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Not just for the coffee!



St. Mary's in Lucan is home to the 'Coffee Dock' a small café-like space which welcomes visitors after Sunday and weekday Masses. St. Patricks also offers such a facility in the Church porch after Sunday Mass, and in the parish meeting room, off the church, on Wednesdays. (Tuesdays during the summer schedule). Divine Mercy in Lucan south also offer such hospitality on Wednesdays after 9:15am Mass, in the parish meeting room.

These spaces provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet after Mass and enjoy coffee, tea, and biscuits as well as a catch-up with neighbours and friends. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming and affords an opportunity for meeting fellow churchgoers outside of the formal church setting. The very practice of sharing a cuppa with others is a kind of bonding exercise, which serves to strengthen the bonds more formally celebrated in the Eucharist. In essence it is a community building opportunity, an opportunity to get to know many of the faces that might otherwise remain strangers. Those who may be new to the parish are particularly welcome.

In an age when life can be highly privatised, the value of having such a space should not be underestimated. To be able to wander in after Mass and enjoy the company of others, without an agenda of any kind, can be invaluable. This facility is made possible by the volunteers who 'man the teapots', and we are indebted to those who give of themselves so willingly.

I'm conscious that I'm writing this as the facilities will close for the summer break during August, but I would like to thank all those involved and hopefully encourage new 'customers' when we reopen in September.



Normal service will be restored.....

As you are aware we have been operating to a summer schedule of Masses during June, July and August. The good news is that the normal schedule will resume with the return of the **Sunday Evening Mass at 7:00 pm each Sunday in St. Mary's, commencing on Sunday September 6th.**

The normal weekday schedule i.e. Daily Mass in St. Patrick's and St. Mary's, **Monday – Sat at 10:00 am will resume on Monday September 7th.**

Bye for now.....

The Newsletter team will be taking their well-deserved summer break for the month of August. The next edition will be in September. A big thank-you to the small and loyal production team, and to those who fold and deliver the finished product!

Wishing you all an enjoyable break, and let's hope Summer materialises!

*Philip Curran,
St. Patrick's and St. Mary's*

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 and 2pm to 4 pm

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

Online Safety - Staying Safe Online

Our lives revolve around the internet, computers, smartphones and other devices.

While the internet has many benefits, it also poses risks. Online safety is essential for both children and adults.

Keeping users safe online:

In March 2023, Coimisiún na Meán (this means the media commission) became the new media regulator for online safety, television broadcasting and video-on-demand services.

Since 17 February 2024, you have the right to make a complaint against online platforms if you encounter harmful or illegal content, need to report a violation of terms, or have concerns about targeted ads.

Coimisiún na Meán is currently developing Ireland's first Online Safety Code (pdf).

Read more about legislation covering online safety on our website.

Keep your child safe online

Understanding the risks your child may face online is crucial. Dangers include the loss of privacy, exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and online grooming.

Learn about the apps they use and discuss:

Adjusting security and privacy settings

Blocking or unfriending unwanted contacts

Deleting profiles and accounts

Dealing with inappropriate content

Safeguard your child online by using:

Parental controls to manage your child's online activities. Filters to restrict their access to specific content, using tools such as SafeSearch. Time tracker tools to monitor their social media with available app features

Resources for parents

Get information and advice from:

Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC) parenting hub: information on online safety and exposure to inappropriate content.

Children's Rights Alliance: have a guide to children's European rights to online privacy and safety.

CyberSafeIreland: on educating children, parents and teachers in online safety.

Webwise.ie parental hub: advice on the latest apps and social networks, and how to set up parental controls.

Hotline.ie: safety advice for parents and children using the internet.

National Parents Council (NPC) helpline: advice on internet safety and training courses.

Spunout.ie: information on online privacy, safety, and security.

European Commission Better Internet for Kids Portal: information on staying safe online and illegal online content.

Safer Internet Day (SID): an EU-wide initiative for safer internet use.

Information on what is illegal content is on our website. Online safety (citizensinformation.ie)

Illegal content

Content is illegal if it breaks Irish or EU law.

Online platforms must have a way for you to tell them about illegal content. If you tell them about something illegal, they must review it and act if they agree. They must do this quickly and tell you what they decide.

If the platform does not delete the content or respond to you, you can make a complaint to Coimisiún na Meán.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm, call emergency services, for free, by dialling 112 from any phone.

