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Flogging a dead horse.....

The recent furore surrounding the photographing of a race horse trainer sitting on the carcass of a dead horse has left me for one scratching my head in puzzlement and disbelief. After much headline and media coverage the trainer in question was suspended from racing for six months. It kept our radio stations in chatter for several days on the trot. In his apology, the trainer referenced his 'disrespecting' the horse as a matter of profound regret. In my view the photo was ill judged and in bad taste but I am at a loss to see how harm of any kind was caused to anyone or the dead horse, and the degree of opprobrium seems strangely misplaced.

We have seldom seen such indignation in the media on the many altogether more significant human tragedies that all too often are part of commonplace human life in Ireland. The fact that 6,666 abortions were carried out in our hospitals under the euphemistic label 'health care' last year doesn't merit a column inch, it seems that in the eyes of some, the disrespecting of a dead horse merits more indignation than the death of thousands of innocents.

In a world where real morality has been supplanted by political correctness it doesn't surprise that such a crazy imbalance can and does occur all too often. The 'morality' of our times is defined not by any objective moral standards but by those who propose the slickest campaign and can 'sell' their views through the new means of 'evangelization' – Social Media. Moral right and wrong can never be decided on a show of hands however many hands shoot up in approval.



We conveniently overlook the pernicious effect of the same social media on the lives of many young people, some of whom have been tormented to the extreme tragedy of suicide. The virtual world of Twitter, Instagram and Facebook can assume a frightening importance in young lives and distort relationships with the real world in a thoroughly destructive way.

Young people are more and more taking their values and morals from these social media platforms many of which are spending millions on software that can manipulate them to the sinister point of control. There is a tyranny of group-think promulgated through these media that even the strongest of our young people would find it hard to resist.

These new realities are exerting an influence on upcoming generations the outcome of which no one can foresee. This is new territory for our society and we need to pay particular attention to the evidence to date. Personally, I think the signs are somewhat worrying and ominous.

*Philip Curran
St. Mary's Lucan*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

COVID-19 19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service.



Call us on 0761 07 5090, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days.

Or you can email your query to us at dscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)
0761 07 4000 operates on Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm.

MABS The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin, phone 0761 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

Support services for victims of crime
https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/justice/victims_of_crime/victim_support.html

Mental health services

You may feel mixed emotions during COVID-19. This is a challenging time, and feelings of stress, anxiety and worry are normal. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health, and it is important you look after it during this time.

If you need to talk to someone urgently, you can call Samaritans at any time for free on 116 123.

While you may not be able to see a counsellor face to face, you can access many mental health services online, over the phone and by text. These include:

Samaritans

If you are in distress or struggling to cope:
Free-phone 116 123 (any time, day or night)
Email jo@samaritans.ie (for a response within 24 hours)

Pieta House

If you are suicidal or engaging in self-harm:
Free-phone 1800 247 247 (any time, day or night)
Text HELP to 51444 (standard rates apply)

Aware

If you need support with your own mood or the mood of a friend or family member:
Free-phone 1800 80 48 48 (from 10am to 10pm daily).
Email supportmail@aware.ie for a response within 24 hours
50808

You can chat with a crisis volunteer:

Text HELLO to 50808 for free

The HSE has a full list of online, phone and text mental health services.

You should try to keep in touch with friends and family through phone calls, video calls or texts with friends. Social media can also be useful for keeping in touch during the emergency period. However, if you feel as if social media is adding to your worries, consider taking a break from it.

Know your rights:

Retiring at 65 and social welfare payments

This news item was posted on February 11, 2021
I have to retire at 65, and can't claim my State pension until I'm 66. What can I do?

Many people, under their contract of employment, must retire at 65. However, State pensions are not paid until you are 66.

If you retire at 65, you may be able to get a new social welfare benefit. This is paid until you reach 66 and can claim a State pension. It is similar to Jobseeker's Benefit, but you don't need to be looking for work or sign on at your local Intreo centre. It is only available to people aged 65. To qualify for this benefit, you must have stopped work, be living in Ireland and meet the social insurance (PRSI) conditions.

More information is on the following link:
<https://whatsnew.citizensinformation.ie/2021/02/11/know-your-rights-retiring-at-65-and-social-welfare-payments/>

South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.



If you witness dumping contact

014149000/wasteregulation@sducubincoco.ie



PLEASE NOTE:

We are **NOT** operating from the Newsletter Office at the moment, but leave your ads, queries or notices in the **letter box at St. Mary's Parish Centre, before 10pm on Wednesday night**, and we'll collect and look after them.

Alternately email any of the following:

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com

Due to present restrictions, we will continue publishing online only for the next few weeks, when we will review the situation.

Our weekly block and small ads, which are not normally carried online, may be viewed on our 'Community' Page at www.lucannewsletter.ie



You can use #FixYourStreet to report non emergency issues to the Council.

Categories covered are:

Graffiti

Leaks and Drainage

Litter and Illegal Dumping

Road or Path Defects

Street Lighting

Tree and Grass Maintenance

How to Report

By sending an email to reports@fixyourstreet.ie

By sending a tweet with the hashtag/s #fysie
Fixyourstreet.ie



CRAOL, the umbrella body of community radio in Ireland, with the support of the Community Foundation

for Ireland saw 108 people living in 17 direct provision centres receive QQI level 3 Media Expression Certification. The courses were delivered by 8 Community Stations from around the country from 2018 to 2020. Maria Murphy from Liffey Sound delivered this training.

