



LUCAN

NEWSLETTER

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Blooming lovely.....



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.

Women's Aid - 1800 341 900 - 24 hours a day and 7 days a week

Men's Aid - 01 554 3811, 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Email [Hello@mensaid.ie](mailto>Hello@mensaid.ie)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking is the transporting of people for exploitation. Victims are trafficked into various types of work, including farm work, domestic work and forced prostitution. They may be subjected to sexual abuse and other forms of violence.

If you consider yourself or somebody else to be a victim of human trafficking, you should report your concerns to the Garda Síochána (Irish police force). In an emergency, you should call 999 or 112.

You can also get help from the Health Service Executive's (HSE) Anti-Human Trafficking Team, or any of the organisations listed in the section titled, 'Support for victims of human trafficking' on our website.

What is human trafficking?

Human trafficking involves the use of deception, threats or physical force to move a victim from one place to another in order to exploit them. In the case of children, no force is required - the

very act of transporting a child into exploitative conditions constitutes trafficking.

Exploitation is a definitive element of human trafficking and distinguishes it from immigration-related offenses such as 'people smuggling', for example, where a migrant pays a third-party (a 'smuggler') to facilitate their illegal entry into the state. You can read more about the relation between human trafficking and people smuggling on Garda.ie.

Exploitation can take many forms, but includes:

Sexual exploitation, such as the prostitution of the victim or the production of pornography depicting the victim;

Labour exploitation, such as forcing the victim to perform manual labour, carry out domestic services, or participate in criminality or begging; and

Organ removal, performed without the free, informed and specific consent of the donor

You can read more about the different types of human trafficking, including warning signs that can help you to identify victims, on the Government's anti-human trafficking website, blueblindfold.ie and on our website at

Human trafficking (citizensinformation.ie)

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2023.

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. The following subjects are available in the autumn term:

Spanish for Beginners

Wellbeing

Introduction to Microsoft

Excel

Working with Microsoft

Word

Digital Presentation Skills

Reception and Frontline Office Skills

Developing Communication Skills

Payroll: Manual & Computerised

Medical Terminology



For more details, contact lizgaffney@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.

W4 bus from Tallaght to Blanchardstown

Re: new W4 bus from Tallaght to Blanchardstown as reported in the Lucan Newsletter 2 July 2023 (*political section*)

Looks like last stop in Blanchardstown is at shopping Centre!



Connolly Hospital is a half hour walk from that stop!

Absolute disgrace!

When someone from Lucan calls an ambulance they are taken to Connolly hospital in Blanchardstown!

Many older people from Lucan with mobility problems who don't drive are expected to walk for 30 minutes when they get off not only the new W4 bus that passes through some parts of Lucan but also local bus from Adamstown Lucan to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Mairead Hilliard



The Cycle will take place on Saturday 22nd July at 09:00am. The 40km & 80km cycles will set off from Lucan Village and finish at Kenny's of Lucan, where all involved will enjoy a BBQ and live music, post cycle.

For further information and queries please see the Kennys_of_Lucan Instagram page.

Registration link

https://eventmaster.ie/event/rp3muPmS9y?fbclid=IwAR2fV-pl-7VuXDAGEKI05lhpCjqAOAU7TobkID2xrOIFUuy0Req_DZvCTbY

For all donations <https://bit.ly/41n5He3>

Final reminder.....

Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements. (*pages 8 and 13*)

Thank you to those who have replied so far.

Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday next, 13th July 2023**

OPEN DAY

at

Kildare Animal Foundation

Kildare Town

Sunday 9 July at 1pm

Free Admission

Cakes/Bottles/Plant stalls, Antiques, Crafts, Face painting, Pet gifts, Kiddies games, Clothes and much more....

A lovely family day out with bargains galore.

NO DOGS please as we have so many here at the shelter waiting to greet you



On Sunday 10th September our World famous duck race will be held. Residents should note that no duck will be harmed during the running of the race.

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

NOTICE: Back Car Park

The entrance to the back car park from Lucan Heights Road is closed until further notice.

