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Sunday 30th June 2024

Thank God for Volunteers!

As the school year ends, so do a lot of other activities in the general community as the school calendar is more significant for most than the chronological calendar. While many activities wind down now, others such as summer camps, CUL camps, etc all start for the school holidays and family engagement. Imagine what it would be like if there were no volunteers!

Every local community depends largely on the work of unpaid volunteers who carry out all sorts of tasks, some which require great skill, knowledge and time. If we were to take a look at the various places we are during one week and note the volunteers as we encounter them: Tidy Towns group (they are out and about as the birds stir in their nests), sports team coaches (they make it possible for hundreds of local families to engage in sport locally), members of school Boards of Management, Lucan Newsletter team (the newsletter almost magically emerges from the parish office every Thursday), members of choral groups, hospital volunteers (the human signposts and caring guides in all hospitals), almost everyone who is involved in any of our denominational churches, those who drive cancer patients to treatments,..... There are hundreds of volunteers in our local community keeping the wheels of living motion going round with a lot of their work unseen. What would it be like without them!



Every single hour that is given by volunteers makes a difference and every single person can be part of the difference, even if only in a small way. Volunteering provides great gains, also, as it's the best way to become a real part of a community while also having an opportunity to use or try skills of one's own in a space other than the work place. It takes time and effort, but it always opens doors to experiences that are not on the job spec so that those who volunteer usually stay on for as long as possible!

To those who have been volunteers in 23/24, may you have some rest in this holiday season. To those who have not been volunteers, there is a space in which your time and skills would be hugely valued. We are each vital links in our community.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

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

Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance 2024

Applications for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance opened on 12 June 2024. It is a means tested payment to help families with the cost of school uniforms and shoes.

Many families get the payment automatically, so don't need to apply.

But, if you don't get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear payment automatically, you will need to apply before 30 September 2024.

The payment can help with back to school costs. You can get:

€160 for children aged 4–11

€285 for children aged 12–22

Find out more about Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance on our website.

SUSI

What is the Student Grant Scheme?

The Student Grant Scheme is the main financial support scheme for students studying in Ireland and abroad. It is also known as the SUSI grant because the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is the awarding authority for the Student Grant Scheme.

Student grants are divided into:

- Maintenance grants
- Fee grants

Maintenance grants help students with their living costs. Fee grants pay tuition fees for students who do not qualify for the Free Fees Scheme. Fee grants can also pay the Student Contribution and the cost of essential field trips.

If you qualify for the maintenance grant, you also get the fee grant. Some people only get a fee grant - see 'How much will I get?' on our website.

You cannot get some types of social welfare payments and the student grant.

Postgraduates can get information about financial assistance in our page on postgraduate student grants.

Student Grant applications 2024-2025

Student grant applications for the academic year 2024-2025 are open.

If you submit your application before the priority closing dates, your application will be assessed as a priority.

The priority closing date is 11 July for new applications

The final closing date for SUSI grant applications is usually sometime in November. We will update our website when the final closing date for 2024-2025 is confirmed.

Who qualifies for a student grant?

To qualify for a student grant, you must meet all the conditions of the scheme.

These include:

Nationality condition

Residence condition

Means test

Approved course of study: you must be attending an approved course of study

Progression: you must be progressing from your previous level of study

Maximum period of grant assistance

Applying online

Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year are open. You must apply for your grant online before the closing date. You don't need your Leaving Certificate results or to know what course you will be taking (you can add this information at a later date).

To register with SUSI and apply online for a student grant, you will need your: Personal Public Service (PPS) number, Email address, Phone number.

More information is on our website including information for students with a disability or are deaf or hard of hearing.

Long Ago in the Future

We speak sometimes of long ago,
But long before the long ago
That we remember,
There was another long ago,
Remembered by those who lived
In the long ago that we remember.
Our World has grown as it has,
And we live the lives we do,
Because in the wisdom of their time,
They did what they thought best.
Time keeps on turning
Around the longest day.
Future slips into past
And continues its' journey
To the long ago.
Those who dwell in future times
Will speak of us as the long ago.
We hope that they will say,
In the misty wisdom of our time
We did what we thought was best.