CRAOL have now produced a 4 part radio series "Giving Voice to the Silent" from recordings submitted as part of this training. The programmes will be broadcast on Liffey Sound 96.4FM on Sundays at 11.30am.

Stay safe & well, the Liffey Sound team.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook



Age Action are offering five hours tutoring, remotely, to anyone who needs support using their smartphone, tablet or laptop. Covering topics like how to set up an email, how to download an app, how to use video calling to see your loved ones etc.

For more information, please call 01 4756989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Shrubs Wanted!

Would you like to donate a shrub and have it planted in St. Mary's Church Garden

If interested please call

Pat on 087 223 8911



Lost

Brown Prescription Glasses lost in Lucan Village, the first week in March 2021.

If found please ring 086 0871773

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



During Level 5 Masses will be livestreamed on www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: 6.30pm, Sunday: 11am



St Patrick's Day Masses

online only

Vigil Mass Tuesday 16th – 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th 11am (no 10am Mass)

Weekday Masses: 10am Monday to Saturday
(No 10am on Wednesday St Patrick's Day)

LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent at 7.30pm

we have an online prayer time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you are invited to tune in each week for guided prayer on the major themes of Lent.

If you are unable to join in the guided prayer live, it is recorded and may be watched anytime by clicking on recordings on webcam

Private Prayer: The Church will be open daily for private prayer on weekdays from **10.30am to 6pm** (funerals permitting) and on Sundays from **12 noon to 6pm**. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nun's Chapel). Please ensure social distancing when visiting the church and use hand sanitizers provided when entering and leaving.

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture is continuing on zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Mairead Walsh*, Esker Lawns and to the family and friends of *Bridget (Bridie) Diffley*, Palmerstown.
May they rest in peace.



St. Patrick's Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

All Masses are now streamed live on the Parish YouTube channel during Level 5

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm,
9am 10.30am Family Mass and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday at 10am.

Lent is positive!

We have done without so much personally and socially for the past year, so this Lent, we are inviting you to take up something positive.

After each weekday Mass a Decade of the Rosary is recited.

There will be online Eucharistic Adoration, each Saturday 6.40pm

Private Prayer:

Church is open for private prayer, weekdays from **10.30 to 12.30** and **access through church door at the bell tower.**

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

All Masses will be livestreamed only on www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass:

Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Masses:

Lent Timetable for services (Online only)

Monday to Thursday: Masses at 9:15am and 7pm

Friday: Mass at 9:15am followed by **Benediction.**

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturday: Masses at 10am and 7pm

Anniversaries

MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE 2nd Anniversary - 20th March

To have you for a wife
Was cause enough for pride
No-one could be your equal
However much they tried
I lost a wife in a million
I loved her to the end
I lost two precious things that day
My wife and my best friend.

*Always remembered by her loving husband
Michael*



MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE 2nd Anniversary - 20th March

If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our Mothers arms
And tell her they are from us
Tell her we love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
We do it every day
But there is an ache within our hearts
That will never go away.

*Always remembered by her loving daughters
Michelle and Marion, sons-in-law Ronan and
Gary, grandchildren Barry and his wife Faye,
Andrew, Hannah, and Lucy, great-grandchildren
Sophia, Briain, Ben and Elora Rose*



MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE 2nd Anniversary - 20th March

We can picture you like a photograph
We can see your smile
And hear your laugh
We don't need to look back
We remember you
You can ask the sun, the moon, the stars
Every day that goes by
We remember you.

*Always remembered by her loving sisters and
brothers, Patty, Margaret, Vera, Phil, John,
Christy, George and Martin*

JACK COLLINS

14th Anniversary - 15th March

Late Sarsfield Park.

For as long as we live, we will always be glad
For a wonder Dad we were lucky to have
A beautiful nature, a heart of gold
His loss to us can never be told
A special person
A special Dad we can never replace.
Also remembering his birthday on 19th March.

*Loved always from his daughters Carol Anne and
Elizabeth, grandchildren and great grandchildren*

Month's Mind

PAULINE CONDRON

Month's mind Mass for Pauline will be this
Saturday 13th March at 6.30pm at St Mary's
Church, Lucan (on line only)

From St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.





Happy Mother's Day

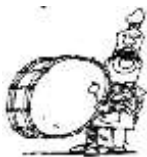
to all the
Mams of
Lucan! Hope
you all get to
put your feet
up and enjoy being waited on.



Ireland v Scotland – Mother's Day or not, many will be glued to the TV this Sunday for the big rugby match. Should be a good one!

Lucan's 30th St. Patrick's Day

Parade - 2022 hopefully! This time last year, Lucan was gearing up for its 30th annual parade, when disaster struck and there were no parades anywhere. Little did we think that a year later, we would still be without our parade!



But, this time next year.....

And what do you think of this?



Joe Byrne of Lucan Festival sent us the above poster for St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Lucan, Minnesota – this Lucan has a population of 200 people, and is named after our very own Lucan.

We send greetings to our friends in the USA.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to
Tadhg, Cormac and **Róisín**, in
Melbourne, and indeed to
Lucanians in all parts of the world.



Brendan Ryan, Roselawn, at Lucan Active Retirement St Patrick's Day function on the 12th of March 2020. (First Lockdown Day)

Brendan is 90 years old now and a wonderful asset to Lucan Active Retirement Club.

We hope Brendan and all his friends will enjoy a better social life in the next few months.

