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February has been a kind month so far. Last Saturday at 10 o'clock the Lucan Tidy Towns met up for the first time since the Christmas New Year break. There was great enthusiasm to get down to business. Several beds were tidied up and cleared. The flower pots around the Village Green got a makeover and are looking way more cheerful.

We were pleasantly taken aback just after we met up when a gentleman passing by made a very generous donation. It's not the first time this gentleman has done this and we thank him most sincerely.

This Wednesday we had a very useful meeting with local Council staff member Michelle N to plan some new initiatives in the year ahead. More than ever there needs to be a bigger emphasis on pollinator friendly planting and biodiversity. Pollinator friendly plants and shrubs can be



just as attractive and colourful. Examples of well-known perennials are hellebores, pulmonaria, catmint, delphinium, salvia and verbena. It was encouraging to hear that some estates are looking at letting some areas go unowned to create a wildflower meadow. We are looking forward to seeing how these will turn out.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers with new ideas so maybe you might consider joining us.

We meet on Saturday mornings at 10, usually at St. Joseph's school layby.

Kevin O'Loughlin
Chair

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

Buying a Second-hand Car

It is often much cheaper to buy a second-hand or used car. You can buy a used car: From a garage or car dealer, At a car auction, Through a newspaper advert or online marketplace.

If you buy a used car from a trader (a garage, car dealer, or a business selling on an online marketplace), you have similar consumer rights as when buying a new car.

You can expect the car to meet the certain conditions of quality and durability and match what was set out in the contract. While you can't expect a used car to be the same standard as a new one, the quality should reflect the price you paid.

You may be entitled to certain remedies if something goes wrong after you buy. Remedies could be a repair, replacement, refund or price reduction. Read more about your consumer rights and problems with faulty goods.

If you buy a used car from a private seller or at an auction, you have fewer legal rights.

Buying from a garage or car dealer

When you buy a used car from a trader, you have a number of rights under consumer law. Garages and car dealers must treat you fairly, whether they are selling from a business premises or online. They must make sure the car is safe and must give you enough information to make a decision based on facts. You can read more about your consumer rights. Find out if the trader has a good reputation by asking other people or by checking online reviews.



You can check if the trader is a member of an association such as the Society of the Irish Motor Industry (SIMI). Members must follow the SIMI code of ethics. This includes doing checks on second-hand vehicles and sorting out any issues that arise. You can check the online list of SIMI members.

Before you buy from a garage or a car dealer, you should: Ask about the history of the car and the number of previous owners. Many dealers will provide a report on this.

Ask if a written warranty (or guarantee) is available. Check the car for wear and tear. For example, check the tyres, wheel arches, oil, seatbelts, lights and wipers. The trader should point out any defects or problems to you before you buy.

Get the necessary documents. You must be given a National Car Test (NCT) Certificate (if the car is over 4 years old) and Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) Certificate (if the car is imported). Ask for the car's service book and the handbook or manual. Check the odometer reading (the measure of distance travelled). Previous odometer readings are printed on the NCT certificate and the most recent NCT reading is shown on the NCT disc. Compare this with the reading that is currently on the car's dashboard odometer. If the distance shown on the disc is higher than the one on the odometer, it may mean the odometer has been altered (clocked).

The Road Safety Authority has more information on odometer readings and verification.

Ask for two sets of keys for the car and a signed receipt for payment.

Buying at a car auction: If you buy at an auction you don't have the same rights if the car is 'sold as seen'. You cannot hold the auctioneer responsible for any faults you find in the car after you bought it. By bidding at the auction, you agree to the auctioneer's conditions of sale.

If the car is 'sold as seen' it is up to you to do the necessary checks by inspecting the car before bidding. It may be a good idea to get a mechanic to examine the car before you make a bid. Used cars bought at an auction, generally do not come with warranty (or guarantee) unless the car manufacturer's warranty is still valid.

Buying from a private seller: Private sellers advertise used cars through third-party auction websites, online marketplaces or in the small ads section of newspapers and car magazines.

If you buy from a private seller, you have very few legal rights. Consumer laws only apply to deals between a consumer (a person who buys a good or service for personal consumption) and a trader (a person acting for purposes related to their trade, business or profession). It does not apply when you buy from a private individual who is not a trader, for example, someone who is selling their own car to you but who does not sell cars as a profession.

Thank You

My name is Rachel and I wish to thank all the people who came to my assistance on October the 9th at the corner of Meadow View Grove and the Dodsborough Road.



When I fell and broke my shoulder, I'm sorry it has taken me so long to send out my thanks to you all, your help and kindness means so much even now, may you all experience a positive surprise for your kindness

LUCAN TOASTMASTERS

Is 2023 the year to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?