By Paddy Mulhern

Primrose Hill Gardens

Are open for summer flowers.
Also, tree walks in a scenic setting.

Very top of Primrose Lane, Lucan,
in Lucan Village.

Adults - €6; Children - free

Open to July 7th
2pm – 6pm every day

And *Heritage Week*

17th – 25th August 2pm – 6pm



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook

(Ballyowen Castle

Community Centre) or on

Instagram

(ballyowen_community_ centre)



Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Family Fun Day: We're excited to share that we will be hosting a family fun day on July 14th. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone members of our community to join us for a jam-packed day, including a pet farm, magic shows, a gaming van, face-painting and much more! We'll also have a quiet hour from 11-12, and the day runs until 3pm! See you there.

Golden Hour Retirement Club: Next week we will be hosting a bridge session for our retirement club. All levels are welcome! If you'd like to register for your free spot please email, message or call the centre (details above).

Upcoming schedule:

July 4th @ 1pm - Bridge & Coffee

July 11th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 18th @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1st @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee

Beginners Art Class: We're starting a beginners' art class in the centre from 4th July. Book one of the last remaining places by contacting Amanda at 0851443605 or by email on

happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com

The course lasts for 10 weeks and costs 120 euro.

Start your own business course: Our course on 'starting your own business' kicked off last week and we are delighted to see such interest in it!

Children's Art Summer Camp: We are running an art summer camp for children from 8 July to 12 July in the centre (10am to 1pm). Cost is 110 euro per child. Book one of the last remaining places by contacting Amanda at 0851443605 or by email on happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com



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 Saturday 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 July: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30 and 12noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 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: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

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: After Saturday 10am Mass and 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

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

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Brendan Nichol**, Elmbrook and to the family and friends of **Olive Kennard**, Weston.
May they 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.



Peter's Pence Collection

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up THIS weekend at all Masses.

It will replace the usual SHARE Collection. The collection assists the Holy Father in supporting the worldwide church.

Please do not use the card machines in the porches for this special collection.

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: 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 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 you name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee: Every **TUESDAY** Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome.

Medjugorje Mass

**In St Mary's Church
8th July at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Log on to: Lucanparish.com
Facebook: medjugorje mass lucan

All welcome

Acknowledgement

Pat Keane

The Keane Family, Kew Park, Lucan would like to thank all those who attended Pat's funeral services, our friends and clubmates from Lucan Golf, Clonee Pitch and Putt, and especially our great neighbours whose support was so uplifting. Also to our friends from Porterstown and Strawberry Beds and Pat's workmates.



Thank you to Father Paul and Cunninghams for a beautiful service etc. and to Lucan Lodge and Maynooth Lodge.

Prayers will be offered for your intentions.

Thank you all

Mary, Michael and Mark and families.

Anniversaries

Frank Donnelly

3rd Anniversary - 3rd July

No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you.

Paula, Bren, Andrew, Rachel, Freya, and Harry x



Bob Kelly

13th Anniversary - June

Late of Sarsfield Park
Remembering our dear dad,
who passed away in June 2011.
You told us don't worry,
You told us don't cry,
But a life full of kindness,
Brings a tear to our eyes.

Sadly missed by all the family.



Christy McCormack

13th Anniversary

Always remembered by Kathleen, Neil and Alan

**Anniversary Mass Sunday 30th June
at 12 noon
St Patrick's Church, Esker.**



The Annual Cemetery Mass with the Blessing of Graves

Will take place on
Sunday September 1st 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 St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown.



You are invited to the Rally for Life, the biggest pro-life event of the year, where thousands Stand for Life and to protect mother and baby. JULY 6th, PARNELL SQ, Dublin 1.30pm.

Join us to call for URGENT change to Ireland's shocking abortion rate.

It's estimated that 10,000 abortions took place in 2023, a heart-breaking total. The Rally will send a powerful message to call for real support for women and urge the government to Stop Aborting Our Future.