An Irish Friendship Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do;

May your purse always hold a coin or two;

May the sun always shine on your windowpane;

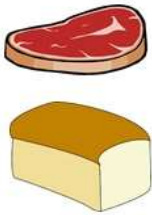




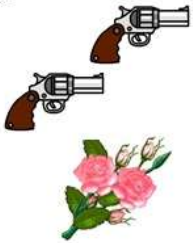
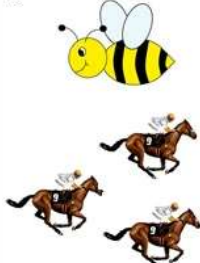
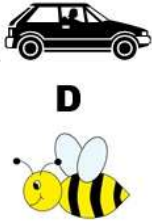


May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;

May the hand of a friend always be near you;

May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you;

And may you be in heaven half an hour before the devil knows you are dead.

Name the Bands / Artists!

1. 	2. 	3. 	4. 	5. 
6. 	7. 	8. 	9. 	10. 



Quiz for very bright people!

1. Name a sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards.
3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables.
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. Only 3 words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw', and they are common words. Name two of them?
6. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any other form except fresh.



They met online.....



All answers next week!



CHOOOL NEWS



St Joseph's College

Joey's Tidy Towns Calendar 2021:

We were delighted to make our final donation to the Lucan Branch of St. Vincent de Paul this week from the sale of our 2021 Calendars! In total, €1,000 has been donated to our local branch and it will undoubtedly go towards helping families in the locality that may need it. A huge thank you to all who supported our fundraiser – it was not easy to promote the calendars with all the restrictions in place but we hope that anyone who has them is enjoying the lovely local sights that each new month brings.



There are still a number of calendars in the school and they are still in date for another few months! (stjosephslucan@gmail.com)

Flag Day 2021:

Flag Day will take place nationwide this Tuesday, 16th March. Every year, we mark the day that Thomas Francis Meagher first raised the Irish Flag in 1848 by celebrating the meaning of the Flag today – Pride, Respect and Peace. This year, we were delighted to unveil our Flag Day Mural – a permanent display of the Irish Flag along with the flags of the 67 other countries that are represented in St. Joseph's College. The ceramic mural, entitled 'A World Woven' was completed this time last year, unveiled on 18th December,

and now sits proudly along our main corridor in the school. We were delighted to be interviewed and photographed by the Irish Independent last week for a feature in the Flag Day Supplement of the Irish Independent, this Friday, 12th March 2021. Congratulations to three of our students – Abigail Byrne (6th Year 2019-20), Alexandra Pogoneanu (2nd Year) and Khadija Farooq Aslam (1st Year) who were announced this week as winners of the Flag Day Competition which will feature in Friday's supplement. Well done girls!



'A World Woven' – Ceramic Mural

Concern Debates:

Congratulations to Mr Smyth & our 5th Year Concern Debating team who are through to the Quarter Final of the School Shield Stage of the Concern Debates! - Great news! The SHIELD Quarter Finals will take place online on March 18th.

Incoming First Years 2021:

We would like to thank all the parents who attended the online information meeting for Incoming First Year Parents on Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming your daughters into St Joseph's College and meeting you all in person! For anybody who could not attend, the presentation is available on our school website.

The next phase of **Return to School** will proceed on Monday 15th March - this means that 5th Year and 6th Year students will be in school from then onwards. All other year groups will continue to be taught online.

School website <https://stjosephslucan.com>

Follow us on Twitter: @STJosephs3



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

School news: Our 5th yr students will be returning to school on Monday 15th March after the Department of Education confirmed that the next stage of the phased re-opening of schools can proceed as planned.

The public health landscape is being closed monitored to assess whether the earlier phases have led to higher Covid transmission rates in the community, but early indications are that they have not had any significant impact so far. We commend our own 6th yr students on their rigorous adherence to the school's infection and prevention and control measures since their return last Monday.



The Irish proverb “**Ní neart go cur le chéile**” (strength in unity) has rarely been so apt and it is uplifting and heartening to see our schools gradually reopening and welcoming back students after so much remote learning. We look forward to welcoming back all other year groups on Monday April 12th after the Easter holidays.

Exam news: An information session for parents/guardians of 6th yr students on the Leaving Cert 2021 and Accredited Grades process was held remotely via Zoom on Monday evening 8th March. The Careers Department and senior management delivered a presentation on the numerous changes and updates on all areas of concern relating to this year's exams. The session was very well attended and the feedback from the parents was extremely positive. They reported that the session was very helpful and that they subsequently felt more confident, informed and empowered discussing the somewhat complicated process with their sons.

The State Examinations and Accredited Grades SEC online portal for 6th yr students opened on Wednesday 10th March. Students have until Tuesday 16th March at 6pm to log in and confirm the levels they will be taking in each subject. They are required to indicate whether they wish to sit the written exam in June an exam or opt for an accredited grade. They will do this on a subject by subject basis. Management, teachers are the Careers Department have strongly advised all of our students to give very careful consideration for both at this time.

The new completion dates for practical coursework components to be submitted were issued last week. Our DCG students are busy completing their projects which must be completed by Friday 19th March. History and Geography projects are due for completion by Tuesday 23rd April. All other coursework in the



remaining practical subjects, Art, Engineering and Construction is due for submission in May.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to proceed with the day-practical exams in construction studies and engineering given public health considerations. These marks will now be reallocated to the practical coursework.

The Leaving Cert oral exams in French, German and Irish will be held in the school over the Easter holidays. This year the language teachers themselves will conduct the exams but will not assess them. All of the oral exams will be recorded and sent off to the State Examinations Commission where they will be marked and graded by examiners appointed by the SEC. Running the orals outside of the school term means that there will obviously more space available in the school for ensuring physical distancing between the candidate and the examiner. It also prevents any further unnecessary loss of teaching and learning classroom time.