Access can be made on **Saturday/Sunday ONLY** through the Girls Primary School.

Enter front Church Yard, turn right and then left and drive to end and turn right through red gates.



Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

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

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.*

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.*

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy with devotions, is prayed every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's parish church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral).

Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Cornelius (Con) O'Callaghan**, Old Lucan Road.
May he rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 15th/16th July.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday: **No Vigil Mass**
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Saturday/Sunday 15th /16th July**

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

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.

Legion of Mary:

Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at **7.30pm** in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include visitation of homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to the poor. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially. We also assist seminarians throughout the world spiritually. We would gladly welcome new members. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month for 1 hour.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.45pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

Wednesday 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 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.

Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

St Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's, Lucan:

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

St Mary's, Leixlip:

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

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church,](#)

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

Medjugorje Mass 2023 St Mary Church, Lucan

Monday 10th July

Mass at 6.15pm

(Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm)

Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan



Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

18th October for 9 nights was €825 now €775.

Single room supplement €180.

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.)

Anniversary

Susan Connolly

8th Anniversary – 10th July 2023

The stars still twinkle in the sky
But still we sit and wonder why
The day you had to leave us
The day you had to go
Answers to those questions
We will never know
It's a power that's beyond us
There was nothing we could do
But always and forever Mam
We will remember you

*Always loved and never forgotten by Aidan,
Caroline, Jimmy, John, Caroline, Sandra, Philip,
Susanne, Ray, Kenneth, Helena and Alan.*



Nanny,

There is always a face before us
A voice we would love to hear
A smile we will always remember
Of a Nanny we loved so dear
Deep in our hearts lies a picture
More precious than silver or gold
It's a picture of our Nanny
Whose memory will never grow old

*Loved and missed every day by Stacey, Katie,
Erika, Emma, Lara, Rachel, James, Sarah, Kirsty,
Shauna, Hannah, Heidi, Emily, Eva, Sophie and Leah.*



The Annual Cemetery Mass with the Blessing of Graves

at Esker Cemetery will take place on
Sunday September 3rd at 3pm

As parking can be a problem, those living within walking distance are asked to come on foot if at all possible.

As September weather can be unpredictable we advise coming prepared.

The collection taken at this Mass (after the sound hire costs have been paid) will be donated to our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross.

Found

Ring found in Church 3rd July 2023

To claim please ring Secretary on 01 6217041
(9.30am to 2pm Mon, Tues, Wed, or Fri)



Lucan Writers Group



LUCAN

There must have been a time when someone said,
"This would be a nice place to settle down".
And others, envying their choice
Came as well and built a shared strong town.
It fulfilled each and every need
And an air of quiet contentment still remains
Beyond the M50 is perhaps a different world,
But here a peaceful river with shady leafy lanes.

Michael Slator 2023.

This is just a sample of the creative writing at our fortnightly meeting on Thursdays in Lucan Library.

New members always welcomed.

Farmleigh July Events

Music in the Bandstand



Music in the Bandstand is back this summer. Have a ramble through the estate or sit back and relax while enjoying the soundtrack of lively tunes. Located on the fountain lawn behind Farmleigh House.

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Lucan Brass Band,

Sunday 9th July – 2pm – 4pm.

Maynooth Brass Band,

Sunday 16th – 2pm – 4pm.

St. Georges Brass Band,

Sunday 23rd – 2pm – 4pm.

Blanchardstown Brass Band,

Sunday 30th July – 2pm – 4pm.

Trees to Treasures

Trees to Treasures is an exhibition showcasing excellence and innovation in furniture design manufacture, technology and education by students, staff and graduates of the National Centre for



Excellence in Furniture Design & Technology, School of Design & Creative Arts, Atlantic Technological University – based at the ATU Connemara campus.

Exhibition runs until 27th August.

Admission – Free.



Typical Irish Weather!

The minute the kids got their school holidays, the heavens opened....

Wouldn't have helped all the outdoor camps / events etc over the past week.

Hopefully, things will

improve in the weather department!

Our front cover

We couldn't let the summer go without hailing the colourful blooms all around the village. Well done to all the businesses, householders and Tidy Towns people for such great efforts!