Lucan ICA

We had a lovely morning tea party, nice food and goodies. We had a Quiz for entertainment, poetry reading and funny jokes.



School Hols!

What unusual weather we are having - between blowing hot and cold!

Hopefully all the boys and girls will enjoy some sunny spells now that the primary school holidays have just begun.

Good luck to all those running and taking part in all the various summer camps. We really hope that the weather will be kind to you all.

Blooming Lucan! Beautiful floral displays all around Lucan – well done to all involved in Lucan Tidy Towns. Hopefully the Judge will appreciate all your hard work.

Electric Fault! 1644 Lucanians were without electricity, for almost 4 hours on Monday last. Thankfully, this is not something which happens too often these days.

Held over items.....

Some items with photographs have been held over for next week's issue, so as we can give them the space they deserve.



The ladies were in their summer outfits and prizes for the best 3, they were **Abigail, Marie and Freda**.



Interesting Facts

No number before 1,000 contains the letter A.

It's impossible to hum while holding your nose.

The first animals to travel to outer space were fruit flies.

We are now closed for summer break until 2nd September.

*Enjoy the sunshine.
Pauline*

Finland has more saunas than cars.

Japan has one vending machine for every 40 people.

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 18th July 2024**





SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Leaving Cert & Junior Cycle Exams Complete!

Congratulations to all our hard-working 3rd & 6th Year students who finally completed their Junior & Leaving Certificate State Exams over the last week. It has been a busy three weeks with over 25 different subjects being examined at Leaving Cert Level and 14 different subjects at Junior Cycle Level.

It was great to see happy faces leaving the exam centres! As the weeks wore on, the numbers attending reduced as students sat their choice of subjects.



Our final three students for Applied Maths, **Ivy Liew, Emma-May Lawlor & Luke Morrin** waved off the Leaving Cert Class of 2024 when they finished the final exam on Tuesday, 25th June.



Lilly Hobbins, Megan Lindsay, Ruby McIntyre & Italian teacher, Ms. Joan Hodkinson

Thank you to Ms. McElwain & Ms Hannigan for overseeing the exams while they took place. We wish all our students, superintendents & staff a well-deserved rest and a great summer holiday!

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, contact lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie
Or call (01) 6283557.



Don't watch the clock.
Do what it does.
Keep going.



A dip in the archives.....

1984

The population of Lucan was just over 13,000 souls.

Planned Giving 3rd January 1984

Lucan: £1017.46

Esker: £642.50

The big story parish-wise was the demolition of Esker Church Pre-fab, and work commencing on the present St. Patrick's Church. Mass was held in St. Anne's School.

Fundraising for the new church

Bingo in St. Anne's School on Monday nights was very popular.



Dinny and Lily Byrne presenting Fr. Lynch with a cheque for £1,100 raised by a dance in aid of the new building.

Many children in the local estates held 'Sales of Work', and every penny was much appreciated.

9th Sept: The "A Team"

"A word of thanks to Esker's own "A Team", all the men and women who helped demolish the former Church Pre-fab, and to all who prepared St. Anne's and St. Thomas' Hall as temporary churches.

Particular thanks is due to Eamonn Kelly, Patsy Craig and their Ballyowen tug-of-war team, to John and Edward Duignan for the art work in St. Anne's Church; Igi Conlon of Hillcrest Lawns for the bulldozer and Frank Collins of Esker Cottages and his bulldozer (compliments of Spollen), and his supervision of the Bon-Fire; to Kevin Condron and to Joe Byrne; Mr. Michael O'Sullivan for his help and cooperation in allowing the use of the school.

The Priests of Esker"

You wonder about 'Health and Safety' was back then!



Memories.....

The old pre-fab and its interior, and the new steel being erected on site.

Photos courtesy of Kevin Byrne



21st October: “Built on Rock

This weekend saw the completion of the first stage of the new church at esker. All 25 tons of concrete have set. The second stage has begun - this is the levelling of the ground so that the floor may be laid. Behind the site, work has begun on the construction of a ‘half-moon’ shaped steel structure which will be lifted in on the foundations on the 4th of December by four large cranes.”