Do you want to make new friends?

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

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on **Thursday next, February 16th**, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, checkout our Facebook 'Lucan Toastmasters' our website at www.lucanttoastmasters.com or email us at vpmlucanttoastmasters@gmail.com.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, **on Thursdays at 11.30am**.

New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Light exercises to keep the joints and muscles working. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad. Coffee break at 1pm.



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 8th February we had our first Social Outing since Christmas, in the Spa Hotel. We started with tea and scones, and a chat followed by Valentine Bingo with prizes of chocolates and flowers. We all enjoyed our delicious lunch.



We were delighted to welcome back Anne and Freda looking fit and well again.

Thank you to Frank, Ulick and all the Bistro Staff who looked after us so well.



Wed 15th Feb: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 – 12.30.
New members are always 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

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.*

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.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

Baptisms:

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

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.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

Sr Geraldine.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Paul Goslin**, Fforster Lawn.

May he rest in peace.



Good News about Divine Mercy

In February every year thousands of people gather together for what is called the **Divine Mercy Conference**. For the last two years, due to the pandemic the Conference could only be live streamed.

The good news is the Conference this year will be held, as before, in the Main Hall in the RDS. The theme will be **“Act justly, Love mercifully and Walk humbly with your God”**

It starts at **6pm on Friday 17th February**, until 9pm. This is especially for young people.

On Saturday 18th February from 10am there will be talks by well-known speakers. In the afternoon there will be Confessions, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. At 5pm there is **Holy Mass**. Following a break, at 7.30pm there will be a **Healing Service and Eucharistic Blessing**.

On Sunday 19th February after a 10am start there will be more interesting talks and a **Holy Hour** before lunch. At 2.15pm there will be the Rosary, another talk, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and at 3.15pm **Holy Mass celebrated by Dr Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**. That will conclude the Conference.

If you can only attend on one of the days we recommend you go on the Saturday for the whole day including the Healing Service.

The weekend is a prayerful and uplifting experience and it is conducted in a very reverent and friendly atmosphere. There is beautiful music throughout the weekend performed by talented singers and musicians. Generally people bring their own food but you can purchase food from caterers if you prefer. In an adjoining hall there are stalls where you can buy religious books and objects while supporting different good causes. Divine Mercy devotions have been in St Mary's Parish Lucan since 2008. Unless it coincides with a funeral it is after the 10pm Mass every Wednesday until 11pm. During Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy seeking God's mercy and forgiveness for ourselves and the whole world. In turn we strive to be merciful and compassionate towards others. Everyone is welcome to attend or to join with us on the parish live stream. Prayer is needed now with so much unrest and crisis in the world.

If you are unable to go along to the RDS, you can watch the event all weekend live on www.divinemercyconference.com or through Radio Maria on Saorview 210

Kevin Carroll

Divine Mercy devotion St Marys Parish Lucan

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

Feast Our Lady of Lourdes- Sat 11th February

Anointing of the Sick - 12.30pm on Saturday
11th February

(Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 12.30pm.
Refreshments after Mass.

Perhaps you know someone who experiences ongoing illness who would like to attend.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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.

Legion of Mary:

The 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.

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.

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.

Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church. Doors open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*



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.

Tea/Coffee:

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

St. Vincent de Paul – St. Patrick's Conference

Wish to thank you most sincerely for your generous donations to the Annual Christmas Collection.

Your support means so much to us all.

Your generosity and kindness knows no bounds. Thank you.

Medjugorje Mass - St Mary's Church,

Monday 13th February at 6.15 pm

Rosary and Confessions 5.45pm

Celebrant: Fr. Tom Gilroy
Special Guest: David Parkes

Bring a friend/pass on/or log on to:

lucanparish.com Facebook: Medjugorje mass lucan



Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan: Sunday: 9am and 10am.

Wednesday: 10am Mass

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](#)

R.I.P.

JANET DAWSON

17th January 2023

We remember and cherish
The very happy times together
Loving thoughts of a dear mum
At this time and forever.

Mum is now resting at peace with her parents **Joe**
and **Nancy Dawson**.

You are missed, today and always, Lorraine



Anniversaries

KATHY KELLY

9th Anniversary - 9th February

Will those who think of her today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Loved and missed always by Mam, Sisters Teresa,
Ann, Gemma, Louise and Michelle*

JIM SMYTH

18th Anniversary - 6th February

You're in our dreams
You're in our thoughts
You're in our memories
And you will always be in our hearts.

