventure. By the way, Charles Stewart Parnell's house, on this site, will be open to the public next month, so a great day can be had once the weather obliges!

POLITICAL NOTES

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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.

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Esker Cemetery: Residents contacted me regarding the gates been locked at Esker cemetery. The council management have since reversed this decision, thanks to the many letters of complaints sent in by all, well done to everyone for taking the time, I will be raising the matter of the policy review with council officials.

Road Closures: To facilitate Lucan Harriers AC 5 mile race, temporary road closure on 04th September from 10:30am-12:30pm. Roads affected Newcastle Road, Lock Road, Adamstown Road and Castlegate Way.

Diversions repeated road closures in Adamstown and concerns with additional traffic using smaller roads within estates has been brought to my attention. I will be bringing this matter to developers' attention

Arthur Griffith Park 50 years! Congratulations to everyone involved in the 50th Anniversary celebrations last Saturday. Such a proud day for so many, delighted to attend and sponsor the event!

Lucan Library

Knitting Group for Adults

Every Monday from 10 am – 12 pm.

No booking required.



Book Club for Adults

Wednesday 31st August 7-8 pm

Meets on last Wednesday of the month.

To join please enquire at main desk.



Classic Film Club

Tuesday 30th August at 5.30 pm

'*Breakfast at Tiffany's*'.

Register at main desk.

Board Games for Children - 29th August 2pm - 4pm, bring a friend and have a

game of Snakes and Ladders, Chess, Scrabble, Guess Who?....

lots of fun games to choose from in this free play session.

All welcome



Magformers Madness! Free play with the library's Magformers Set. Drop in for 15 or 20 minutes and enjoy some magforming! Tuesday 30th August 10.30am - 12.30pm

Storytime for Under 6s

Our regular Storytime for Under 6s continues every Wednesday at 3pm. All welcome!



Exhibition:
History of the Lucan Newsletter

Someone from **St. Mary's Camera Soirée** went to Mullingar on holidays, and captured the great Joe Dolan!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Team News

Last weekend was a football on, so we start with **Senior Football**. Lucan need a 6-point win over Whitehall Colmcille in their last group game next weekend in order to advance to the quarter finals.

Intermediate Football, having earlier beaten Clontarf, drew with Templeogue Synge St. Their



remaining fixture against St. Brigid's is scheduled for 3rd September at 6 pm in Russel Park.

Junior A lost to St Pats Donabate 4-09 to 5-15 but are still in there with their final group game away to St Annes on 4/9 at 11am.

Junior B had a 1:12 to 1:05 over St Sylvester's to leave them on top of their group with their final group game away on 4/9 away to St Brendan's at 3pm.

Junior C having earlier beaten Ballinteer, lost to St Finian's 1:16 to 1:08, have their final group game on 4/9 away in Dolphins Park to Templeogue Synge Street at 3pm.

Hurling



Senior Hurling next game is in O'Toole Park 27th August at 5.30pm followed by St. Brigid's 10/9 at 3.45pm also in O'Toole Park.

Junior A currently sit on top of their table with their next game against Real Dear in Drimnagh Castle on 28/8 at 11am.

Junior B sit mid table with their next fixture 28/8 at home to Faughs at 11am.

Junior C also sit atop their qualification group and next host Round Towers Lusk 28/8 at 3pm.

Camogie

Senior Camogie started their championship with a 2:16 to 3:13 draw at home against St Jude's. Next up is an away fixture against St Vincent's 28/8 at 10.30 am.

Intermediate Camogie had a 5:19 to 1:11 win over Portobello. Their next fixture is away to Castleknock 28/8 at 12.30.

Junior C have a bye and next meet and next meet St Jude's on 30/8 at 7pm at home.

Junior D Camogie are next out against Castleknock on 25/8 at 7pm in Castleknock having already comprehensively dispatched Setanta.

Junior E Camogie had a 1:04 to 0:03 win over Wild Geese and are next away to St Mark's 25/8 at 7pm.

Lotto

Last week's Lotto Prize of €3,800 was not won. The numbers were **8,10,12,20**.

Lucky Dip prizes go to; Emma McGivney; PJ Finnerty; Mick Mulhall; Brendan Donoghue and Gay Williams.



Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,200. The draw is sponsored by R Clandillon Motors.

Tá €4,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine.

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.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.



Lucan Harriers are holding their annual 5 mile race on Sunday 4th September at 11am, starting and finishing at our track on the Newcastle Road. We are ready and waiting to welcome everyone on the day

Entries are still open, there will also be a kids fun run on the track that morning preceding the main race, registration for this will be on the morning.

Lucan Harriers would like to thank its many sponsors for their kind support of our race.

We would love to see many of our friends and neighbours of Lucan there on the day. There will be certain road closures, details can be seen on our Facebook page.



Lucan Harriers AC 5 Mile Road Race
4th September 11am



Thank you to our major sponsors



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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 2010

Bhí lá iontach ag buachaillí agus cailíní 2010 Na Gaeil Óga i bPáirc an Chrócaigh Dé Máirt.

Bhí na himreoirí ag léiriú a gcuid scileanna i gcoinne foirne Gaeltachta agus Gaeilge ó fud fad na tíre. Scéim iontach ó CLG.



Peil na bhFear (A)

Thug foireann peile A na bhfear gach seans dóibh féin cluiche ceathrú ceannais na craoibhe a bhaint amach le bua cuimsitheach i gcoinne na Sean-Chille maidin Domhnaigh 4-10 go 1-10.

Is iad fir an deiscirt is láidre a thosnaigh agus chuaigh siad 1-2 go 0-1 chun cinn le roinnt imirt snasta sa chéad 10 nóiméad.

Ansin chuir Aindí Devery na buataisí scórála ar féin. Shaothraigh sé 1-5 sa 20 nóiméad suas go leath ama rud a d'fhág NGÓ 1-6 go 1-4 chun tosaigh ag an mbriseadh.

Fuair NGÓ an chéad pointe den dara leath ach ansin tháinig an brú ón tSean-Chill. Le James Carr i mbarr a mhaitheasa sa chúl, níor thainig aon bhuille cinniúnach dóibh.

Bhris cúl ó Shéamas Mac Giolla Bhríde spiorad an freasúra agus chuir dhá chúl dhéanacha ó Eoin Ó Conaill snas ar an gluiche.

Athróidh fócas na foirne peile A anois go dtí an cluiche grúpa deireannach i gcoinne Cromghlinne i gceann coicéise. Beidh an Fhoireann B ag súil leis an dara bua ag staid an ghrúpa.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well, the holidays are pretty much over and the Soiree will be resuming its weekly meetings in the Parish Centre on Friday 9th September at 10.30. The first thing to report is that Frances has had one of her photographs of Lucan selected for inclusion in the Society for Old Lucan's Fundraising Calendar for 2023. So, look out for her photograph of St. Catherine's Well.

During the month of August, members of the group were all over the country and some braved Dublin Airport to go abroad. Willie seemed to be everywhere, submitting photos from the Cliffs of Moher via Glendalough to Benbulbin, a place that is the setting of several Irish legends. Benbulbin is said to be Diarmuid and Gráinne's resting place. Also, in the 6th century, St. Columba fought a battle on the plain below Benbulbin for the right to copy a Psalter he had borrowed from St. Finnian!



As well as butterflies and the Flower Crab Spider, Conor gave us photos of the moon over the Kish lighthouse and of the back of Ireland's Eye. Joe seems to have had a great time on the Mediterranean coast of Italy, visiting Sorrento, Capri, Vesuvius and Pompeii which, along with Herculaneum was buried under between 4 and 6 meters of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.



Until next week stay safe!