Schools

The Esker area was really taking off in 1984, with the announcement that there was to be another primary school in nearby Dodsboro – Scoil Mhuire!

The new Community College was sanctioned by Minister for Education, Gemma Hussey. The school would cater for 700 pupils and was scheduled to be ready for occupation on 1st September 1985.

The Lucan By-Pass

There was much discussion about the Lucan By-Pass throughout the year. At this time the new road ran from Chapelizod, through Palmerstown, and came as far as the Foxhunter area in Ballydowd.

8th July: “Accident Black Spot

It was unfortunate that the magnificent sweep of dual carriageway into Lucan by-passing Palmerstown joined the old road at a place where it bends right and then left.

In the last three weeks, two people have lost their lives in that vicinity in car crashes.”

Much of the discussion on this subject was about costs. It was noted that in 1976 the projected cost was £2m. In 1979 this figure had risen to £4.3m. In the cost had risen to a projected £10m.

It would be well into 1988 before we actually had the Lucan By-Pass!

Lucan Library

Discussions rumbled on about when and where we would have our new library....

6th May: Political Notes

Jim Mitchell Fine Gael, Minister for Communications wrote: “I have been pursuing the question of the provision of a permanent Public Library at Lucan with Dublin Co. Council. Recent information obtained from the Council indicates that it is their intention to provide a permanent library at the proposed Village Centre. An amended lease for a library premises at this location has been received and is at present being examined by the Council. However, a timescale for the development has not yet been received.”

3rd June: “Lucan Lacks a Library

.... Fourteen years ago, a small premises in Main Street housed a Library most inadequate for the then growing population. Efforts by the Council to acquire a premises at the rear of this building to allow expansion failed – the premises was sold for a sum in excess of the maximum offer recommended by the Valuer. In 1976 the Library was closed and replaced by a mobile service every Saturday, and in 1979 this service was altered to provide a two hourly stop at Dodsboro alternatively with Lucan Village, on Tuesdays.

..... In the present recessionary climate, when many adults have, through no fault of their own, more leisure time than they can fill, it is a shame that a proper library service is not available. Were it not for the active interest of teachers and the Generosity of many parents, many children could go through their formative years with access only to books on the school curriculum.”

It would be 2000 before we got our new library, after a whole generation of children being brought up with the Mobile Library.

More next week.....

Politicians subscribing on a regular basis:

Cllr. Liam Lawlor FF, Cllr. Micheal Gannon Lab, Senator Brian Fleming FG, Jim Mitchell TD, Minister for Communications FG, and The Workers Party.

Our Dublin West TDs were: Eileen Lemass FF, Brian Lenihan FF, Tomás MacGiolla WP, Jim Mitchell FG, Liam Skelly FG.

Lucan Library – July Events

All events and activities are free of charge.

All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

Summer Stars Reading Adventure

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 for your summer reading! All completed cards will be entered into a draw for a prize at the end of the summer!

Summer Activities for Children:

Wednesday 3rd July, 3pm

Dave's Jungle Reptile Show returns! Always a popular event, All welcome.

Thursday 4th July, 10am

Little Turtles Toddler Time, booking essential from Thursday 27th July at

10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-little-turtles-leader-natasha-tickets-917291723237>

Thursday 4th July, 5.30pm

Summer Family Movie Night - A Series of Unfortunate Events (12+). All welcome.

Saturday 6th July, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Card Swop! Great chance to exchange collectible cards, all welcome.

Wednesday 10th July, 2pm and 3pm

Lego Workshop with Brickworx. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 4th July at 2pm and 3pm. Please book only ONE session per child.

2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-with-brickworx-2pm-tickets-925933541147>

3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-with-brickworx-3pm-tickets-925937031587>

Thursday 11th July, 12noon

Let's Drum! Drumming Workshop with the

Mobile Music School, for ages 7-11 years
Booking essential from Thursday 4th July at

12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-with-mobile-music-school-for-ages-7-11-yrs-tickets-925927573297>

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults - Tuesday 2nd July 6.30pm.