You can also report illegal content anonymously and confidentially to the Internet Service Providers Association (ISPAI) at Hotline.ie.

Coimisiún na Meán, 2 – 5 Warrington Place
Dublin 2. Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm
Tel: 01 963 7755

Homepage: <https://www.cnam.ie/>

Email: usersupport@cnam.ie

Lucan Newsletter

Summer Hols!

We're all going on a Summer Holiday from now

until **Sunday 1st September**

All items for that issue should be with us by

Wednesday 28th August.

We hope all will have a happy and safe holiday time!



Calling out to Musicians!

St Finian's Folk Group is looking for musicians to join our group.

We are an adult folk group based in Newcastle. We sing at 10am Mass every second Sunday and we practice on Tuesday night from 8pm-9pm.



If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like to have a chat to get more information, we would love to hear from you.

Please ring Emer on 0872733846



A good question!

We wonder about the security at Lucan House now that it has been taken over by SDCC, and presumably is unoccupied.

A reader has questioned 3 local councillors on the matter, and so far the response has been silence. A fourth undertook to enquire as to the situation.....

In the current environment it would be sad to wake up some morning and find that the house has been vandalised or worse still.....

Mindless Vandalism! Sad to see one of the new young trees only recently planted on Hillcrest Road, torn up and left there on Wednesday last.

Sport: On a happier note, we all enjoyed the Hurling last weekend and look forward to the football on Sunday, and also the Olympic Games in Paris, where the Irish got off to a good start!

Lucan Drama

Christopher Walsh and Thomas Weir, the 2 men accused of murdering Rev. McCarten, spent a couple of hours in and around Lucan Village on the night of the murder. They, along with other members of their group, stopped for a drink in Lucan and there is very strong evidence to suggest that they stopped in at a public house called The Royal Oak.....now known as Courtney's of Lucan Village.



It seems pretty appropriate that we should be staging A Murder on Chapel Hill in Courtney's and we look forward to seeing you all there during our run from Monday September 2nd to Wednesday September 4th.

Tickets are €12 with a dinner/show offer of €35 which includes a 2 course dinner with tea or coffee and a ticket for the show. Tickets will be available very soon from

WWE.gr8events.ie/lucandrama

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Tuesday 9th July, we said goodbye to our friend and long-time member, Barbara Coughlan. Barbara was a colourful lady who loved fashion, art and music. All her outfits were beautifully co-ordinated even the gloves! A kind and gentle lady, she will be sadly missed. Sincere sympathy to Jennifer, Susan, Ultan, Connor, Des and Eden.



We send our sincere sympathy to our friend and colleague Agnes Kavanagh, on the sudden death of her son Mike, in New Zealand. We are thinking of Agnes and her daughters Caroline and Pauline at this sad time.



Lucan - Springfield Hotel, 6th and 7th August
15.50 – 20.10pm.

For apt: Phone 1800731137

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and **NO 7pm. Mass**

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Back Carpark



Entrance to back carpark at Lucan Heights is close until end of August due to construction work being carried out at St Joseph's

For Sunday Masses only you can gain entry through Scoil Mhuire gates. Turn right as you enter the Church Yard



St. Mary's Readers' Roster August 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of August 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: There will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until September

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

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine through the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

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: There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday morning until September. Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

Dates are bookable on line.

If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Christina (Chris) McHugh**, Hillcrest Walk.
May she rest in peace.



Summer Dues

Summer Dues Envelopes available in the Church Porches of all three Churches

The annual Summer Dues Collection has begun.

The Summer Dues collection goes to the Common Fund, which provides the salaries of the priests of the diocese. The Common Fund was under great pressure in the aftermath of COVID, so thank you for your generosity to the Common Fund since then. If you include your name and address on the envelope, it may help with claiming a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6pm.
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

St. Joseph's Society Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island Sunday July 28th

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island on Sunday 28th July. The coach leaves Merrion Square at 10am. Total cost, including tea and scones en route and dinner on the way home is €60. Advance booking essential. Contact St. Joseph's Office 01-6762593 or Mary McClelland

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.
7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.
7.30pm: Holy Mass.
After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

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.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times:

9am, 10.30am, 12 noon. **The 10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

There will be **NO** meetings of the prayer group until September.