Missing you always, Eileen, Joe and James



Proposed Pilgrimage to Italy 2023/24 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes



We are considering the possibility of organising a pilgrimage (7 nights, half board) under the spiritual direction of Fr. Philip Curran, P.P. in October 2023 or the spring of 2024 to shrines of Italy located in Tuscany and Umbria including **Assisi, Orvieto, Siena and Florence** and are currently in discussion with Travel Agents regarding costs and dates.

If you are interested in taking part in this pilgrimage, please leave your contact details (without any obligation at this stage) with **Deirdre in St. Mary's Parish Office telephone 01 6281487 or email secretary@lucanparish.com** and you will be contacted when more detailed information is available.

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.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

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

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).

Happy Birthday



to our

Grandsons, **James, Miles** and **Scott**

from Nana and Grandad

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club was opened in 2009. We currently have over 60 members ranging in levels from novice to advance.

We operate from September to June meeting every Wednesday in the Palmerstown Community Hall from 8-10pm. There are talks on every aspect of photography, workshops and the monthly hand in of images based on particular themes.

It's a fun way to learn more about photography improve your skills and meet like-minded people. Feel free to contact us at:

Find us Online at

PCC Web Site

<http://www.palmerstowncameraclub.com>

PCC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Pcameraclub/>

PCC Flickr Group

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/palmerstowncameraclub>

PCC Instagram page

<https://www.instagram.com/palmerstowncameraclub/>

Email: secpcc@mail.com



This Exhibition comprises of winning images from members of our Club in the Novice, Intermediate and Advanced categories for 2021 & 2022.



Esker Active Retirement Association

Hi everyone,

This week, we had a large crowd at our club, we were taking our yearly check subscriptions and we will take same in the next two weeks as well so if you didn't get to register today and pay your 25 euro, you've still got time. We played bowls, scrabble, whist and bridge today and everyone enjoyed the craic together. Four more new members joined today too.

Our first trip this year will take place on Monday 27th March, three nights, four days to Clonakilty Park Hotel. This was where we went for our very first club trip seven years ago and we had a fabulous time there. Hilda should be available next Wed to take names for this trip. We have over thirty people interested at the moment but that will probably increase very quickly. Plenty of spaces in our club if anyone else wants to join. Just drop in on Wed afternoons from 1.30pm till 4pm, St Andrew's Church of Ireland Hall, Lucan.

Take care.

Marian Egan 086 1269 043

Hillcrest Residents Association

The Chairperson, Committee and members of Hillcrest Residents Association wish to express their deepest sympathy to Mary, Theresa, Olive, Nora and Declan on the recent sad passing of their beloved husband and father, Tony Brophy.

A founder member of our Association, Tony took immense pride and interest in the development of our fledgling neighbourhood and became an inspiration and motivation to others in building the community that exists today and for which we are so grateful. He will be sadly missed.

Rita O'Brien, Secretary



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.



Happy Valentine's Day to all our Readers on Tuesday next! Go easy on the chocs!



Surprised to see St. Valentine's name missing from the Church Calendar on 14th, and two other saints mentioned there. Turns out that several saints share the same feast day – still you'd think poor old Valentine would get a mention on the day!

St. Brigid's Bank Holiday turned out to be a nice treat with the lovely sunshine on the day. She certainly was looking down on us!



Beautiful skies over Lucan this past week!



**Anam Cara
South Dublin**

The organisation that supports bereaved parents,

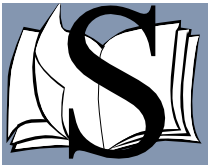
is holding its monthly Parent Evening, for bereaved parents on **Monday 13th February at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

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.

Seasonal Miscellany February 2023

- Translucent trees and hedgerows are intimations of spring's awakening while the earth-music of birdsong is a bright prayer under the high dome of heaven.
- On a recent Strawberry Beds journey, litter-filled bags were placed at collection points. Bravo to all!
- An ancient lime kiln can be seen at Hawkrige property close to Lucan Golf Club.
- Art Works on hoarding at old Ormond Hotel site was donated by the Brazilian Embassy, a memorial to Independence Day in Brazil, and also depicts a Dublin football jersey.
- Our Orthodox communities celebrated their Christmas festival on January 6th, in their church at Arbour Hill, while New Year is January 14th (Julian Calendar).
- A fascinating exploration of James' Streets San Diego Camino Way was recently facilitated by Ms. Cully. An odyssey from St. James' C/I (now Pierce Lyons Distillery with its glass steeple, beautifully restored stained glass windows and an ancient burial arrangement to facilitate R/C internments – passing by St. James' R/C church and a search for a sign of Scallop Shell to denote pilgrimage path – further past old 'Frawleys' site where Skeletons of pilgrims were discovered during excavations – soon past John's Lane Augustinian Church on towards the drinking fountain on Lord Edward Street travelling to the Steyne Basin with its obelisk on the plaza near Pierce Street Garda station. Then onwards to the Spanish Camino in search of redemption.
- A visit to '*Banshees of Inisherin*' at the Lighthouse was redolent of the dark tragedy of our civil war and its ending pain (our extraordinary actors 'inhabited' their roles).
- "May memory bless and shelter us with the hard-earned light of our past and may we choose not to fear".