The rain is certainly helping to enhance all the blooms and greenery around Lucan – I suppose we can't have it every way.....

This fellow was having a great feed after all the rain.....

Those 'little' oak trees.....



It doesn't seem that long ago since the young oak trees were planted along this walkway in Lucan Demesne, but how they've grown! They're really coming into their own, forming a picturesque shady stretch.

Ireland among the top ten safest countries....

According to the Global Peace Index for 2023, Ireland is the 3rd safest country in the world to visit. In 1st and 2nd places are Iceland and Denmark, followed by Ireland, and then New Zealand, Austria, Singapore, Portugal, Slovenia, Japan and Switzerland.

Another feather in our cap!

Dublin has been named the best city in the world for a weekend break, by a top US travel magazine, beating places like Paris and Rome.....

Up the Dubs!

Our Boys in Blue are back, and hopefully it will be onward and upward from here in. Great game on Sunday last.



The pretty Rosebay Willow Herb (*Epilobium*) is abundant in Lucan Demesne, along the pathways on either side of the river. Fuchsias and Evening Primroses are among the garden plants related to this family.

Did I read that right?

In a Laundrette

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES.
PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES
WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Little by Little



The above bronze sculpture is new to Lucan Demesne, along the walkway by the little orchard leading to the stretch of young oak trees.

With two verses of the anonymous poem “Little by Little”, on the plaque, we managed to locate the entire poem which is very striking.



“Little by little,” an acorn said,
As it slowly sank in its mossy bed,
“I am improving every day,
Hidden deep in the earth away.”

Little by little, each day it grew;
Little by little, it sipped the dew;
Downward it sent out a thread-like root;
Up in the air sprung a tiny shoot.

Day after day, and year after year,
Little by little the leaves appear;
And the slender branches spread far and wide,
Till the mighty oak is the forest's pride.

Far down in the depths of the dark blue sea,
An insect train work ceaselessly.
Grain by grain, they are building well,
Each one alone in its little cell.

Moment by moment, and day by day,
Never stopping to rest or to play,
Rocks upon rocks, they are rearing high,
Till the top looks out on the sunny sky.

The gentle wind and the balmy air,
Little by little, bring verdure there;
Till the summer sunbeams gaily smile
On the buds and the flowers of the coral isle.

“Little by little,” said a thoughtful boy,
“Moment by moment, I'll well employ,
Learning a little every day,
And not spending all my time in play.
And still this rule in my mind shall dwell,
Whatever I do, I will do it well.

“Little by little, I'll learn to know
The treasured wisdom of long ago;
And one of these days, perhaps, we'll see
That the world will be the better for me”;
And do you not think that this simple plan
Made him a wise and useful man?

Anonymous

1983 – Lucan 40 years ago.....

Parishes

By 1983, the population of Lucan was growing on a daily basis. There were now two parishes – the old St. Marys and the new St. Patricks in Esker.

St. Patrick's Church was only a pre-fab at the time, while plans were afoot to build the present structure.

Planned Giving – first week of January
Lucan £889.41. Esker £910.50

Bingo – Esker Parish ran a weekly Bingo session on Monday night raising money for church funds.

Corpus Christi Procession was in Lucan Heights.

Saturday Evening Masses – The introduction of Saturday evening Masses was on the First Sunday of Advent 27th November 1983.

Times: St. Mary's 7.30pm; St. Patrick's 8.00pm.

CONCERN 24 hour Christmas Fast in Lucan, raised £10,150 by the end of January 1983.

Schools

There were two new schools in the area – **St. Thomas'** and **St. Anne's** in Esker, and planning permission was granted for another primary school in Dodsboro – now Scoil Mhuire.

Lucan BNS Band was up and running with Musical Director Eithne Donnell. The band later evolved into Lucan Concert Band, and is still going strong.