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Communion for the Homebound:

If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at:
secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee:

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

Deepest Sympathy

to the Presentation Sisters
on the death of
Sr Mary O'Grady,
formerly Lucan Presentation Convent
May she rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Rose Donnelly

7th Anniversary - 26th July

Of all the gifts in life However big or small
To have you as our mother
Was the greatest gift of all
Always loved and never forgotten by
Paula, Bren, Andrew, Rachel, Freya and Harry
xxxx

Gerard (Gerry) Fallon

1st Anniversary- 11th August

A silent thought, a quiet prayer
for a special person in God's care.
Cherished memories of a
loving Husband, Dad and Grandad.
Always in our thoughts forever in our hearts.
Sheila, Stephen, Lorraine, Olivia, Erika.

Joseph Patrick Fox

2nd Anniversary - 5th August 2022

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 to me
and always will too.
The fact that you are no longer here
will always cause me pain,
but you are forever in my heart
until we meet again.
Gone but never forgotten,
From your loving wife Linda



Alex O'Sullivan

1st Anniversary - 31st July

Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day
Always remembered by your family

Jim Mallon

11th Anniversary

Forever in our hearts
You will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.
*Your loving family, Colette, Colm Sineád, Tom
and Aoife.*

Ann Moffitt

7th of August

With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away,
and although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard work hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.
Missed and loved every day
From all you Family xx
**Anniversary Mass for Ann will take place on
4th of August at 12 in St Patrick's Church.**

Sonya Rabbitte

18th Anniversary - 1st August

Loved and missed always.
Mam and all the family.

Fintan McCarthy

18th Anniversary - 1st August

Loved and remembered always.
Mam and all the family.
**Anniversary Mass for Sonya and Fintan, Sat.
Aug 24th at 6:30pm.**

Kathleen Fitzgerald

43rd Anniversary - 3rd August

late Dodsboro, Lucan
Remembering our Mam on her
43rd Anniversary on next
Along the road to yesterday
That leads us straight to you
Are memories of the happy days
Together we once knew
And always every evening
We seem to have a way
Of wandering back to meet you
On the road to yesterday
*Always remembered by her daughters Bernie and
Marie and son Bo*

Esker Active Retirement Association

The club may be closed for our usual weekly meetings for the summer, but our members are still meeting up for outings.

On 11th July, 30 of us went to Bord Gais to see *Pretty Woman the Musical*, we all really enjoyed it.

Then on 18th July we went by coach to Arigna Mining Experience, which was really interesting, followed by a stroll around Carrick on Shannon and meal in Feericks on way home.



On Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th September in St Andrews Parish Centre from 2 to 5.30, we are reverting back to the old way of running an Historical Exhibition.

There will be a display of maps from 1772 to present day.

Lucan House documents.

An account of Patrick Sarsfield 1st Earl of Lucan.

Spa Hotel and Spa - Hills Mills

Shackletons Mills - CPI

Lucan for Sale in 1874 and 1919

Lucan Tram - Murder in Lucan

Thomas Robert's Views of Lucan Demesne (c1760)

There will also be a model railway exhibition

We look forward to seeing you there!



On 7th August, Helen has booked a coach to take 50 of us to afternoon dance in Royal Marine hotel.

Then on 14th August we're off on a full day trip to Avoca and Avondale. So lots to look forward to until we reopen in September.

Primrose Hill Gardens

For summer flowers.

Also, tree walks in a scenic setting.

Very top of Primrose Lane, Lucan

Adults - €6 Children - free

Open Heritage Week

17th - 25th August 2pm - 6pm



Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club held its final meeting for the 2023/2024 term in the Lucan Spa Hotel on Tuesday 9 July. At this meeting, the outgoing President Ray Barnes presented the Chain of Office to incoming President Gerry Ennis (pictured). Congratulations Gerry and wishing you a successful year in your new role.



We would like to thank all of our loyal sponsors, supporters and volunteers for all of their help during the year. We are very grateful to Ger Joyce, Kevin Aylward and the ever-helpful SuperValu staff for facilitating our fundraising events throughout the year. The proceeds from these fundraising activities were presented to a range of local organisations/groups at our Annual Awards Night.



The President's Award for 2024 went to Paddy's Barbers, Lucan in recognition of 60 years' service to the Lucan Community. Established by Paddy Monaghan in 1964, the business is proudly carried on by his three sons David, Philip and Alan. David and Philip (pictured) were there to receive the Award on the night.