Brida L.C.



SCHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to 2nd yr **Hazem Ahmed** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for January in recognition of his exceptional work at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition.

Congratulations to 6th yr **Michael Cunningham** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* in recognition of brilliant display in the Dublin Senior Hurling Final.



Comhghairdeas freisin le **Jack O' Dwyer** ón rang 2 Fire a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Eanáir mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

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.

School tour: Good luck to the 31 TY and 5th yr students and 5 teachers who are travelling to the popular ski resort of Lavarone in Northern Italy during the upcoming mid-term break. The group will be spending six days there and they will be getting 4 hours of fun ski lessons from highly qualified instructors each day. The resort has an excellent network of downhill runs, ideal for beginners and intermediates alike. As they improve their skills and confidence, they will then get the opportunity to head down the more daunting slopes themselves, free style!

The group will be combining the skiing with various cultural visits and excursions so an exciting and educational week lies ahead for all travelling. They will also have numerous fun

evening "apres-ski" activities such as snow tubing, karaoke and bowling. They are staying at The Miramonti Hotel, which is just 5mins by bus to the slopes, which the hotel offers free shuttle service to. Each room has wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding mountains. We wish them all a safe and enjoyable school tour.

Basketball: Our 1st and 2nd yr basketball teams played their 2nd group matches of their Eastern League campaigns last Friday against Kishoge CC. Despite a much improved display from our 1st yrs, they were eventually beaten 34-18 with Conor Linnane, Jack Taafe, Alex Morley, Conor Gilmore, Conor Linnane and Mohammad Zamir getting the Lucan scores. Kishoge led by 2 by the end of the 2nd 1-4 but gradually pulled clear thereafter to claim the victory.

Our 2nd yrs produced an exceptional display to beat Kishoge 58-6 to follow up their impressive opening win over Drimnagh Castle. Lucan were effectively out of sight by the end of the 1st 1-4 as they opened up an unassailable 22-0 lead with the irrepressible Lewis Adjinakou leading the charge with 12 points and the influential Cian Kelly adding a further 6. Lucan coasted to victory for the rest of the game with every player making some important contributions to an excellent team display.

Student news: Congratulations to 1st yr Jonathan John who won a Samsung Galaxy A8 10.5 inch Tablet in a draw for visitors to the BT Young Scientist Exhibition last month. It was a nice reward for his interest in the Exhibition and his support for our participants.

Geography: All 1st yrs attended an Ordnance Survey of Ireland Satellite Imagery workshop last week. The extremely interactive and hands-on session demonstrated to the students how numerous space based data sources can be visualised using GIS and how this can help Ireland move towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The students were instructed to download the SatelliteSkill5 augmented reality app (designed to visualise complex space data) on their phones. They were then tasked with solving a series of intriguing challenges whilst harnessing the power of Satellites and Satellite data.

LCVP: Our 5th yr Leaving Cert Vocational Programme (LCVP) students were out on work experience for three days last week. They got a great insight into what working life is really like in various businesses in and around Dublin. The students returned to class this week where they did a debriefing with their teacher. They now must write up a work experience diary for their portfolio.

St. Joseph's College

Transition Year Work Experience: Well done to all of the students who completed their two-week block of work experience and a huge Thanks again to all of the businesses and organisations for allowing the students to gain this invaluable experience. Our teachers have been busy checking in on the students' progress over the last week and the feedback has been extremely positive.

Mock Exams: Well done to all the students from 6th and 3rd year who have completed their Mock Exams over the last two weeks.

Concern Debating: Our Senior and Junior Concern debating teams were in action this week. We had great news to hear that the Junior debating team won their debate and the Senior debating team still await the result of their debate. Well done to both teams on competing in the competition and to their mentors Mr. Smyth and Ms. Hanlon for their work with both teams.



Senior Camogie: Unfortunately our Senior Camogie Team were beaten in the All Ireland Semi Final by a very strong St Marys side on Saturday last as they made the long trip up to Ballymena. The girls played against a strong wind in the first half and battled well but could not capitalise on the advantage of the wind in the second half. We are so proud of everything this team have achieved over the years here in St Josephs.