LCVP Interviews: The 6th yr LCVP classes completed their recorded interviews in the school this week with Ms. Shanahan. The Recorded Interview is an ideal opportunity to prepare students for the world of work or further education whilst being an innovative form of the LCVP assessment. The students had prepared questions about themselves and about some of the LCVP activities, experiences and skills gained throughout the two years. The feedback was very positive as the students talked about the skills they developed such as Communication and Planning skills as well as IT and research skills. They described how they planned for and completed their Work Experience, their trip to Butler's Chocolate Factory as well as their involvement in Business Week.

The Recorded Interviews, worth 12% of their Portfolios, lasted approximately 5 minutes and they will now be submitted for external correction. The students did a recording themselves on Zoom during the remote learning for 6th yrs and they got some valuable feedback that proved very helpful on the day of their interviews.

The students are working towards a deadline of 12th March for the completion of their Portfolios of Coursework, which is worth 60% of the overall marks available. The written part of their exam, worth the other 40%, normally takes place held in early May but this year the date has yet to be confirmed as alternative arrangements and dates are currently under consideration.

Lucan Community College

Art Competition Winner: Congratulations to Eabha McNally who has been awarded First Place in the Junior Cycle Art Category of the Mental Health Ireland Art Competition 2020/21. This year's theme was "Reflecting on How I've Grown". Eabha used primary source objects and explored typography in her sketchbook before creating this wonderful artwork. Congratulations Eabha and well done to all our students who worked hard on their entry. Also, thanks to Ms Byrne for her encouragement and advice.



Well done to Luka Abulidze who represented Lucan Community College in the Meet the Judges phase of the final stages of the Relove Fashion competition. He was highly commended for his design and presentation. 'Well done Luka', in reaching the competition final.



First Year News: Our wonderful First Years are busy working away and completing pieces of work and various assignments and doing their best before they begin their Easter holidays in a few weeks' time. There is also an opportunity for them before Easter, to show off their artistic skills by painting/drawing a picture with the theme being "Easter". Gift vouchers will be awarded to the best pieces of Art and we look forward too, to putting this art collection on display when we return to our school building soon. So get your art materials out and start planning your masterpieces. Details of this competition are on the First year Teams Site in Teams.

Our First Years have also the opportunity to get involved in an exciting KM challenge organized by their PE teachers, Ms. Geraghty and Mr. Mc Anerin. Last week we had class Willow in the lead and the week before class Rowan lead the way....so get involved. All information is on the First year Teams Site.

Our dedicated TY digital leaders conduct a workshop every Monday at lunchtime for our First Years. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Teams/Onenote/Word and so on. Each week a different topic is presented and there is time for students to engage and improve on their IT skills. Well done to our fab TY team.

Students, make sure you are attending and engaging in all your on-line classes and be sure to submit all your work to your teachers. Ask for help if you need it and communicate with your teachers how you are getting on. Reply to their messages and try to keep on track as best you can. We are due to return to school after Easter, subject to HSE advice, and we want you all up to date with your work and your assignments and not falling behind. Attendance is very important and as we all know, parents can view this on Vsware and keep track of their son/daughters attendance. Thanks.

As always, we want you to do your best but also make sure you have a balanced lifestyle. Work, rest and play. It is important for you to make time for yourself. Be kind to yourself, your family, your friends and your teachers. We are all here to support one another. Keep communication channels open in school and at home and always remember to look out for each other in a positive and kind manner. It does not cost a penny to be kind to one another. It is Mother's Day on Sunday, so do something nice.

School Improvement Group: Well done to all the 5th year students who worked with Ms. Bean on the school improvement group in Transition Year. The bulbs they planted in September- November 2019 are coming into bloom and enhancing the outdoor areas around the school. This is the first time many of us got to see them, as the school was closed due to Covid-19 this time last year.

Updates

We are continuing to support our 6th year students in their completion of the Student Portal - we are encouraging all students to keep their options open at this early stage of the year as we are still awaiting further details as to how each subject will be examined. Student presentation about the details of the LC process was recorded and sent to parents with a link to our website. Any updates are sent to students and parents and we are regularly updating our website and twitter feeds

Mr. O'Conner, Mr. Purcell and the Tutor team are also working closely with our 5th year parents and students this week to prepare for their return to school from next Tuesday 16th March.

A Transition Year Parents meeting about the 5th year leaving cert options process, took place on Tuesday 9th March. Thanks to Ms. Twyford, Ms. O' Gara, Ms. Higgins and all the presenters on the night. Appreciation was expressed to the subject departments who prepared Video presentations for option subjects to help students in their choices.

We would like to wish all our School Community a great, 'Lá Fhéile Pádraig.'

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

78 The Orchard, Lucan. 01 401 3416

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

Urban Regeneration and Development Fund:

€9.7M has been allocated for Adamstown, this funding is hugely welcome and will be used to further develop the community, delivering amenities including a central boulevard park, a town centre plaza and a library or civic building. €176M has been allocated to help deliver infrastructure projects hand in hand with housing in Clonburris.

Canal Loop Urban Greenway: Plans for an Urban Greenway between the Grand Canal and Lucan Village are underway. A concept plan for the Canal Loop Urban Greenway is being drafted and public consultation is now open. South Dublin County Council want you to have your say on a 4.2-kilometre section that has been identified for pedestrians and cyclists. The virtual consultation room also includes a survey specifically designed for young people.