On a separate note, well done to the Lucan Tidy Towns Committee who have been out in force preparing diligently for the 2024 competition. They have done a fantastic job painting the bridge

at the Weir and have made so many enhancements around the village.

Many thanks to the staff at Lucan Newsletter for publicising our activities throughout the year. Have a well-earned break for August. Many thanks also to the management and staff at the Lucan Spa Hotel for their unending support. If you are interested in joining the Lions Club, we meet in the Spa Hotel on the second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 pm.

Mattie McCabe, PRO

Seasonal Gazette 23-7-24

To our Newsletter Teams – Thank you for all the years – wishing your restoration a jollity. May your days be sun-kissed!

To the invincible Tidy town Teams who wire-brushed and painted the elegant bridge of Lucan, and the joy of seeing our village enhanced by planting and flowers. Thank you each one.

In reference to the dangerous barbed-wire fencing at left of riverside walk from farmer's gate towards bridge in Lucan Demesne – the following was received from Ms. Leonard, Sen. Executive Officer EETD., SDCC (ID 1803223 – ref). The lands on which this is situated are in the ownership of O.P.W. and I will draw attention to this matter..... etc.

Tree names set on site with elegant bronze imprinted inserts describing tree shape, name – both in Latin and Irish with fruiting elements. A revelation to a stroller.

3 beautiful bronze sculptures representing oak from seed to leaf – again by John Boylan SDCC – with relevant poetry on plaques.



Remembering the photographic project called 'Windows' by St. Mary's Soiree – one of which fascinates – a pink rose-filled window at Cloud Nine on Liffey St. The legend is of imaginative use of excessive toilet rolls acquired during Covid lockdown – the window is now clear of such ornamentation!!!

A joyful encounter in St. Catherines Park last week with 'Lazerus', a tiger coloured cat on a leash, attended to by his owner who had a carrier on her back into which this beauty escaped when encountering a dog!

Happy Days!

B.M.L.C.

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone.

Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & Twitter: @Soc4OldLucan.

Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



The SOL Committee has been exceptionally busy and active for the last few months, working on the future of our voluntary historical tours of Lucan Demesne, given the recent move into ownership by SDCC. We had an excellent working relationship with His Excellency, Ambassador Corrias and his staff, who facilitated and encouraged the work of SOL on so many levels. We hope that this can continue. However, we expect it may be early 2025 before public access to the demesne is opened, and this depends so much on work being funded and carried out by SDCC, to ensure safe access for the public.

We have also been very busy with the innovative Photogrammetry Project with St. Joseph's TY Year (see blog

<https://soc4oldlucan.com/2024/06/04/st-josephs-college-photogrammetry-project-2024/>), planning training for SOL members in transcribing the "new" Vesey Manuscript as a project (see blog

<https://soc4oldlucan.com/2024/07/20/historical-transcription-project-wednesday-24th-july-at-6pm-in-lucan-library-booking-now/>), slowly upgrading our website <https://soc4oldlucan.com/>, lobbying for the repair of the at-risk Airlie House which is currently on the market, updating the Lucan Memorial Campaign, and running & planning talks and walks.

SOL & Scott Archive from Woodville House: A Grave Discovery!



Some time ago you may remember the work we did to secure the archives from the Scott Family formerly of **Woodville House, Lucan**, for SDCC Local Studies, with tremendous work by Dave

Power, SDCC Libraries. Work has been progressing on cataloguing the Scott family collection from Woodville House, Lucan and Locklesley House, Shankill. It's being added to all the time, see

<https://source.southdublinlibraries.ie/handle/10599/12741>

Last week I had a related surprise breakthrough on the vault in the medieval graveyard of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lucan village. For those of you who have seen the site, a large stone and brick vault is built on to the South wall of the church. Inside are lead-lined coffins of high-status people, but nobody knew who was interred there. Many guesses have been made, from the Sarsfield's to the later Lucan House owners the Vesey-Colthurst's.

When cataloguing one of the digitised documents from Lady Mary Bassett Scott of Woodville House, Lucan, her last Will and Testament dated 1866, and saw that she stated that she wished to be interred, as privately as possible, in the *family vault in Lucan Church Yard*. The Anglican Church in Lucan has no burials within, as it was a stipulation of James Gandon when he donated the land for the church. There is no other churchyard in Lucan village.