Leinster Cross Country Finals: We wish the best of luck to our First Year team in the Leinster Cross Country Finals that are being held this week in the Phoenix Park. This team have already won the west Leinster competition so we now hope they can take the next step and win the Leinster Finals.

Transition Year Subject options Talk:

Following the mid-term break we will begin the process for subject options choice for the Leaving Certificate with Transition Year students. An information letter was sent out to all Parents /Guardians of Transition Years last week via the

school App. The students will have their subject options talk in school on the 23rd of February via zoom. A Parents Information Evening will be held on Tuesday February 28th at 7.30pm by Zoom (link will be sent through app on Tuesday February 28th).

Follow us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow us on Instagram:

@stjosephscollegelucan

Follow us on: www.stjosephslucan.com



The Marie Keating Foundation's Survive and Thrive programmes have been created to help men and women who have finished cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal.' The programmes include information and support from facilitators who are healthcare professionals and survivors themselves, we discuss issues such as coping with emotions; fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional needs; coping with feelings and change; managing stress and physical activity. Courses are for men or women only or they can be mixed.

This is an eight week programme, one evening a week from 6.15p.m. – 9p.m., you would need to be able to commit to attending all eight sessions as much as possible.

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail

fsullivan@mariekeating.ie

To book a place log on to www.mariekeating.ie

All programmes are free to attend but places are limited and registration is essential

"Falshood flies, and truth comes limping after it".

Jonathan Swift

Lucan Community College

Arts Week: Arts Week is back! We are delighted to announce the launch of Arts Week in LCC from 7th-10th February. Workshop activities include the following: Samba drumming, Celtic dance party, podcasting, juggling, bodhrán, and drama. Please see the school website for more information.

Festival of Music: The excitement is building. Our Music students are busy preparing for the DDLETB Festival of Music which will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 7:30 p.m. You can purchase tickets directly from the National Concert Hall <https://www.nch.ie/>.

Elvis Charity Concert this Friday! Local Lucan charity Nagarhope Ireland is raising funds to school disadvantaged children in Nepal. Their latest charity event is an Elvis cover band with a full Orchestra! If you fancy getting 'all shook up' please see the poster for further details.



U17 Boys in Soccer Final: Best of luck to the Under 17 boys soccer team who play Moyle Park in the league final on Friday 10th of February. Kick off is at 11am, all support welcome.

History Trip for First Years: On Tuesday, Class Kavanagh enjoyed a First Year History trip to Dublin Castle and the Natural History Museum with Year Head Ms Gallagher and Tutor Ms Quirke. An excellent day was enjoyed by all!

Mother & Toddler Group

Thursdays
in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
from 9.30am to 11.30am.



Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge. Ph. 01 6288556
www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie
celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com
Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"

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.

Silver Thread Club, Wednesdays 10am for the Senior members of the Community.

Refreshments, Bingo, activities and the chat.

Walking Indoor Soccer for the Retired or those who would like to continue to playing soccer at a slower pace and are 50 years of age and over. Thursdays 12-1pm starting 9th February

Voices of Spring Choir Wed 11am – People living with dementia, carers, older people with other health concerns or who are living in isolation/in need of social outlets.



**Older people
need your
support!**

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Table Quiz & Raffle

in aid of

North Kildare (Leixlip) Arch Club

*(a voluntary social club
for people with disabilities)*

St. Mary's GAA, Green Lane,
Leixlip
Friday 24th February 2023
8 pm, tables of 4 €5pp



All support is greatly appreciated

Lucan Library

All events and activities are free of charge.

Ireland Reads 2023 takes place on Saturday 25th February. Ireland Reads is a national celebration of reading! So, whether you're an avid reader or the occasional "dip into a book" reader, this is the time to Drop Everything and Read!

We're encouraging everyone to visit the library throughout February!

Vote for your favourite book:

Let us know your favourite reads! Fill out the form and pop it in the box. All forms will be entered into a draw. Available for the month of February.



Saturday 25th February:

Children's Events:

10am-11.45am Facepainting
2pm - 2.30pm Dr Brain's Fun-Believable Science Show, fun for all the family!

Talk for Adults: My Side of the Story with Efe Patrick.

Thursday 2nd February, 7pm
Efe Patrick is an aspiring author and has recently completed her first book, My Side of the Story. In her book, Efe describes her childhood in Nigeria, spent between the city of Benin and her grandmother's rural village. She later describes her arrival in Ireland with a desire to further her education. Overcoming many challenges, Efe now has a BSc in Social Science and an MA in Mediation. She is also a mother with four children and a gospel artist active on You Tube. Her hope is that she can be a light and spread hope to all those who need it most.
All Welcome

Engineers Week:

Tuesday 21st February
3.30pm - 5pm

Create a Geodesic Dome with Chris from Maker Meet.