<https://consult.sdbulincoco.ie/en/consultation/canal-loop-urban-greenway-concept-route>.

Caitriona McClean 086-3898327

cmaemcclean@hotmail.com twitter: @cmaemcclean

Public Consultation on Canal Loop

cycleway: Proposed route is along/adjacent to/in vicinity of Griffen Valley Park, over the Railway Bridge and N4 footbridges. The likely route is through Lucan and up Laraghcon Rd and possibly join Royal Canal at Collins Bridge. Length 5.8kms. Please visit SDCC virtual room- till 20th April and have your say.

Housing & Transport: Much needed funding for housing and developments for Clonburris and Adamstown is now available. Tom Newton and I have sent an integrated transport plan to the Oireachtas Joint Committee this week. Both Adamstown railway and Lucan Luas play a critical role.

Abortion Legislation Review: I wrote to the Taoiseach calling for total transparency and publication of all relevant statistics, and asked Minister for Health to make a statement on Review Process.

Insider Trading: I have raised the question of custodial sentences.

Cllr. Ed O'Brien – Fianna Fáil

Mayor of South Dublin County Council

8A The Village Centre, Lucan, Ph 01 6105811

Mob 087 7997609. Facebook.com/edobrienlucan

Twitter @EdOBrien1. E: eobrien@cllr.sdbulincoco.ie

Grand Canal Loop Greenway: A consultation portal for the greenway through Lucan village has been opened and I would urge as many people as possible to visit and ensure that you have your say on the design of the Greenway. I fully support this piece of work but it is vital that any reservations about the route are raised at this time. Visit www.canalloop.virtualeventspace.io or www.sdcc.ie for details.

Dog fouling measures: Incidences of dog fouling seem to have increased over the last number of months and I am raising the matter with SDCC to see if increased numbers of green dog walkers might be a solution finally, a happy (virtual) St Patricks Day to everyone.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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

Medical Cannabis Access Programme:

In a parliamentary question to the minister for health last week he stated that the MCAP will now commence in June with a budget of several million euro. This is welcome news for all those campaigners who over the past four years have highlighted the need for access via prescription.

Health Committee. Rollout of COVID-19 Vaccine:

This week at the health committee I questioned representatives from the HSE about adding additional capacity to the rollout program for other vaccines from countries outside the EU and USA. There is also growing momentum for pharmaceutical companies to waive their intellectual property rights so less well countries can get access to the vaccine.

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Footpath & Cycle track repair programme: The programme for planned repairs for footpaths and cycle lanes has been published and includes Hermitage Crescent as well as the cycle lane from Grange Castle to Castle Road. I have received commitments that works in Larkfield will be undertaken when restrictions are lifted, and urgent repair will be undertaken in Foxborough and Abbeywood.

Abbeywood: Good to see public realm maintenance work being undertaken at the entrance to Abbeywood. This is something I've sought since being elected and thanks to committed residents, it is now being delivered.

Adamstown: Thanks to residents in Adamstown for inviting me and other public representatives to the recent meeting to discuss addressing anti-social behaviour in Adamstown. I look forward to working with colleagues to deliver on the actions agreed.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Canal Loop Urban Greenway: Public consultation now taking place on the plans for the Canal Loop Urban Greenway. Virtual consultation room also includes a survey specifically for young people. Visit <https://canalloop.virtualeventspace.io/> for further details

The Following areas are included in Roads Works Programme 2021 reported at this week's Council meeting:

You can contact me if you have damaged footpaths that needs to be reported

Footpath repairs: Ardeevin Estate, Beech Park, Chapel Hill, Cherbury Park, Esker Lawns, Hillcrest Estate, Lucan Heights, Lucan Road, Sarsfields Park, Woodview Heights. **Road Works:** Esker Road, Esker Lane/Glebe, Leixlip Road, Lucan Road, Lucan Road, Newcastle Road, Sarsfield Park. **Newcastle Road**

Flood repairs (corner Westbury Estate): The council have now completed these works.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Conradh
na Gaeilge**



Lá Féile Pádraig 2021 sona daoibh!

Fáilte chuig ar n-eagrán speisialta de “Notaí Cumainn” Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin, ag ceiliúradh “Seachtain na Gaeilge”. Cé go bhfuil don chuid is mó dé na hait ar na leathnaigh seo as Gaeilge, bíonn siad le fáil as Bearla agus as Gaeilge ar www.lucansarsfields.ie/news

Teachtaireacht ó Uachtarán an Chumainn

Sa tseachtain seo, tá Lá na Máthar agus Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan, ag ceiliúradh ról traidisiúnta na mban mar lucht déanta tí agus tuismitheoirí, mar aon le ról na mban ar fud gach réimse den saol nua-aimseartha, lena n-áirítear gnó, na healaíona, leigheas, eolaíocht agus, ar ndóigh, spórt. Is sampla iontach den dul chun cinn é an fás iontach le déanaí ar rannpháirtíocht i bPeil Ghaelach na mBan agus Camógaíocht, mar atá go deimhin an méadú ar an gcaighdeán sa dá spórt. Tá rannán rathúil na mban ag ár gClub atá ag fás agus ag feabhsú i gcónaí i gcáilíocht agus in iomaíochas, ag líon na n-imreoirí ban anois 44% den iomlán. Lasmuigh de réimse na himeartha, tá bainistíocht ár gClub feabhsaithe go mór mar gheall go bhfuil ceannairí mná láidre ann, i gcúrsaí oiliúna agus gnó, riarachán cluichí agus saoráidí, in airgeadas agus in oibríochtaí ginearálta an chlub. Tá na laethanta, nuair a chonacthas do mhná nach raibh iontu ach na geansaithe a ní agus na ceapairí a dhéanamh, imithe go deo.



