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The Praying Hands

The Praying Hands is a familiar symbol all over the world, but few realise the history of this image. It stems from a tiny village near Nuremberg, where the Durer family of eighteen children lived. The father, a goldsmith by trade, worked long hours just to put food on the table, and clothe them.

Two of the older boys, had a talent for art, but understood that their father could not afford to send them to study the subject. After much discussion, the brothers tossed a coin – the winner would go to the Art Academy in Nuremberg, and the other would work down the mines, and support his brother for four years. Once the first lad had completed his studies, the second boy would go to the Academy, supported by his brother selling works of art, and going down the mines if necessary.



Albrecht won the toss and went off to Nuremberg, and the other brother, Albert headed for the mines, to finance his brother. Albrecht's etchings and wood carvings, and oil paintings were a great success, and he began to receive commissions, earning some decent money.

Following graduation, he returned to his family who celebrated with a big feast, and he thanked his brother Albert for enabling him to fulfill his ambition.

It was now Albert's turn to study art, but he broke down, sobbing, saying:

"No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg.

It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately, I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. My brother, for me, it is too late."

Some years later Albrecht Durer paid homage to his unfortunate brother. He drew those abused hands with palms together, calling it simply "Hands".

Many years later, the drawing became known as "The Praying Hands".

M.M.

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan.



Opening hours:

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Wednesday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Thursday: 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting

Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000.

Help with the cost of school

You may get some help with the cost of your child going to school. The main supports are the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, free primary school and special school books and the school book rental scheme. You may also get help with exam fees, school transport fees, school boarding and assistive technology depending on your situation.

School books

Free primary and special school books

From September 2023, parents of children in primary school and special school do not have to pay a contribution fee towards schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks.

The school will provide the free books on loan. Parents must return them at the end of the school year. If parents have to buy additional items, the school will notify them. Parents can find more information on the Free Primary Schoolbooks scheme (pdf).

Post-primary schools

State post-primary schools can help students with the cost of school books from funding under the Free Education Scheme (pdf). The funding comes from the Department of Education and the scheme is administered in each school by the school principal.

It is for students from low-income families and families experiencing financial hardship. It can be

used to set up a book rental scheme within the school or help individual students buy books. The Department of Education prefers schools to use it to set up book rental schemes as this helps more students from low-income families.

You can find out more about the scheme in the Department's publication A Guide for Parents: Textbook Rental Scheme in Schools (pdf). You can get information about how the scheme operates in your child's school from the school principal. To apply for assistance, you must contact the principal of your child's school. The principal has total discretion in deciding which students are most in need.

More information is available on

<https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/education/primary-and-post-primary-education/educational-supports/school-books-scheme>

Renting out a room in your home

What is rent-a-room relief?

The rent-a-room relief lets you earn up to €14,000 per year tax-free if you rent out a room in your home to private tenants. You can also get the relief if you rent out a self-contained unit, such as a basement flat or a converted garage attached to your home.

Upcoming extension of rent-a-room relief

The Government plans to extend the rent-a-room relief to social housing tenants. This means that a social housing tenant will be able to rent out a spare room in their home and earn up to €14,000 in rental income per year tax-free. It is intended that this will be available by summer 2023.

More information on this topic is available on our website

The relief applies only to residential tenancies, not to short-term let arrangements. The occupants must be using the room on a long-term basis. So, renting a room to a student for the academic year or for a one-month course is covered, but providing accommodation to occasional visitors for short periods, for example, through an online accommodation booking site, is not, as this income is not considered to be rental income. This is because the visitors use the accommodation as guests rather than tenants. Revenue has published a guidance manual on how this income is treated for tax purposes (pdf).

If you normally rent out the room for the academic year and you rent it out for short breaks during the summer as well, you must identify the income you get from the short rentals separately from the income that qualifies for rent-a-room relief, when making your tax return to Revenue. You can read more about rent-a-room relief on revenue.ie, and on our website.