Using flat surfaces and straight-line equilateral and isocles triangles - participants will construct a small Geodesic Dome from cardboard. This project elegantly introduces students to using geometry and interlocking polygons to create a polyhedron. The first dome was built by Walther Bauersfield from the Carl Zeiss optical company and popularised by Buckminster Fuller.

Incredibly strong and stable, this structure has many uses, both large and small worldwide.



Booking essential via Lucan Library
Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/celebrate-engineers-week-and-build-a-geodesic-dome-tickets-525708266577>

Children's Art and Creativity Sessions with Elena Buttner



For 6-8 years: Thursday 16th February at 3.30pm, booking essential from Thursday 9th February at

3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-age-6-8-years-old-tickets-519787487367>

For 9 - 11 years: Thursday 23rd February at 3.30pm, booking essential from Thursday 16th February at

3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-creativity-for-children-age-9-11-years-tickets-525824664727>

Events for Babies and Toddlers:

Thursday 23rd February at 10am

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles

Booking Essential from Thursday 16th February at

10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-sarah-sparkles-january-2023-tickets-487298291307>



Storytime

Our regular Story-Time continues on Wednesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm,

reading *'The Lincoln Highway'* by Amor Towles

Monday 27th February, 12 noon,
reading *'The Stone Diaries'* by Carol Shields

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 22 February, 3.30pm, reading *'Black Powder'* by Ally

Sherrick

YA Book Club, Saturday 18 February, 3pm,
reading *'The Maze Runner'* by James Dashner.



Irish Classes for Adults (Beginners) with Patricia Fogarty. Start Thursday 25th February at 7pm. Register via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/beginners-irish-classes-for-adults-tickets-525843641487>) or contact the library to book your place - in person, by phone at 01-6216422 or email lucan@sdblincoco.ie.

Exhibition: St Brigid - traditions and customs associated with St Brigid

Political Notes

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Lucan - Path & Road Upgrades 2023:

The Road Works Programme 2023 has confirmed an allocation of €360k for road repairs – these will include resurfacing works at Lucan Village, Lucan Road, Celbridge Road, St Finian's, Griffeen Avenue and Castle Road.

€380k has been allocated for footpath repairs / upgrades. This will include Esker Lawns, Finnstown Cloisters, Hillcrest estate / Drive, Dodsboro, Finnstown, Ardeevin, Meadowview Grove and Mount Bellew estate.

Road Safety – Adamstown;

A number of serious road traffic accidents have occurred in Adamstown since the beginning of the year. This has rightly raised some questions about speed reduction, signage, traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures. I have requested that this now be included for discussion at the next local area Traffic Management meeting with South Dublin County Council, in order to explore potential solutions.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Local Enterprise Offices across Ireland created 7,870 new jobs in 2022. LEOs play a hugely important role in supporting small businesses, from mentorship and advice to providing loans and grants, their support is invaluable. Local Enterprise Week will happen from March 6th with some great events planned at LEO South

Dublin. www.localenterprise.ie/southdublin

Active Travel National Transport Authority has allocated funds of €290m to Ireland's local authorities to be spent on walking and cycling infrastructure. Some projects receiving funding in Lucan include cycle repair stations and cycle parking, a throughway in Esker, cycle development schemes along the R136 in Lucan and Dodsborough Road.

Esker Woods Residents Association:

It was lovely to have the opportunity to chat to residents of Esker Woods at their AGM this week. If you would like me to attend yours please get in touch.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

“Not just at election time”

Tel: 087-2752489.

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Proposed cycle and walkway between Castle Riada and Moy Glas:

The Council has been allocated €50,000 to progress plans to upgrade the old road between Lucan and Clondalkin, part of the historic Esker, after which many parts of Lucan are named, into an “active travel” route. The Esker Permeability Project is likely to be broadly welcomed but there are issues regarding openings into estate cul de sacs with historic experiences of antisocial behaviour. I've a lot more detail on my website www.paulgogarty.com (enter Esker in the search box). People can also let their provisional views be known via the online survey at bit.ly/eskersurvey1

Tree vandalism:

There have been several reported incidences of young trees being irreparably damaged in recent weeks. Residents are urged to keep an eye out and to report any incidents to An Garda Síochána.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 01-6183816. Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

Anti Racism March 18th February:

Ireland For All- Solidarity March.

18th February 1.30pm Parnell Square to Custom House. Diversity Not Division.