Proposed Amendment

Article 40 of the Constitution: The additional proposed amendment on which we were to vote read: *The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.*

Archbishop Dermot Ryan noted that the referendum was a civil matter, a democratic decision by citizens entitled to vote, on the

fundamental law guiding legislators and courts. Dr. Ryan urged Catholics to vote "yes" in the referendum on 7th September 1983.

World Record

Local man **Michael Moore** broke the World Underwater Endurance Record at St. Mary's Hospital Pool, Baldoyle with a time of 78 hours 2 minutes. The timing devices was switched on by Charles Haughey TD, on St. Stephen's Day ('82). (Reported in January issue 1983)

£5,000 was raised for the hospital.

Planning & Development

Coldrinagh Development was top of the list in 1983. The Defence Alliance was chaired by the late Val Rice. Local representatives prominent in this fight were Senator Brian Fleming (FG), and Cllr Liam Lawlor (FF).

Lucan Library – There was talk of acquiring a new premises in the Village, but the Dublin County Council informed us that there was no time scale.

Plans for Natural Gas to come to Lucan were at an advanced stage.

The Lucan Bye-Pass – A CPO was formalised for land for the Lucan Bye-pass. It was expected that work would commence in 1984.

The Priests Field – where Brookvale estate is now. The field was owned by Superquinn at the time, and they had received planning permission for development of a supermarket and a number of shop outlets, but this could not go ahead until the Lucan Bye-Pass was built. As we know, Superquinn later sold the site and acquired another one in Esker.

23 Acres on Cruck House lands were acquired for residential development – the present Westbury Estate, and SuperValu and some of the Esker Schools are on the lands of Cruck House.

The Bush of Balgaddy disappeared. In May, the bush which was famous in local folklore was bulldozed out of it making way for new development. *Over.....*

Planning & Development *continued....*

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Griffeen Valley Park was officially opened on 12th June by Cllr. Michael Gannon who was Chairman of Dublin County Council. The area covered 70 acres.

Water Charges were mooted at Council meetings several times during the year.

Sport

Lucan Harriers – Cllr. Michael Gannon, Chairman of Dublin County Council, turned the sod for the new track at Esker.

Lucan Pitch & Putt – the All Ireland Strokes Play Championship took place in Lucan in 1983.

Lucan Sarsfields opened their new Clubhouse, and dressing rooms with showers. 'Eddie Mescall and his merry men' were much acclaimed for the work. This old clubhouse is now well gone and replaced by the present modern building.

The Club also achieve **All Ireland Scór success** in 1983 with the help of Lucan Drama.

Other Sports Clubs reporting weekly were: Hillcrest AFC, Beechpark AFC, Lucan Golf, Weston Hockey, The Bridge Club, Griffith Rangers FC, Lucan United FC and Lucan Badminton Club.

Employment

Out of a workforce of 1,146,000, 187,000 were unemployed. It was lamented that so many former workers of Clondalkin Paper Mills had still not found work.

We were encouraged to '**Buy Irish – Create Jobs**'.

Regular trips to Newry were organised by many groups throughout the year – items were much cheaper up there for cash strapped shoppers.

Hotest day of the year

YESTERDAY WAS the hottest day of the year—and the entire country basked in the glow of the sun that reached its highest temperature in Kilkenny where the citizens enjoyed 30 degrees C (86F).

But there was also a catch to the weather. Thunderstorms hit the country and in Tallaght, Co. Dublin, three houses were struck by lightning and damage was caused to six more.

Shannon had 29.8 C (85.4F) but Rosslare was left out of things with 20.2 C (68.3F).

The Met Office forecasts that the sweltering weather will continue for some days and may be with us until the weekend. There will be fewer lightning and thunder storms today.

The above weather report appeared in the Irish Independent on Wednesday July 13th 1983, and was copied to Lucan Newsletter.

Entertainment

The Grove Cinema was showing ET for an entire seven days – night time and some matinee showings.

Lucan Drama - The big production of 1983 was *The Playboy of the Western World*.



Village girls in the Playbo: Honor (Helen Morris), Sarah Tansey (Mary Ryan), Nelly (Carmel White), and Susan Brady (Lisa Clarke).

The late Sheila Corrigan was P.R.O.