Lucan ICA

Monday 22nd May: **Craft Group** meet as usual from 10am to 12.30pm.

We will also have our **A.G.M.** - all members are expected to attend.

Tea Hostesses: Nuala Corbett, Mary Duffy.

Mary Duffy will represent our guild at the National A.G.M. of the I.C.A. in Athlone on Saturday 29th May.



WAR

Not long now! Everybody at Lucan Drama is working hard to make all necessary arrangements for our opening night of **WAR** which takes place this Tuesday May 23rd.



There is limited availability only for most nights except Friday which is completely sold out. So if you would like an evening of high energy humour and earthy drama then book your seats today and we look forward to seeing you at the show.

The show begins at 8pm!

Tickets for WAR are now available. Lucan Drama will present Roddy Doyle's WAR from **Tues May 23rd to Sat May 27th** at the home of drama in Lucan, the Lucan SPA Hotel.

Tickets are 12/10 euro each and can be booked by TEXTING your name, day/date required and no. of tickets to 086- 3018982. You can pay for your tickets on the night and both cash and card are accepted.

The Lucan SPA Hotel is offering a dinner/theatre special with a 2 course meal plus tea/coffee and a ticket for the show for 30 euro. To book this special offer please phone the Lucan SPA Hotel directly on 01-6280494.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

Re: Lucan House

Dear Editor,

I was appalled to read in last weekend's Newsletter that, depending on the outcome of the necessary due diligence exercise, South Dublin County Council intends to purchase Lucan House and Grounds. I ask myself what expertise does the Council possess to take on the conservation and maintenance of such an important part of our heritage and looking to the future I wonder for what purpose the Council would propose to use the house. If Lucan House and grounds have become available for acquisition there should be no need to reinvent the wheel and the model used for Rathfarnham Castle and grounds seems appropriate. As I understand it Rathfarnham Castle is owned, maintained and managed by the Office of Public Works and the Council owns and manages the grounds. The OPW is, after all, the State agency that already maintains and manages to the highest standards significant heritage properties and grounds throughout the State including Casteltown House and Farmleigh House both close to Lucan.

One could be forgiven for concluding that the proposed purchase by South Dublin County Council is seen as a way out of the impasse surrounding the repair of the boundary wall that collapsed almost four years ago, in June 2019.

*Yours sincerely,
Michael Grant*

Very Best Wishes

to

Neasa and Colm

on their Wedding Day,
20th May 2023.

*Wishing you both a long and happy
life together.*



Outreach Officer - Job Opportunity

Liffey Sound 96.4FM is seeking applicants for a Part-time Outreach Officer, 17.5 hours per week with a 23 month contract. If interested in this role, please email stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie for a full job description, or visit our website <http://liffeysoundfm.ie/careers/>

This position is funded by Coimisiún na Meán through Round 41 Social Benefit Sound & Vision 4 Scheme

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or check out our Facebook page

Liffey Sound is Lucan's Community Radio Station



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Best wishes to the boys and girls of **Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 20th May.
Enjoy your special day.



Divine Mercy Devotion:

With the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Jesus, through St Faustina, opened the way for us to communicate directly with the Father, seeking Mercy for ourselves and for the whole world.

Although there is an enormous gap between the Creator and the created, this prayer allows us to breach that gap.

Jesus gave us to understand how much this prayer, directed to God the Father, means.

Through this wonderful prayer, an individual soul gets extraordinary power to beg the Eternal Father's forgiveness on the world.

We know that the Almighty protects us all and the Chaplet prayed directly to Him is so powerful, it benefits the world greatly, each time we say it.

It makes this prayer so special, that it must surely be among the highest form of prayer.

The Chaplet to Divine Mercy is prayed every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Church after 10 am Mass (unless there is a funeral)

Would you consider joining us to pray for God's Mercy?

Divine Mercy Lucan devotion St Mary's Parish Lucan.