Never regret anything that happened in your life - it cannot be changed, undone or forgotten. It can be forgiven. It can be taken as a lesson learned. Leave it be and move on. Author unknown.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí F8

Ullmhúchán faoi lán seoil do na BF8 sula dtosaíonn siad ar a Go Games. Bhí an-rith amach acu i gcoinne St.

Mary's Boys i Rathcoole Dé Sathairn. Go leor scileanna iontacha ar thaispeáint agus roinnt scóranna iontacha.



Cailíní F14

Rinne na Cailíní F14 siúlóid chuig an Hellfire Club maidin Dé Sathairn seo caite d'éirí na gréine.

Maidín aláinn a bhí ann, féach ar na radharcanna sin!

Cailíní F14 - Peil

Tús iontach leis an séasúr! Chuir na Cailíní F14 a gcroí isteach ann agus d'imir siad cluiche ar dóigh agus go háirithe na cailíní f12 a bhí ar an pháirc mhór don chead uair.

Bhí Lily Ní Bhriain sna cúilíní ar fheabhas, pasanna láimhe iontacha ó Saorla Ní Mhurnáin go Niamh Egan, bhí luas iontach ó Róisín Ní Luinneacháin.

Bhí foireann den scoth ag O Tooles fosta.

Bhí Caitlin Ní Fheargail ina captaen láidir ar an bhfoireann.

Rinne Aoibhe Ní Léanachain cluiche cosanta den scoth le imreoirí O'Toole's agus scileanna iontacha léirithe ag Olivia Ní Nhia a bhí ag scóráil chun tosaigh le Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín & Noreen Igbeta & Tara ní Eabhróid.

Bhí Sally Champion ag imirt ar an liathróid le luas iontach.

Ngó 6-5, O'Toole's 1-5

Slán Conan

Thainig muid (tuistí, Coitséalaí agus imreoirí fásta) le chéile ar an Aoine i Séipéal Iosóid chun slán a fhágáil do Chonan.

Tá go leor obair den scoth déanta ag Conan linn mar Oifigeach Rannpháirtíochta Pobail agus tá muid go léir an-bhuíoch as a fhuinneamh agus ann linn!!

Go n-éirí an tádth leat a chara

Ballraíocht

Bí cinnte go bhfuil sibh ag clárú leis an gclub arís. Is féidir é a dhéanamh tríd ClubZap.

Make sure you register with the club for the year. You can do this easily through ClubZap.

Peileadóirí Fásta

Foireann na mban i gcluiche seachtar an taoibh i gcoinne Ghaeil na Gaillimhe. Tá foirne peile na bhfear agus na mban i gCathair na dTreabh don deireadh seachtaine!

Iomáint/Shinty

Maith sibh don 14 leaids cróga a d'imir an cluiche cairdiúil inné i gcoinne Chamanachd an Eilein Sgiathanaich! Iontach na cluichí Ceilteacha a fheiceáil.



LUCAN COMMUNITY GAMES

Upcoming Events 2023

Tuesday 14th February Art

Tuesday 21st February Handwriting

Tuesday 7th March Quiz

Wednesday 15th March Draughts

All above will be held in Lucan Library at 17.30. €10 Registration Fee.

Register your interest at lucangames@gmail.com

Must be U16 as of 13th July and from Lucan



SPORTS

Lucan Harriers A.C.

What a busy weekend from the Juveniles in Abbottstown, (thanks to Eoin for the report), to the National indoors in Athlone. As usual fantastic results as always, we really are blessed at present with the talent we have in the club at present at the continued commitment of all the coaches. This goes to all coaches in the club.

The seniors and masters were spread throughout the country. The National indoors in Athlone, Trim Road 10-mile road race and the John Tracey 10 miler in Dungarvan. Great numbers and results coming from all venues. Well done everyone.

We had 10+ athletes at the indoors in Athlone and again many super performances including many podium finishes across many events. In the throwing events we had Katriona Power with Gold, Silver and bronze in different events. The relay team of Carol/ Dervilla/ Sorcha and Laura in the 4*200m getting bronze in a very tight race. Many others also getting individual medals. Congratulations everyone who took part and raced in a very tough environment at national level.

Sorca Dineen – Bronze 60m – Category W35 – Time 9.45. Carmel Kearney – Gold – 400m – Category W55 – Time 01:08.2 Eileen O’Brien – Silver 1500m -Category W70 – Time 08:19.5. Breda Smyth – Silver 800m – Category W50 – Time 02:51.4. Eileen O’Brien – Gold 800m – Category W70 – Time 04:14.2. John Healy Silver 800m – Category M55 – Time 02:29.3. Carol, Sorcha, Laura and Dervilla Bronze 4*200. Laura McAteer Bronze – Long Jump – Category W45 – Time 3.78. Katriona Power – High Jump Gold – Category W50 – Time 1.33. Shot Putt – Bronze – Time 9.44. Weight for distance – Silver – Time 6.36. Two huge 10-mile races.