All levels welcome. Feel free to bring along a poem you like or that you have written, to share with the group.

Chat and Play Session for Neuro-Divergent Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner

Wednesday 3rd July, 10am

Play session for neuro-divergent pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 26th June at



10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chat-and-play-sessions-for-neuro-divergent-pre-school-children-tickets-917266728477>

Wednesday 17th July and 24th July, 3pm-5pm

Pottery Workshops with Elena Butter (children MUST attend both)

Suitable for children aged 9+

A fantastic opportunity to use a Pottery Wheel with Elena. In the first workshop, the children will create their piece at the pottery wheel. In the second workshop they will return to paint their pottery piece.

Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 10th July at

3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/pottery-workshop-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-902351195717>

Children MUST attend both sessions, please don't book if this is not possible. Please note that this activity is not suitable for anyone with a skin allergy.

Thursday 18th July, 1pm and 2pm

Anyone4Science Roald Dahl Themed Science Workshops: 1pm for ages 6-8

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theme: Learn how Chocolate Playdough is made! Booking essential from 11th July at

1pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/learn-how-to-make-chocolate-play-dough-for-6-8-year-olds-tickets-920966283947>

Willy Wonka Theme: Like a Scientist in Willy Wonka's Factory learn about Chromatography and how to test dyes in sweets. Booking essential from 11th July at **2pm for ages 9-12**

: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chromatography-learn-how-to-test-dyes-in-sweets-for-9-12-yrs-olds-tickets-920970205677>

Drop-in Chess for Children

Every Tuesday, 10am - 12noon

Come along with a friend or play a new opponent! All welcome. Please spread the word! Chess sets will be left out in the seminar room.

Card Swop! Saturday 6th July, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Another chance to exchange collectible cards - Match Attax, Pokeman, etc. All welcome!



POLITICAL NOTES

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Local Community Safety Partnership: South Dublin County Council are accepting Expression of Interest applications for a Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership for South Dublin County. The closing date for application is 12pm on Monday July 15th.

Further information can be found at the link below.

[Chairperson of the new Local Community Safety Partnership - SDCC](#)

Bollard at Lucan Heights/ Esker Lawns: I made representation in relation to a damaged bollard at Lucan Heights. The query has been forwarded to our Area Roads Engineer for investigation, report and repair.

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Voluntary Assisted Dying 2024: This week I introduced the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2024. This bill establishes a legal framework on how assisted dying can be legislated for in Ireland. Some of the key recommendations from the Oireachtas Special Committee on assisted dying are reflected in this bill. Their key recommendations are around eligibility, oversight, capacity, and safeguards. A link to the bill is here- [Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2024 – No. 50 of 2024 – Houses of the Oireachtas.](#)

Medical Card Reviews: I have been contacted by numerous constituents past number of weeks about the issue of lengthy periods of time of those who are under review of their medical cards. This is leading to situations where people are left without medical cards for medications. This is putting an unnecessary burden on those that in receipt of a medical card that are over the age of 70.

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Exciting times for Lucan this week with the sale of Lucan House finally going through. South Dublin County Council's acquisition of Lucan House brings significant opportunities to further develop Lucan's rich heritage and history. There will be a comprehensive plan for Lucan House

with continued local community engagement right through the design and construction stages.

The plan will focus on enhancing the area as a key tourism, community, and County amenity, whilst also protecting the natural and built environment.

The regeneration of Lucan House and grounds will unlock pedestrian connectivity through the Demesne which will assist active travel. Lucan House will provide a new heritage and environmental tourism destination that celebrates Lucan's heritage story.

Cllr. Caroline Brady – Fine Gael P.C.

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Lucan House: On June 27th, Lucan House became county property, marking a transformative investment in Lucan. I asked the council about plans for local groups like Society for Old Lucan, Lucan Tidy Towns, Lucan Drama, local businesses, and residents to contribute to a vision for the House. The council will engage with the community on a master plan. Watch this space for further information on the consultation.