The West County Musical Society produced *The Mikado*, under Musical Director Eithne Donnelly, at Maynooth College.

Fossett's Circus was recognised by the Arts Council in this year.

Continued over.....

Lucan Community Council

Apart from keeping an eye on planning and other local issues, they now had the Community Centre up and running (now Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre), and a playgroup and mother and toddlers group were organised there.

An annual Community Week was a very popular event at which a Lord Mayor of Lucan was elected. This was a fundraising event where the various contestants raised monies for different charities.

In 1983, the outgoing Lord Mayor was Denis Gilligan (RIP), and the three contestants for the incoming Mayor were Martin Keegan (RIP), Tommy McCabe and Sean Murray (RIP). Martin Keegan became the Lord Mayor of Lucan for 1983 – '84.

Lucan Historical Society

The group held talks and outings regularly on topics from trams to mills, and anything else to do with old Lucan. The Shackleton Lantern Slides were a popular feature at the time.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Mary's Conference

They were very much in demand – the main things they required at this time were pieces of furniture!

Around the Village

The first 'hole in the wall' – AIB introduced self-service banking to Lucan with its **Banklink machine**.

A new Computer Shop in Lucan Village was advertising jobs for people familiar with the Sinclair, Commodore and Oric range – brands long forgotten in today's world of technology.

The Coffee House – interest was expressed in restoring the Coffee House – as we all know it was left to ruin and vandalism and finally demolished in 1984.

The Annual Garden Fete was held at the Old Rectory – a very popular local event.

New Groups (formed in past 10 years).

Lucan Information Centre now CIC.

Esker 142nd Scout Troop

Esker Summer Project

Esker Friends of the Elderly & Disabled

Lucan Toastmasters

The No Name Club

Comhaltas

Ceili / Irish Dancing Classes in the old VEC with Niall McKelvey.

They along with all the older well established groups for young and old made up Lucan of 1983.

Mary Mulhall

Castletown House & Parklands

Ice House and Living Landscape walks

9th July 1pm Join us for a stroll in the beautiful landscape of Castletown estate taking in the Ice House and fascinating cave spiders.



We are running our second landscape walk this month, 9th July at 1pm. Booking is essential. To reserve a place email: castletown@opw.ie

Sunday at Castletown series:

Life after the Conollys 9 July at 3pm

Booking is essential (normal tour rates apply).

Email: castletown@opw.ie

This tour takes a look at the house between the ownership of the Conolly family and the transfer of ownership to the State in 1994.

Sunday at Castletown series:

Scribes and Scribbles 16 July, 3pm

Booking essential (normal tour rates apply).

Email castletown@opw.ie

Join us for a children's workshop on the art of letter writing. Discover how ink was made, and learn the basics of calligraphy.

Located in the Stable Wing.

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

Peace Commissioner. 087-2795274.

lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie www.lotoole.com

Lucan's New Polling Station: Some time ago I had a motion passed to introduce a new polling station. The new polling station will be in Adamstown Community Centre, some voters have been transferred here from Scoil Mhuire in Lucan. Citizens are encouraged to register to vote and to also check their details online.

Lucan Swimming Pool/Leisure Centre: The completion date of August for the pool has now changed. We are to receive a full update on this at the July council meeting from the Chief Executive.

Sarsfields Age Friendly development:

Following a meeting with residents it was agreed to table a motion requesting council management to meet on-site with local councillors, however my motion was not supported by all local councillors resulting in a roll call vote, as only Cllr O'Toole & Gogarty voted in favour, the motion fell. My work continues!

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Free GP Care is being extended to 500,000 more people, 50% of the population will become eligible for GP Only Cards.

Supporting Local Business: Thanks to the Lucan Businesses who attended my event with Minister Neale Richmond. Email me to be invited next time.

Congrats to Joanna Tuffy on a successful year as Deputy Mayor.

RISI pleasure to welcome the Indian Ambassador and Rajasthan Speaker to Lucan alongside Caroline Brady. Thank you to RISI for inviting us.

Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

Mobile: 087-2136345.