Over 1600 took to the roads of the Trim with 28 of those from Lucan Harriers, a fantastic turnout from our club with many impressive times. Will Byrne in his 50th year showing he can still mix it with the best of them. Mary Browne also showing that age is no barrier to putting in a great performance. It started off as a cold morning but as the midday starting time approached, the blue skies and sun greeted the runners, it turned out to be pretty much perfect conditions. There were great crowds out supporting. The 300m finishing

straight ensured there were some very strong finishes and those feeling strong been able to take a few other athletes on the finishing straight. Congratulations to all and especially those from the club who took part in their first ten-mile race. Congratulations to Trim AC on such a fantastic event.



Trim 10-mile Group, Jacinta Linehan, Sinead Farrell, Lorraine Heffernan, Olivia Meyler, Emma Broderick, Pat Brophy behind.

There was another 10 miler in the picturesque West Waterford town of Dungarvan. Similar to Trim the day started off as a cold and frosty morning. The sunny southeast lived up to its name and by the time the 11am starting time came around it was still cold but didn't take too long for the 3500 runners to warm up once the race started. On the side line cheering on the runners was Local Irish running legend John Tracey. The course starting near the town centre heading south meandering through local country roads. There were many ups and downs throughout the mainly fast course. Before having a nice surprise of a 300 m climb near the end, before the final downhill 200m into the finish line. Three athletes Henry Langton, Lhyne Ganadin and Colin O' Gara made the trip to Waterford. All three came back with Cork accents, there were huge numbers from all the Munster and it was really nice to try a new race Congratulations to West Waterford AC for organising such a wonderful race.

Saturday had the annual Garda Cross Country in the Phoenix Park. A challenging 4-mile course around the Magazine fort. Congratulations to Derek Taylor, Patrick Holden, Gar Farrell, Barry Aherne, Ciaran Porter, Brian Carroll Rob Brannigan, Stephen Rynne and Jim Dwyer.

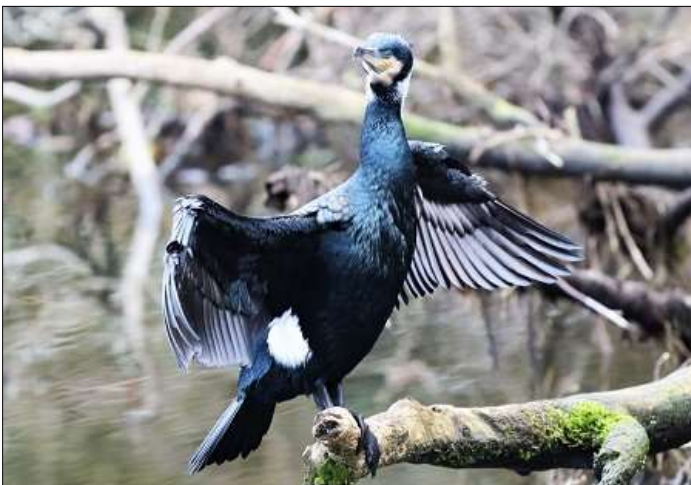
St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the meeting of the Soiree did not take place but this weekend we are back in full swing. Apart from continuing to explore the usefulness of free photo processing software we have started to look closely at the work of other photographers who are members of camera clubs in the general vicinity of Lucan with a view to stimulating the members of the soiree to greater things with their cameras.



This week Paddy submitted photographs of sunrise in the grounds of Carton House and as a counter-weight Joe submitted a photograph of sunset in the St Edmundsbury.

. Carton House was the ancestral seat of the Earls of Kildare and Dukes of Leinster for over 700 years. The present house dates from around 1740 and was designed by Richard Cassels who also designed some of the other great Irish houses including Summerhill House in County Meath; Westport House in County Mayo; Powerscourt House in County Wicklow; and Kildare House (today Leinster House) in Dublin. Carton House has been used as a film set for many productions.



Conor submitted photos of the resident Cormorant on the Liffey in Lucan Demesne and of the Great Tit. According to Birdwatch Ireland the Cormorants (Broigheall) are residents of Ireland and you will often see them stand with their wings outstretched drying. Birdwatch Ireland describes the Great Tit (Meanán Mór) as one of Ireland's top 20 most wide-spread garden birds.

Until next week stay safe!