National Tidy Town's Competition: Best wishes to Lucan Tidy Towns during the Tidy Town's competition assessment period. Lucan looks lovely thanks to their hard work. Good luck to everyone involved!

Cllr. Paul Gogarty – P.C.

"Not just at election time"

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Green space to rear of Tullyhall Drive: Having pushed for ages to get this area finally taken in charge, SDCC has delayed cutting this extremely overgrown area. Have again contacted senior management about this.

Lack of consequences for violence: I've been calling for real consequences for violent behaviour over many years and was appalled to see most recently how the separate attackers of a young lady and a homeless man appear to have effectively got away with their crimes. I have a motion tabled for the first full Council meeting in this regard.

Trees and boundary fence at Hermitage estate: These trees are not part of the normal three-year schedule, but they are seriously overgrown. I've urged SDCC to take remedial action. I've also asked for the boundary fencing to be assessed and repaired as appropriate.

Political Notes continued after Sport.....



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto: We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,400. Numbers were **1, 7, 11, 22**. The lucky dip prizes go to Laura McCaffrey, Karen Boylan, Colm O'Mahony, Catherine Sheehan, Carol Hickey.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,800. The draw is sponsored by O' Gradys Hearing Care Services and will be led by Frank Fleming.

Social: Our Annual Golf Classic took place last Friday the 21st of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. Well done to all of the golfers and a huge thank you to Colm Corrigan Builders and all of our sponsors for making this event possible. Congratulations to M&P Construction (1st place), Total Solutions (2nd place) and the Senior/Inter Hurlers (3rd place).

There were some great raffle prizes to be won at the event. Please see list of winners below:

- 1 Brown Thomas/Arnotts Voucher for €250 - Tom Byrne
- 2 The Plant Collector – €250 voucher - Sophie Donoghue
- 3 Meile Cordless Handstick - Louise O'Neill
- 4 Clayton Hotel Dinner B&B for 2 Walsh Family
- 5 EZ Living Interiors - €200 Voucher - Claire Joyce
- 6 Johnstone Decorating Centre €200 voucher - Sean Dowling
- 7 Leopardstown Racecourse – 4 tickets for Irish Champion Festival - Margaret Buckley
- 8 Halpenny Golf - €70 & Hook & Ladder voucher - Audrey Kane
- 9 Center Parcs Aqua Sana – Spa Pass for four people - Luke Walsh
- 10 The Great Outdoors €100 voucher - Hazel Smyth
- 11 Black & Decker strimmer – Value €140 - Donal Walsh
- 12 Power Fine Wines – Hamper and Hudson Rooms voucher for €50 - Maura Dowling
- 13 Springfield Hotel - €100 voucher for the iNUA Collections of Hotels - Alan O'Neill
- 14 Carmels Aesthetic Laser and Beauty – Facial to the value of €130 - Colm Keenan
- 15 Power Tool Hub - €100 voucher and Wellness Hamper- Kevin Halpin
- 16 Femme Fatale Beauty Salon – Voucher and Carrolls Gastro pub €50 - Clodagh Ennis C/o Eamonn McSea
- 17 Louis Fitzgerald Hotel – Dinner for 2 Gary McDermott
- 18 Irish Times – One-year digital Subscription and the Artisan Pantry Voucher for €50 - Sean O'Ceallaigh
- 19 Lunch for two in Dail Eireann and Wellness hamper - Jim Kirwan
- 20 Seasons of the Weir - €80 voucher and Paddy the Barbers Voucher - Mick Roche

Summer Camps: Our summer camps are 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 multisport. The Cúl Camp for next week is already fully booked. Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via our club website or ClubZap.

Camogie: A huge thank you to Adrian Dunne Pharmacy for sponsoring a new set of jerseys for one of our Minor Camogie teams. Visit their website www.dunnepharmacacies.ie or call into their Pharmacy at Unit 4, Hillcrest Shopping Centre.