Tá Covid-19 tar éis deireadh a chur le gníomhaíochtaí cluichí club agus tá go leor dúshlán tugtha do chlubanna agus do phobail CLG. D'fhreagair Lucan Sarsfields, ag cur ár n-áiseanna ar fáil le haghaidh tástála Covid-19, ár n-imreoirí fásda ag siopadóireacht do bhail leochaileacha inár bpobal, ag tacú le raon tionscnamh sláinte agus folláine ar líne, chomh maith le bheith ag obair (ar aon dul le srianta Covid-19) urraitheoirí corparáideacha nua a fháil agus ár saoráidí a fheabhsú agus a leathnú. B'fhéidir go bhfuil ár bhfoirne ag gníomhú, ach ní raibh spiorad na foirne riamh níos airde.

Ag guí Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona agus lánsábháilte agaibh go léir. Na Sáirséalaigh Abú! - Caitlín De Róiste

Teachtaireacht ó ár gCathaoirleach, Colm

Farrell. Lá na Máithreacha atá ann an Domhnach beag seo, 14ú Márta, agus ba mhaith linn lá iontach a ghuí ar Máithreacha agus Seannmháireacha Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin. Chomh maith le sin, ba mhaith linn Lá Fhéile Pádraig a ghuí ar gach baill agus pátrún de Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin. Ag an am seo, an bhliain seo caite, ní raibh a fhios againn go mbeadh ár dara ceiliúradh de Lá Fhéile Pádraig ciorraithe. Ach, tá súil againn go mbeidh muid in ann é a cheiliúradh go hiomlán an bhliain seo chugainn.

Tá an dianghlásáil beagnach thart, agus le na trathnóna ag fáil níos faide, caithfimid muid fanacht go fóill. Ní bheidh sé ró-fhada go dtí go bhfuilimid ar ais ag traenáil, ar a laghad. Cinnte, go gcaithfimid muid fanacht leis an bhfógra ar an 5ú lá de Mhí Aibreán, agus leanfaidh muid cibé treoirlínte a fhiliseofar an CLG ina dhiaidh sin. Ach, de réir mar a fheabhsaíonn an aimsir, agus le níos mó daoine ag fáil an vacsain, caithfidh a bheith dóchasach go bhfuil an chuid is measa taobh thiar dúinn agus beidh muid in ann ár bhfoirne a fhéiceáil arís, ag imirt ar son ár gclub, nuair a thagann an samhradh.



Pieta agus Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

Tá áthas ar Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin a fhógair go mbeidh ár

bhfoireann Peil na mBan Sinsearach mar ‘Pléadálai’ Pieta, an carthanas náisiúnta do chosc féinmharaithe, do na céad trí bliana eile. Ár mhuíochas le John Mullen ó Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin agus “Version1” as ucht an comhar seo a chur le chéile. Nóta beag: Tá Pieta mar eagraíocht charthanúil, agus níl Pieta ag déanamh urraíocht ar Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin. I 2006, d’ocsail Pieta a ndoraise don chéad uair i Leamhcáin, Baile Átha Cliath. Ón am sin tá siad tar éis 58,000 duine, atá i n-anacair féinmharaithe nó atá ag déanamh féindochar dóibh féin, a fheiceáil agus a chabhrú. Ofrálann Pieta comhairle saor in aisce i 20 ionad timpeall na tíre. Táimid ríméadach as ucht an deis seo chun oibriú chomh cóngarach le Pieta. Chun níos mó eolas a fháil ar Pieta, féach ar <https://www.pieta.ie>

Comhbhrón ó chroí le teaghlach Beegan ar bhás iarmheantóir peile Lucan Sarsfields, Greg. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Lató Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin CLG, Pota Óir de €3800.

Ní raibh aon buaiteoir phota óir de €3400 sa chrannchur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, an 4ú lá de Mhí Mhárta, a raibh urraithe ag Henley Forklift Group. Tarraingíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas: 1, 2, 5, agus 12. Buaiteoirí tobair an áidh a fhaigheann €30 an duine ná Jimmy Stagg, Patrick O’Loughlin, Lawrence Fitzharris, Carol & Catherine, Joe & Margaret Byrne. Tá €3800 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é Dual Printing Ltd urraitheoir na seachtaine. Tarlóidh an crannchur ar chúl doirse druidte ar an Déardaoin, an 11ú lá de Mhí Mhárta ag 9 i.n. faoi bhainistiú Mary Flannery. Beidh sé beo ar 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. Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le **Na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**

Chun níos mó eolas a fháil ar aon de na míreanna seo, féach ar ar suíomh idirlinn www.lucansarsfields.ie

Happy St Patricks Day 2021

Welcome to this special edition of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Notes, celebrating “Seachtain na Gaeilge.” While many of the articles on this page are as Gaeilge, they are available on www.lucansarsfields.ie/news in both languages.

Message from the Club President

This week contains Mother’s Day and International Womens’ Day, celebrating the traditional role of women as homemakers and parents, together with womens’ roles across all spheres of modern life, including business, the arts, medicine, science and, of course, sport. The recent phenomenal growth in participation in Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie is an excellent example of progress, as indeed is the increase in the standard in both sports. Our Club has a thriving ladies’ section that is constantly growing and improving in quality and competitiveness, with the number of female players now 44% of the total. Off the field of play, the management of our Club has been hugely enhanced by the presence of strong female leaders, in coaching and team affairs, in games and facilities administration, in finance and general club operations. The days when women were seen as only washing the jerseys and making the sandwiches are gone for ever.