Email: dobradaigh@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Pedestrian Crossing – Newcastle Road:

Following several representations made on behalf of residents, I was delighted to receive confirmation that a new signal-controlled pedestrian crossing will be added to the list for future installation. This was once again raised with me by residents in Westbury during a door engagement in May. The exact location will be between Westbury Court and Supervalu and close

to the entrance of clubhouse and games area – funding expected 2024.

Illegal Dumping – Lucan: Unfortunately, we continue to see instances of littering and illegal dumping at a number of emerging blackspots in Lucan. I have met with Council officials in May on foot of a motion calling for consideration of CCTV in accordance with guidelines currently being drafted as part of a Code of Practice for local authorities. Reports can be made to litter warden 01-4149220 & Environmental Protection Agency's anti-dumping hotline 1850365121.

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Car driving on footpath over Liffey Bridge:

If anyone with dashcam crossed over Lucan bridge at around 4:15pm on Wednesday July 5 last, could they please forward footage on to Gardaí. A driver with passenger mounted pavement on east side of bridge and drove along footpath. No car in pursuit. A child or person pushing a buggy would have been killed or seriously injured. Totally unacceptable.

Nitrous oxide cannisters: Parents are now more aware of the dangers of nitrous oxide cannisters. I've been asked how these should be disposed of. SDCC says the following:

"It is acceptable to place used nitrous oxide containers in the general waste bin, they are then extracted during the waste treatment process and recycled as metal. Alternatively, they can be deposited directly in the metal recycling stream at a recycling centre such as the Civic Amenity Facility at Ballymount."

Cllr. Vicki Casserly – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

South Dublin AGM: I was very proud to be elected area chair for Lucan, Palmerstown and North Clondalkin Area Committee for 2023-24 last Friday. Just to say congratulations to Cllr Joanna Tuffy on her outgoing year as Deputy Mayor, she served the county and Lucan in an exemplary manner to which we can be very proud.

Summer Stars at Lucan Library: Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer stars is non-competitive and every child who even reads one book is regarded as having completed the programme- and it is all completely free! Pop into Lucan Library to sign up!

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085 7211574. Email: gino.kenny@oir.ie

Health Committee Meetings: In the past two weeks the Dáil health committee have examined the issues of Endometriosis and the state of dental health care in Ireland. Endometriosis affects one in nine women and some cases can take years before a proper diagnosis can be ascertained. A new national framework on Endometriosis is welcome but there are significant delays in prognosis and understanding of the condition. The Irish Dental Association stated at the health committee that the HSE would need to hire 76 dentists now, to bring the service back to what it was 15 years ago. The public dental service is at an advanced stage of disintegration. HSE figures show that the number of public-only dentists has dropped by almost one quarter in the past 15 years from 330 to 254 last year.

Clr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Lucan village works: I have contacted the Council and asked them as to when they will commence work on the Weir, at the Demense entrance and the Village Green. These works have been delayed but the Council hopes to commence in October, with work to be completed by end 2024.

Divine Mercy SNS Blue Flag: It was a real privilege to join the students, staff and school community at Divine Mercy Senior National School recently for the raising of their EU Flag on completion of their Blue Star Programme, alongside Barry Andrews MEP.

Peace Commissioner: If you require the services of a Peace Commissioner to witness declarations or sign various documents, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Monthly update: My regular email newsletter went out this week and you can access it on my website at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-may-june-community-update/>

Politicians Please Note:

Canvassing in any form is not allowed in Lucan Newsletter. Each candidate in the upcoming 2024 Local Elections will be permitted to announce their candidature just once in their notes to this Newsletter. Also bear in mind that there is a limit of 150 words including name and contact details for each person.

Alzheimer Social Club



Every Wednesday

1.30pm - 3.30 pm



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.

Dublin's Outdoors

Free garden tours are available at the beautiful Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre.



Tours provided by Clann Chrónáin Volunteer Tour Guides, Tuesdays and Sundays 10.30am to 1pm.

Contact: info@theroundtower.ie for bookings.