Juvenile: Congratulations to the U13C Camogie team and their mentors on winning their League division on Sunday! The girls have been outstanding throughout the league, delivering some brilliant performances.



County: Congratulations to Chris Crummey who was named in last week's hurling team of the week. Hard luck to Chris, Paul, John, Colm and Ronan in their ¼ final loss to Cork. Well done to Sadhbh O'Mairtin, Ruby Walsh, Aoife McKenna and Grace Birch who lined out for the Dublin U15 camogie teams against Wicklow and Cavan over the weekend. Best of luck to Réka Kiss Kalo and Cara Coffey who are playing in the All-Ireland Semi Final with the Dublin U16 Ladies Footballers.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig Nuachtlitir Na Gaeil Óga, áit a bhfaighidh tú an t-eolas is déanaí faoi gach rud atá ag tarlú inár bpobal bríomhar.

Cailíní F13 - Peil

Na Gaeil Óga CLG - Foireann Peil na mBan F13 - Seaimpíní na Sráithe 2024 - Comhgairdheas leo go léir!



Buachaillí 2015

Bhí go leor fuinnimh le feiceáil ó bhuachaillí 2015 inné i gcoinne céile comhraic láidir. D'imir na buachaillí go maith agus iad ag ionsaí agus rinne siad cosaint láidir, ní fhacamar bua ach ba chóir go mbeadh na buachaillí go léir bródúil as a gcuid imeartha, a bhfuinneamh agus a ndiongbháilteacht. D'imir siad mar fhoireann, d'oibrigh siad le chéile agus tá go leor buanna tuillte acu amach anseo!



Cailíní F9 - Peil

Bhí na cailíní F9 tharr barr inné. Scileanna den chéad scoth acu ar fad. Tá an-obair agus dul chun cinn déanta acu. Táimid go léir chomh bródúil astu ar fad.

Buachaillí F10

Bhí críoch den scoth le séasúr na mbuachaillí faoi 10 inné. A leitheid de lá - iontach ar fad! Thosaíomar le cluiche spleodrach, bríomhar, sciliúil iomána. Rinne na buachaillí éacht ollmhór, rinne siad pasanna gleoite agus d'oibrigh siad le chéile go dian. Fuair siad scóranna de chaighdeán nach raibh le feiceáil i bPáirc an Chrócaigh inné! Táimid go léir an-bhródúil as na lads. Tar éis sin, bhí iarnóin álainn againn ag spraoi amuigh faoin aer ag Squirrel Scramble! Is buachaillí an-acaí iad ar fad!

Buachaillí F12

Lá deacair do na BF12 a bhí ag imirt i Roinn 5 iomána inniu i gcoinne foireann an-láidir ó CLG na Seanchille. Ní raibh ach 11 imreoir ar an bpáirc, agus cé gur throid na lads do gach sliotar, ní raibh an t-ádh leo. Bhí feidhmíocht iontach sa chúil ó Eoin K'eogh, agus roinnt imirt álainn ó Aodhfin Farelly i lár na páirce. Faraor ní raibh an ghaoth linn. Buíochas leis na leaids ó na

BF13 as an tacaíocht.

A difficult day for the BF12 playing Division 5 hurling today against a very strong Shankill team. There were only 11 players on the pitch, and although the lads fought for every sliotar, the luck was not with them. There was a great performance in goal from Eoin K'eogh, and some lovely play from Aodhfin Farelly in the centre of the park. Unfortunately the wind did not blow our way. Thanks to the lads from BF13 for the support.



Cailíní F11 - Camogie

Bhí na cailíní Faoi 11 ar fheabhas ina gcluiche deireanach Camógaíochta den séasúr i gcoinne Erin go Bragh inné!! Iarracht iontach ó na himreoirí go léir le scóranna den chéad scoth ar taispeáint!! Míle buíochas leis na tuismitheoirí go léir as an tacaíocht uilig i rith na bliana. Cluiche peile amháin eile ag na cailíní Dé Sathairn seo chugainn. Go néirí leo! NGÓ Abú!!