You may have seen the large family vault in the medieval graveyard in Lucan village during one of our open days? *See below for recent image.*



Nobody has ever been able to put a name to who is buried inside until now. It contains 4 or 5 lead-lined coffins, and I now believe they include [Sir Hoptoun Stratford Scott](#) who owned Woodville House (see

<http://www.lucannewsletter.ie/localinterest/woodville.html> for excellent info on Woodville), Lucan (a house demolished in the 20th century between Hermitage and Edmundbusy) who died in 1860, and his wife, Lady Mary, who died in 1867.

Sadly, sometime in the 1980's, Lucan children started playing in the graveyard and accessed the interior of the vault. At this point, we believe the then Dublin County Council bricked up the vault for safekeeping. *Over.....*

However, we persistently hear credible stories about how a sword was found within the vault, around this time. This is quite possible, due to Sir Scott being a Major-General in the Madras Army of the East India Company in the late 18th century onwards. Indeed, if you follow the link on his name above, you'll see his portrait and he is painted with his ceremonial dress and sword to his right. Perhaps this is the sword that was discovered. We believe that this sword is still in private hands and would encourage the owner (or indeed anybody with very old material from Lucan) to come forward and approach SOL about this, as our history should not be hidden away from others.

SOL Heritage Week Events: Booking Now

We are excited to be hosting three **Heritage Week 2024** events, in partnership with Lucan Library this year. You can explore all of Ireland's Heritage Week offerings here:

<https://www.heritageweek.ie/> - so much fascinating stuff to do around the area!

The Finds Table:

The first is for all you collectors out there; from **10am – 11.30 Sat 17th August in Lucan Library**, we are encouraging anyone with bits and pieces from Lucan or nearby to bring them along to Lucan Library, to show others interested in our local history. Even if you have one interesting item from times' past, bring it along! Pottery, glass, signage, documents, photos, tickets, toys, implements; all welcome.

Book here: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/the-finds-table-bring-your-archaeological-garden-finds-for-id>

We will have a small collection of fieldwalking finds of pottery shards, iron pieces and even clay pipes to display and handle, that we have picked up around Lucan, but we also want to see your stuff! If you have a few items of Lucan interest, email us at OldLucan@gmail.com and we can arrange a small spot for you in the room, if you're bringing a collection to show.

Maybe you just want to look at the field-walking finds and collections of others? No problem! – we are looking forward to seeing you at this event, young and old, as it's a collaboration and exploration of local history items from Lucan.

Medieval Esker: Hiding in Plain Sight With Helen Farrell

Book here: <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings/medieval-esker-hiding-in-plain-sight>

Starting time of talk **12.00 sharp at Lucan Library, Sat 17th August**. With thanks to Lucan Library for co-hosting this event as part of Heritage Week 2024.

Learn about the history of the sites of the Royal Manor of Esker, the medieval King John's Bridge, and St. Finian's medieval church. Find out what people lived in the area in times past. Learn about a medieval sculpture that survived in Esker; the only one of its kind in Ireland. What could possibly survive in suburban Esker to this day? Helen Farrell is the Chairwoman of Society for Old Lucan (SOL), has published on medieval Esker in Archaeology Ireland, is a former field archaeologist, and Lucan resident. Illustrated talk, Q&A welcome at end.

Suitable for age 10+

[Talk given in Spring 2023 to summarise our involvement with the "Adopt a Monument" project"]

Lucan Steam and Electric Trams: 1881 - 1940

Starting time of talk **2pm sharp at Lucan Library, Sat 17th August**.

A fascinating glimpse into the early days of steam and electric transport from one of Lucan's foremost local historians, Joe Byrne, this talk is for anyone interested in the history of rail travel and Lucan's social history. Joe has gathered over 100 images to illustrate this talk.

Society for Old Lucan (SOL) are honoured to have Joe present this talk, as Joe was a committee member of the former Lucan Historical Society, has extensive personal and research local knowledge and is a proud Lucanian. Joe organises the annual "Lucan Festival" for the community each year in September. Illustrated talk, Q&A welcome at end.

Suitable for age 14+

With thanks to Lucan Library for co-hosting this event as part of Heritage Week 2024



"Women of the Easter Rising" - a Heritage Week talk with Liz Gillis

Join Liz as she discusses the fascinating story of the role that women played both directly and indirectly in the Irish revolution. These women were vital to the revolutionary movement and the independence movement could not have succeeded without their contribution, which saw them put themselves in great danger in order to help free their country.