Covid-19 has brought club games activities to a halt and delivered many challenges to GAA clubs and communities. Lucan Sarsfields has responded, making our facilities available for Covid-19 testing, our adult players doing shopping for vulnerable members of our community, supporting a range of online health and fitness initiatives, as well as working (in line with Covid-19 restrictions) to secure new corporate sponsors and to improve and expand our facilities. Our teams may be out of action, but our team spirit has never been higher.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Saint Patrick’s Day Na Sáirséalaigh Abú!

Kathleen Roche

A message from the Chairman, Colm Farrell.

Next Sunday March 14th is Mother’s Day, and we’d like to wish all Mothers and Grandmothers of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club a great Mother’s Day. We would also like to wish all members and patrons of Lucan Sarsfields a great St. Patrick’s Day. Little did we think at this time last year that a second St. Patricks Day celebration would be curtailed, but at least we can be assured that we should be able to celebrate fully next year.

We’ve made it through the worst part of lockdown, and as the evenings lengthen, we must still hang in there; we are not that far away from, at least, a return to training. Of course we’ll have to wait for the announcement on April 5th and we will, of course,

adhere to the GAA guidelines that will be published in shortly thereafter, but, as the weather improves, and the vaccine gets rolled out, we have to remain optimistic that the worst is behind us and we will get to see all our teams representing our club come the summer.



Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club are delighted to announce that our Ladies Senior Footballers will

‘Champion’ Pieta, the national suicide prevention charity, over the next 3 Years. Thank you to **John Mullen** of Lucan Sarsfields and Version 1 in putting this collaboration together. Note that Pieta is a charitable organisation, and Pieta are not sponsoring Lucan Sarsfields. Pieta first opened its doors in Lucan, County Dublin in 2006. Since then they have seen and helped over 58,000 people in suicidal distress or engaging in self-harm. Pieta offers free counselling in 20 centres across Ireland. We are delighted to have the opportunity to work so closely with Pieta. For more information about Pieta, please visit <https://www.pieta.ie>

Our sincere condolences to the Beegan family on the recent death of former Lucan Sarsfields football mentor, Greg. May he rest in peace.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €3800

There was no winner of the Club Lotto held on 4 March 2021 sponsored by Henley Forklift Group. The numbers drawn were **1, 2, 5, and 12.**

Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: Jimmy Stagg, Patrick O’Loughlin, Lawrence Fitzharris, Carol & Catherine, Joe & Margaret Byrne. The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 11th March, is €3800, and is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd. The draw will be held behind closed doors at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week’s draw, tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

Please see our website www.lucansarsfields.ie for more information on these articles



Irish Life MyLife Spring Step Challenge

Want to keep up the walking? Irish Life MyLife Spring Step Challenge is open to everyone for March 2021. This is the perfect opportunity to keep up the walking following on from the Healthy Club Step Challenge. Irish Life are asking participants to track 280,000 steps over 4 weeks (the equivalent of 10,000 per day) between 8th March - 4th April to be entered into the prize draw. For further details and how to register please click on the following link: MyLife Spring Step Challenge 2021 (irishlife.ie)

Move for March:

#MoveforMarch is an initiative to entice you to get up on your bike throughout March with AXA Community Bike Rides. If you are looking for some motivation to get back on your bike, or you'd like to challenge yourself, why not sign up and take part in any of the solo bike rides. You could win a See.Sense bike light! All advertised rides are covered through Cycling Ireland public liability cover. Find out more: <https://www.axacommunitybikerides.com/news/move-for-march>

GAA collaboration with TRUST Ireland Photo Competition for the month of March.

TRUST Ireland are launching a photo and caption competition. Entrants are invited to submit a photo or a video on what "human rights in and through sport" means to them, along with a short (240 character) caption explaining their choice. Entries can be original or curated photos or videos from the past or present. The competition is open to people of all ages both across Ireland and internationally. In particular, input from rightsholder groups including people with disabilities; women and girls; Travellers and ethnic minorities; the LGBTQI+ community; asylum seekers, refugees and migrants; and disadvantaged or marginalised communities are sought. <http://unescoitral.ie/trust-photo-caption-competition/>

HSE Stress Control Online:

This is an evidence-based programme that teaches practical skills to deal with stress. It will help you to recognise the signs of stress such as how stress affects our bodies and our thoughts and help to develop skills to overcome panicky feelings and how to get a good night's sleep. The course runs for three weeks starting on the 8th of March (timetable attached) and you can find further details at the following link: www.stresscontrol.ie Resources