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

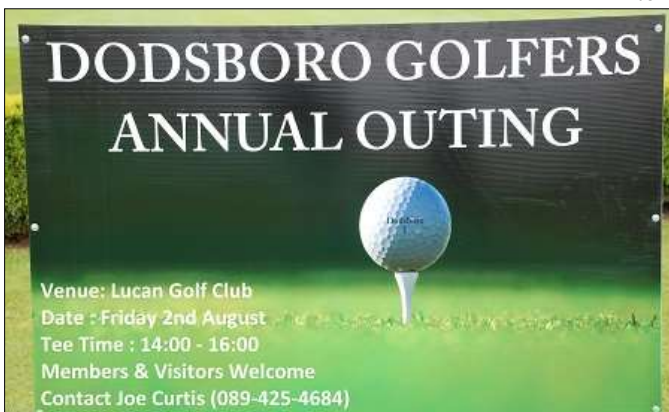
Moylagh JFK 50 mile Challenge

On June 15th Eleanor O' Neill ran her last ultra for 2024, the Moylagh JFK 50 mile in 11:21:06.



It was in aid of the Irish cancer society and she ran it in memory of her lovely friend Dervla who died a month ago from melanoma.

Beautiful course, lots of rolling hills and incredible support from all the locals. Eleanor said she had never been so well fed or looked after.



POLITICS *Continued.....*

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I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their kind words and support during my campaign. I am honoured to serve you as your local independent councillor for the Lucan area for the next five years. I promise to continue my hard work and to remain a strong, honest voice for Lucan, as I have for the past ten years.

I would also like to congratulate the new Mayor of SDCC and our local Independent, Alan Hayes, on his election as Deputy Mayor.

Area Chair: I am delighted to have been voted in by my colleagues as Area Chair for the Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin area.

I would like to wish everyone involved in the Lucan Tidy Towns committee the very best as they prepare for this year's tidy town competition. Let's help them keep Lucan tidy.

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Bollards at Glenvale: I have requested that the Council reinstate the concrete bollards which were damaged on the pedestrian entrance from the R136 into Glenvale and Foxborough estates. This has been added to a list of works to be undertaken shortly.

Castle Road lighting: I have requested an update on when the missing public lighting columns on Castle Road outside Earlsfort Estate are going to be replaced. This should happen in the coming weeks.

Ballyowen Shopping Centre: The safety of the paving and car park of Ballyowen Shopping Centre has deteriorated further in recent weeks. I will contact the management company in charge to request an update and to put further pressure on them to upgrade the area.

Balgaddy Road resurfacing: Resurfacing of Foxborough side of Balgaddy Road was to have started this month. I have requested an update as this work is long overdue.

Did you know.....

[Australia is wider than the moon.](#)

[Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves.](#)

[McDonald's once made bubblegum-flavoured broccoli.](#)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This Friday is the last meeting of the Camera Soiree in the Parish Centre until September. When we resume work will begin on the preparations for our 12th Photographic Exhibition.

Michael G has been in the South of France and has submitted photographs of a beautiful sunset, the promenade and a night-time shot of the conference centre all in St. Raphael which is on the Cote d'Azur in the Var Department. Recently the free world has been remembering the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings.



Within a few kilometres of St. Raphael, at Dramont, there is a memorial to a lesser-known landing (the forgotten D Day) that commenced on 15th August 1944. On this date almost 30,000 American troops and 3,500 vehicles landed there with the objective of securing the liberation of the French ports of Toulon and Marseilles which was achieved by Free French Forces between 20th and 28th August that year.



On the home front Paddy captured a lovely shot of a Galway Hooker which is a traditional boat used on Galway Bay. There has been a revival of and renewed interest in the Galway Hooker, and the boats are still being constructed. Traditionally, the boat is black (being coated in pitch) and the sails are a dark red-brown. The spectacular festival of *Cruinniú na mBád* is held each year in Kinvara (this year from 16th to 18th August) when the legendary turf boats race across Galway Bay.