On here at Lucan Library on 26th August at 7pm. You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com

Flightpaths to Freedom

The Lucan skies so full of flights and not
just the feathered kind

With a whiz and whirrr
look up over there
it's those light aircrafts from Weston

A hot summers day
for the Airshow in Bray
but its Baldonnell that's near to me

A big plane passing over
Ryanair, Aerlingus, where does it go, to the
sun or to the snow, we'll never know

Clouds like patchwork criss crossing lines
Everyone's leaving chasing the sunshine

We have drones now too for aerial veiwis
and panoramic shots for the news

The red and white stripes of the lifesaver
flight
I pray they'll be alright too

The Garda chopper
hovers above like a buzzard waiting
patiently for its prey
there's trouble in town this chopper is loud
You can tell when it's on its way

An odd thing to see
a man and some strings
and a balloon like cape, like a sheet,
looking on worried and just missing those
trees
I wonder how he'll land on his feet

A kite or two
you might see the kids
when the windy weather keeps up

The sky over Lucan it can sometimes go
quiet but there's always someone up there
A busy oul stretch for one spot in the world
were no flights at all is so rare

Sometimes I envy sometimes I'm sad
but it's terra firma for me
and trust me I'm glad

The older I get the less I will fly
Not keen on the idea of being flung through
the sky

I will continue to look for all these flights, a
plane spotters dream,
A new hobby?

Hmmmm I might ☺✂

By Anita O Kearney



From the Pale to the Palace: King Charles' Irish Ancestors

Join Seamus Cullen here at Lucan Library as he discusses a fascinating shared history between England and Ireland, on **Thursday 22nd August at 7pm.**

The last Irish Royal Richard Wellesley 1st Marquess Wellesley, a descendent of the Colley Family of Carberry Castle (Seen above) was the great great grandfather of the Queen Mother who died in 2022.

Seamus will look and dissect this family connection through the centuries. You can book a place for this Heritage Week Talk through [Evenbrite lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lucan-library-dublin-heritage-week-talk-tickets-71234567890)



Lucan Library - August Bank Holiday

Please note that Lucan Library will close on Friday 2nd August at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 6th August at 9.45am.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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Bus user survey – final 10 days: Last chance to input in the survey as it is closing for final collation shortly. Currently at over 1,800 respondents. Log on to <http://www.bit.ly/BusCorrect> to have your say. If you are not IT-literate I can do this over the phone (if you phone twice and leave a message or text me on 087-2752489).

Trimming of overgrowth: Every year we have issues getting action on overgrowth blocking footpaths and cycleways. The Council can clear safety hazards irrespective of the moratorium on hedgerow trimming, but other works will need to wait. I've reported a fair few locations at this stage, but some of these may need follow up. Let me know if you spot anywhere. Thanks to Lucan Tidy Towns for the work they do covering areas near the village especially.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Esker Lane South – I've raised three issues near the Glebe 1) footpath presenting a trip hazard, 2) the road is in poor condition, and 3) the lane onto the N4, pedestrian route to and from bus stop 7184 on the N4, is over grown and asked the council to investigate and revert.

Affordable Purchase Housing - The portal for online applications for Affordable Purchase Housing at Foxwood Barn, Citywest will open at 12pm on Friday, August 2, 2024, and close at 4pm on Friday, August 23, 2024. Apply at SDCC Housing Online portal <https://hol.sdblincoco.ie/>

Newsletter Staff – Thank you to the newsletter team for providing such a wonderful community service and keeping us all informed about the happenings in Lucan. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. I hope you all get to enjoy some well-deserved time off over the holiday. Wishing everyone a happy and restful leave.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Great to see Lucan Businesses at Ace Enterprise Park:

It was a pleasure to be a guest speaker at the recent Townhall at Ace Enterprise Park in Clondalkin on Friday, 19th July, organised in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office. It was fantastic to see local businesses in attendance and to hear directly from those who are creating jobs and driving our local economy forward.

Funding for Sister Sheds: Congratulations to Sister Sheds, who were awarded €5000 under the Communities Integration Fund. Sister Sheds is a dedicated women's group based across Ireland, with a base in Adamstown Community Centre. This wonderful group is committed to fostering friendships, providing mutual support, and encouraging learning from shared experiences.