Links/Podcasts/Webinars

- Department of Education (UK) - Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/>
- Suicide or Survive - Living in Lockdown: Loneliness - Let's talk about it Webinar (March 5th at 11am) <https://event.webinarjam.com/register/504/gw2g8twg>
- Bodywhys - Report Launch 'Reflections on Eating Disorder Experiences in Ireland' (March 5th at 12pm) - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/bodywhys-launch-reflections-on-eating-disorder-experiences-in-ireland-tickets-143128157171>
- HSE NOSP - Launch of the HSE National Suicide Bereavement Support Guide (March 11th at 2pm) - https://ims.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dv4NQ9K5TN-rBgAmGcNxDAQ
- Institute of Global Health Innovation - Talking about mental health and getting support (Webinar series for young people aged 14-25) (March 11th, 18th & 25th at 4.15pm) - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-new-tomorrow-young-people-improving-your-wellbeing-during-covid-19-tickets-141454479155>
- Minding Creative Minds - Meet and Greet Session (March 15th at 7pm) - <http://mindingcreativeminds.ie/2021/03/01/meet-greet-session-3/>
- Mental Health Ireland/Chronic Pain Ireland - 5 Steps to Wellbeing During Tough Times Webinar (March 16th at 11am) - <https://www.loveyourbrain.ie/event/126-chronic-pain-ireland-association-mental-health-ireland-5-steps-wellbeing-during-tough>
- First Fortnight – Information Session (March 16th at 12pm) – E-mail: patricia@firstfortnight.ie
- Dr Colman Noctor – Asking for a parent podcast series <https://podcasts.apple.com/ie/podcast/asking-for-a-parent/id1536887738#episodeGuid=askingforaparent.podbean.com%2Fd9520b8b-2242-370f-bd04-fd10fe00b823>



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



Camán do Chách

Ag an deireadh seachtaine bronnadh breis agus 40 camán ar pháistí i Leamhcán. Má tá páiste aganár imir camógaíocht/iománaíocht riamh ach ar mhaith leo triail a bhaint as, cuir scéal chuig Dean ar 0863337739 agus cuirfidh sé camán chugat saor in aisce.

At the weekend we delivered hurls to over 40 children in the Lucan area. If you have a child who has never played before but would like to learn, send a message to Dean on 0863337739 and he will deliver a hurl free of charge to your doorstep.

Feachtas Lidl

Tá feachtas nua tosaithe le Lidl agus a n-aip Lidl Plus. Bheimis buíoch dá roghnódh sibh Na Gaeil Óga ar an aip, is deis tiomsiú airgid iontach é seo don fhoireann le duaiseanna iontacha don fhoireann. Tá an feachtas seo ar siúl ón Luan, 15ú Feabhra go dtí an Domhnach, 11ú Aibreán.

A new campaign has been launched with Lidl and their Lidl Plus app. We would be grateful if you would choose Na Gaeil Óga on the app, as this is a great fundraising opportunity with for the team. This campaign runs from Monday, February 15th to Sunday, April 11th. A new campaign has been launched with Lidl and their Lidl Plus app. We would be grateful if you would choose Na Gaeil Óga on the app, as this is a great fundraising opportunity with for the team. This campaign runs from Monday, February 15th to Sunday, April 11th.

CLG ar scoil

Mar chuid de filleadh na scoileanna, is cúis atháis do Na Gaeil Óga go bhfuilimid ar ais ag eagrú seisiún spraoi sna scoileanna gach Déardaoin agus Aoine le gur féidir le páistí blaiseadh a fháil den CLG. Má thaitníonn na seisiún seo le do pháistí nó más maith leat tuilleadh eolais faoi fhoireann a bheadh feiliúnach do do pháistí, déan teagmháil le Cóitseálaí Scoile an Chumainn, Dean ar 0863337739.

Na Gaeil Óga are delighted and proud to be able to be organising fun GAA sessions in schools on Thursdays and Fridays to give children the chance to experience GAA sports. If your children enjoy these sessions and you would like more information about a team that would be suitable for your child, contact Dean on 0863337739.

Boules Club initiative in St. Catherine's Park

I have contacted Fingal County Council re the installation of Boules Pitches in the park.

Boules, a French version of bowling, is an outdoor game suited to all ages.



There are currently clubs in operation in Marlay Park on the south side and others in north Dublin.

Fingal Co. Co. is inviting expressions of interest in this fun and very enjoyable game, and want to gauge numbers to proceed with this venture.

If you are interested please contact me **Paddy Farrell 0861919682** or paddyfarrell50@gmail.com

Lucan Library

Irish History Live and the history of Saint Patrick

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Mike Moylan will entertain the Kids with a Zoom talk on the history of St. Patrick (him who got rid of all the snakes!), on the 16th March at 4pm for Children aged 8-12 years via Eventbrite at <https://LucanLibraryDublin>. Eventbrite.ie



Please Note: A valid email address is required as the Zoom links to the event will be emailed to the supplied address by the facilitator.

1 ticket per device, 1 device per household.

Media Literacy: Fighting Fake News and Disinformation.

- Tuesday 6th April at 7 pm – Disinformation and Covid 19
- Tuesday 13th at 7 pm – Fighting Fake News
- Tuesday 20th April at 7 pm – Data Privacy and Surveillance
- Tuesday 27th April at 7 pm – News Media, Journalism and the Information Crisis; Who should we trust?

On sale 29th March at 9.00am

Digital media educator Ricardo Castellini de Silva presents this exciting series of media literacy webinars.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week the Newsletter published nine photographs taken by Anna of the decorated street furniture around Lucan and we asked you how many you could identify. How did you do? I can tell you I didn't do too well!

Anna tells me that the answers are:

(1) the slip road to Celbridge (J5 N4), (2) Woodies, (3) Vesey Park, (4) St. Patrick's church, (5) Arthur Griffith Park, (6) Westbury/Finnstown, (7) AIB, (8) St. Andrew's School and (9) Pennyhill.

This week we have some nice photos of robins, horses, swans, cranes and squirrels. In fact there were five photographs of robins submitted that I had to choose from. This confirms the speculation last week that a competition has developed between the members in relation to the photographing of robins.



The Friday morning online chat between the members continues with some interesting photographs being exchanged. Because of lockdown members have been delving into their archives and producing photos that have us all longing to be able to travel again, even around Ireland never mind further afield – live horse and you'll get grass!



*Until next week stay
safe!*