Primrose Hill Garden

is open for **Summer Flowers**

and also **Tree Walks**

Top of Primrose Lane, Lucan.

Adults €6.00. Children free.



Heritage Week August 12th - 20th



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Foireann Iománaíochta A

Bhí bua stairiúil ag iománaithe an chumainn aréir nuair a bhain siad amach áit i Roinn 5 don chéad uair riamh le bua i gcóinne Thomas Davis.

Thosnaigh an freasúra go tapaidh agus bhí siad 0-3 go 0-1 chun tosaigh tar éis cúpla noiméad. Ansin fuair Naoise de Bhaldraithe & Niall McQuillan an lámh in uachtar sa líne leath-tosach, las seo tíne faoi Na Gaeil a thóg ceannasaíocht ar an gcluiche ansin go dtí leath-ama. Cúl ó McQuillan a d'fhag chun tosaigh muid ag an mbriseadh 1-9 go 0-9.

Le slua mór ag tabhairt spreagadh ar an líne, lean NGÓ leis an diográis sa dara leath. Laghadaigh Thomas Davis an bearna go cúilín amháin luath sa dara leath ach thug cúl ó Kevin Silke píosa spás anála dúinn.

Bhí cosáint an-stuama ó Chian de Buitléir & Gerard Keenan ach go háirithe sna noimintí deireannach a chinntigh bua cailúil don chumann.

Níl ann ach 10 mbliain ó shin gur thosnaigh muid an iomáint sa Roinn is ísle agus anois tá muid suas go Roinn 5 as 11. Táimid ag súil go mór le feiscint cad atá i ndán dúinn sa chead 10 mbliain eile.

Buíochas leis an mbainistíocht, na himreoirí agus an lucht tacaíochta iontach a bhí i latháir.



**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 25th August
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Club News

Dublin GAA County Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Finbarr O'Mahony, St Patrick's Palmerstown, to the role of Dublin GAA CEO/ Rúnaí. We would like to wish Finbarr from our neighbouring club all the best for his tenure as Rúnaí.

This week we sailed difficult seas and some of our players got lost in the fog ending up at the right latitude but the wrong longitude. To all those finished the leaving certificate and travelling away for the first time we wish you a safe trip and remember to look after each other as we do on the pitch and at training each week. Most leagues have ended or are in the final stages, Camogie 7s has commenced, Ladies football Championship will commence in July as will Hurling Championship with the first match on the 14th July with Lucan Seniors playing Crokes in O'Toole Park.

The format of the Club notes will focus on a feature match each week from each code, with one team nominated to capture the excitement of championship, we will also try to get some player profiles from our players of the match. Don't forget that we are updating our website and need content, please send the PRO your panel portraits and any action photos. If you have a keen supporter who is a photographer please ask them to help capture the action and history.

Football

AFL6 Lucan Sarsfields 3-11 Na Fianna 2-14. Mobhi Road, 2/7/2023.

Not sure where to start. Snatched a draw from the jaws of defeat in a game where it always (well most of the time), felt that Lucan were one pass away from pulling clear.



Coiste na nÓg / Juvenile U10 LGFA

Lucan would like to thank Straffords GAA for inviting us to compete in a blitz on Saturday 1st July in Ardclough GAA club. It was a really well-run welcoming event with plenty of treats and snacks for the players and tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes for the mentors and parents that was much appreciated. Please check out the action of the day on Straffords GAA Facebook. Games were 10 a side and we had two panels of 13 players who put in a great effort in all six 15min games. Lucan entered 2 teams.



All the girls really stepped up their level of performance and there was plenty of skills and great team scores on show. Their dogged tacking and constant pressure on the opposition really impressed the mentors.

The girls and mentors had a really great day out and it was great to see both our teams perform so strongly against teams from Kildare, Meath and Offaly.

Both Lucan teams had some really great tight games against the two Edenderry sides who had some very talented players.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €20,000.

The Numbers were **4, 5, 13, 18.**

The lucky dip prizes go to, Mags McCabe, Ann-Marie Mulligan, Miriam O'Connor, Michelle Armstrong and Damien Desay.



Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €20,000. The draw is sponsored by Red Island Interiors and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson. *Tá €20,000 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine:* Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.

Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>

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

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Lucan Library July Events



Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. 3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

Summer Stars Reading Programme

Summer Stars is back for all our junior library members! Ask at the library desk for a Summer Stars Reading Card. Return your completed card when you have read 8 books and receive rewards your summer reading!

Summer Activities for Children

Wednesday 12th July. Cool Food School Summer Workshops - make Banana Sushi and Apple Nachos

10.30am - 11.30am for 6–8-year-olds. Booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/cool-food-school-summer-workshop-ages-6-8years-tickets-652051753347>

12noon - 1pm for 9–12-year-olds. Booking via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/cool-food-school-summer-workshop-ages-9-12-years-tickets-652102625507>

Thursday 13th July, 2.30pm Dave's Jungle Reptile Show All welcome.

Friday 14th July, 2pm. A MAD Summer Holiday - Creative Writing with Maeve Devoy of MAD4Tales.

We have all been on a trip or a holiday that has gone wrong in some way or another - luckily for the students of this creative writing workshop/course, the missing luggage, sunburn and diving disasters that got in their sunny way, will help them as they write a summer COMEDY SPECIAL! Suitable for ages 8+

Booking essential from Friday 7th July at 2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/a-mad-summer-holiday-creative-writing-comedy-special-tickets-661612198897>

Monday 17th July

Fun Science workshops with Anyone4Science. Make Charlie's Chocolate Playdough, for 7-9 year olds:

Booking essential via Eventbrite from Monday 10th July at 2.30

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/make-charlies-chocolate-playdough-tickets-664598992477>



3.30pm Make Harry Potter's Invisible Ink, for 10-12 year olds: Booking essential via Eventbrite from Monday 10th July at 3.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/harry-potters-invisible-ink-workshop-tickets-664616153807>

My Little Library Bag



My Little Library Bag for Children starting school in Lucan in September 2023 is back! Bring your child to the desk to collect their bag and to join the library for their first Library Card.

Saturday 29th July 10.30am - 3.30pm Heartstopper Watch Party for ages 12+ (Young Adults)

Join us for a watch party of our favourite YA book-to-screen adaptation, Heartstopper by Alice Oseman! 1 day, 8 episodes, popcorn included! All welcome.

Storytime

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



Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 25th July at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday 26th July, 7pm, reading The Coroner's Daughter by Andrew Hughes.

Junior Book Club, Wednesday 26th July, 3.30pm, reading Wildflower Girl by Marita Conlon McKenna.

Lucan Library Scrabble Club

Tuesday 11th July, 11am - all welcome

Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome.



Exhibitions:

Palmerstown Camera Club - library walls
Dublin Landmarks - library landing.

And once again...Remember to ask at the library desk for your **Summer Stars Reading Card** and collect rewards for the books you read! Let's get Lucan reading this summer!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

We had our final session with virtually a full attendance in the Parish Centre last Friday until the Autumn. We all enjoyed ourselves with tea and cakes. We hope to organise a few outings while we are “on holidays” in particular to the retrospective photographic exhibition of the work of the American photographer Susan Woods which is on in the City Assembly Rooms, South William Street until 21st July.

This week Kay submitted a photograph from her archives taken a number of years ago in Ballston Spa which is a village and the county seat of Saratoga County New York a number of years ago.



Joe sent in a photo of a fuchsia which is not my favourite flower.



However, this week, Donal was out in Dun Laoghaire early in the morning (relatively!) recently and took some great photos of the Harbour.

The most interesting photo is that of the Queen Victoria Fountain which was erected in 1901 to mark her final visit to Ireland in April 1900. Apparently, the fountain is of a standard design adopted for numerous such commemorative fountains. The really curious thing is the inscription around each of the arches which reads “*Keep the pavements dry*”.

According to an architectural blog we came across, civic virtues such as temperance were often extolled in inscriptions on drinking fountains in those times.

The Camera Soiree will resume in the Parish Centre on **Friday 8th September**.

Stay safe until next week!