If you haven't received a copy of my latest newsletter and you would like one, please email me at emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

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Ballyowen Square Taking-in-Charge: I am very pleased to see that the Taking-in-Charge of Ballyowen Square estate will be completed in the coming weeks. This is something for which I have campaigned for a few years and this result will be welcomed by local residents. Thanks to local people who worked with me on this.

Abandoned cars: There has been an increase in the number of reports of abandoned cars in the area. If you suspect a vehicle has been abandoned in your area, please tell me, and I will ask the Litter Warden to inspect.

Thanks: As this is the last issue of the Lucan Newsletter before the summer break, let me take this opportunity to thank the Newsletter team for their dedication and hard work. They provide a really important platform for information and news to our local community, and they deserve our gratitude.

Liona O'Toole P.C. - Independent

Chair of Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin Area Committee

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Planning Applications: Did you know you can subscribe to the weekly planning list for all received and granted applications? Contact South Dublin County Council at info@sdblincoco.ie to learn more.

Lucan Pool Completion: It is regrettable to inform you that the completion date for the Lucan pool has been delayed again. The new handover date is now October, with the public opening projected for late December or early January 2025. I am arranging an onsite visit soon to seek clarification on various concerns and will keep everyone updated on further developments.

As Chair of our area committee, I can submit additional questions and motions. Please contact me if you have issues you'd like raised at the area level.

Busy times for our team, litter picking, painting and tending to flowerbeds.

Thanks to some local businesses for facilitating the installation of water butts on their premises and to South Dublin County Council for providing these.

Lucan Tidy Towns



Two little ladies, Elsie and Olivia, our junior tidy towners, litter picking in the church car park. Tidy Tim, our mascot, watching out for the Tidy Towns competition adjudicator and reminding us all to Keep Lucan Tidy.

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([ballyowen_community_centre](https://www.instagram.com/ballyowen_community_centre))



Room booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.

Speed dating at Ballyowen: Would you like to see speed dating at Ballyowen Community Centre?

Just for fun, maybe a bit of romance, or simply for some great company. We'd love to hear if there is interest, so email or phone us to let us know.

Golden Hour Club: Our Thursday afternoon club for the over 55s continues to go from strength to strength! Thanks to all our regular attendees but we would love to welcome more people along. Join us on August 1st @ 1pm for our movement session & coffee.

Lucan Festival: We are excited to be part of the line-up for the Lucan Festival this year, and are looking forward to hosting the Festival Chess Tournament during the Festival Week. We'll have further details soon.

Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

[Spanish for Beginners](#)

[Introduction to Microsoft Word](#)

[Introduction to Microsoft Excel \(Spreadsheets\)](#)

[Intercultural Awareness Business English](#)

[Improving English and Communication Skills](#)

[Digital Media](#)

[Reception & Frontline Office Skills](#)

[Advanced Spreadsheets \(Microsoft Excel\)](#)

[Payroll](#)

For more details, call (01) 6283557.

Or email lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

Where are they now?

2004 was a great year for all our young people, between the Community Games events, Esker Summer Project and Lucan Youth Fun. Happy memories for all!

11th July 2004: Lucan Athletes bring home the medals from this year's **Community Games**.



L-R Front: Rory Downes (**Long Puck**) Michael O'Reilly, Stuart Roche, David McCormack, and Jonathon O'Donnell (**Boys Gold Medal Relay Team**).

Centre: Michaela Kinsella, Elaine Parady, Orla O'Farrell, Holly Kinsella (Bronze Medal Winners Girls U12 Relay).

Back: Sinead Dowling, Aisling O'Farrell, Sean Fleury and Liam Townsend (**Gold Medal Winners U15 Mixed Relay**), and Robert Roche (**U11 800m**).



Lucan Youth Fun visited Croke Park

Esker Summer Project

Esker Summer Project celebrated 25 years of existence with a re-union for all the volunteers.



At the project's Craft Class were *L-R:* Helen McInerney, Michelle Kelly, Claire Bowes, Melody ok and Amy Fagan, with helpers Lily McDermott and Eilis McDonnell.



26th Sept: **Lourdes Pilgrimage:**

Another successful visit to the holy shrine.

L-R: Orla Wade and her grandmother Mona Kenny, Emma Gannon and her grandmother Josie Gannon, Aisling Collins and her grandmother Evelyne Treanor, with the group candle, and Fiona Burke, (*back right*), carrying the Banner.

ALL FROM 2004!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



All Ireland Camogie Semi Final

Best of luck to Amy Gorman, Laura Sharkey, Aoife Mckearney, Emma Flanagan and Mia Farrell in their All Ireland semi-final against Cork on the 27th of July. This match is in UPMC Nowlan Park and throwing in at 13:15. We are encouraging all our members to make the short trip to Kilkenny and support the girls in blue. This is a massive achievement for the team who before this year had only reached the semi-final twice since 1990. A particularly proud day for our club to have 5 players flying the Lucan flag on the team.

Tickets for the match can be purchased via universe.com

We are running a bus from the club for this match. Contact

0857468846 to book your spot, there are only several spaces left.

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,000. The Numbers were **6, 17, 27, 28**

The lucky dip prizes go to Eddie Keogh, Mick Roche, Alan Murphy, John O'Connor and Bridie Burke.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,400. The draw is sponsored by O'Gradys Hearing Care Services and will be led by Edel Mooney.

Planning Permission: Planning permission for a new ball wall and the extension of our juvenile pitch into a full-size all-weather pitch has been submitted to South Dublin County Council. Planning permission has been posted at the entrance, exit and turn into the clubhouse.

Lots of hard work and fundraising over the years has gotten us to this stage in our development plans. A special word of appreciation to Colm Farrell who has worked tirelessly to get these plans submitted.

Hurling: We had five adult teams in championship action this weekend and we broke even overall with two wins, a draw and two losses. Our seniors travelled to O'Toole Park to face Cuala in the senior championship and it finished honours even. Our Intermediates lost out narrowly to Scoil Ui Chonail. The Junior As and Junior Bs had good wins over Skerries and Craobh Chiarain respectively, while the Junior Cs lost out to St. Kevins Killian's. All our teams

remain in contention to progress after two rounds of the championship. There is a break now until the next championship weekend on August 16th/17th/18th.

The Junior B hurlers made a presentation to Mick Heavey of Fitzpatrick & Heavey Homes of a framed jersey to mark Mick's generous sponsorship of a new set of team jerseys. (pictured below) The team and management are very grateful to Mick and his fellow director Ciaran Fitzpatrick for their generous sponsorship.



Camogie: Our U12 camogie team travelled to Páirc Tailteann over the weekend and took part in the Camán to Leinster Blitz. This was a blitz to commemorate the first official camogie match which was played 120 years ago. The girls proudly represented the club in their three matches, well done to all involved.

Summer Camps: Our summer camps are still open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be dual sport (Football and Camogie/Hurling). Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via the club website by searching 'Lucan Sarsfields Summer Camps'
Club Camp: 5th – 9th August (This camp includes a trip to Croke Park!)
Club Camp: 12th - 16th August

County

Best of luck to Rebecca O'Reilly, Sophie McIntyre and the Dublin U20 Ladies Footballers who face Meath in the Leinster Final on the 25th of July. The match will throw in at 7.30pm in Kilcock GAA Club.

Well done to Jack Mills who represented Dublin against Scotland in a compromise hurling/shinty match in Parnell Park on Monday.

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields
GAA Club*

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well, the summer break is upon us and for our final “back page” of the season Michael G has submitted some more photos of his visit to Canterbury. Of particular interest is his photo of the shrine in Canterbury Cathedral on the spot where Thomas Becket was martyred in 1170 and where Pope (Saint) John Paul II and Rober Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury, knelt together in prayer on 29th May 1982.



He also submitted a photo of the shoreline at Whitstable, 8 km from Canterbury. Whitstable is famous for its Oysters which have been collected from beds beyond the low water mark from Roman times. The Oyster companies are all unusual as under Acts of the UK Parliament going back to 1793 the companies own the freehold of the seabed.



At home Kay was in county Wexford in Johnstown Castle where the peacock she found seems to have posed specially for her.



Conor gave us a photograph of the meadow brown butterfly. Everyone in the group remarked on how scarce sightings of butterflies are

this year. They are as rare as bees!

Conor also submitted a photo of a Compass jellyfish off Ireland's Eye. These creatures may look beautiful but keep your distance if you see one because they pack a nasty sting! Once they have stung something, they often leave the tentacle behind and can continue to sting using it even when not connected to their body.



May I wish all our readers and the Newsletter team all the best for the holiday period.

Stay safe until next time!