Rosary at the Grotto



The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary every weekday Monday to Friday during the Month of May at 6.30pm at the Statue of Our Lady in the Church Grounds.

You are very welcome to join us.

St. Vincent de Paul church collection at all Masses **THIS** Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st May.

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses: Vigil Saturday 7pm,
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Best wishes to the boy and girls of **Scoil Mhuire**, who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 20th May.

Hope you all have a lovely day.



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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock On Saturday 27th May 2023

Please Note change of times.

Bus leaves Layby at St Joseph's College, Lucan, at 8am, St. Patrick's Church, Esker, at 8.15am, and The Statue at Dodsboro at 8.30 am

The cost is €20 and to book your seat please contact one of the following:

Marie McBride 087 122 6766 /
Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS** Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st May.

Thank you for your generosity

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

For the month of May, we will say the Holy Rosary at **11:40am on Sundays** (before the 12pm Mass) to remember Our Lady in a special way.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri. 9:15am. Sat. 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



Best wishes to the boys and girls of **Lucan Community N.S., Lucan East Educate Together and Griffeen Valley Educate Together** who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday 20th May.

And to the pupils of **Divine Mercy Senior School** who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming week.

Hope you all have a lovely day and please remember them in your prayers.



May Saturday Morning Mass – 9.15am

Because of First Holy Communion and Confirmations, the Saturday Morning Mass during the remainder of May will be celebrated at **9.15am**

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

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

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

Knock Pilgrimage

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH

Bus costs €20 per person and is required when booking your seat

Tea is available in St. Johns Centre in Knock but please bring a packed lunch.

Booking can be made through the parish office from 9.45 to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Bus departs Church car park @ 8am

Hospice Sunflower Days



Harold's Cross Blackrock Wicklow
Respite Rehabilitation Reassurance

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO FOR HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS?

Sunflower Days is one of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services most important fundraising events of the year!

- Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on **Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June**.
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin – a few hours can make all the difference!
- Please contact Anne Harrington on **087 6764586** or aharrington@olh.ie



All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place on **Saturday June 3rd from 1pm** in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Dublin. Please book your seat early to avoid disappointment. **Ring Loirín: 087 241 2611**

Acknowledgements

TONY BROPHY

The family of the late Tony Brophy wish to express their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them on their loss.

A sincere thank you to the many people who attended the Funeral, sent Mass cards and messages of condolences, including the Lucan Planning Council and the Hillcrest Residents Association.

WILLIE DUFFY

We would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who sympathized with us on the death of my brother, Willie, who passed away recently after a short illness.

Also, heartfelt thanks to all those who send Mass cards, text messages and condolence messages on RIP.ie and Midwest Radio and to those who travelled to Bohola for the removal and Funeral Mass.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Una, Tom, Catrina and Aoife Kelly

ANNA HARRISON

Lucan and Letterkenny.

The Harrison, Fitzpatrick and Callaghan families wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of those who sympathised with us on the recent and very sad loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and aunt, Anna.

Thank you to all those who sent flowers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, made phone-calls and posted messages on RIP.ie

Our special thanks to both Lucan Lodge Nursing Home, Lucan, County Dublin and James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Blanchardstown, Dublin for their very good care of Anna.

Anna's Month's Mind Mass was celebrated on the 7th May 2023 in St. Mary's Parish Church, Lucan, County Dublin.

Anna's ashes will be interred in Conwell Cemetery, Letterkenny and Donacomper Cemetery, Celbridge at a later date.

Birthday Remembrance

ALEC (aka Al or Frank) O'KEARNEY 84th Birthday - 28th May

Late of City Quay and Arthur Griffith Park.
Time tries and fails to erase your loving memory.
Missed and loved very much by his family, wife Annmarie, brother Eddie and friends



Anniversaries

ROBERT CULLEN

24th Anniversary

Dad, a loving father, tender and kind
A beautiful memory you left behind
Miss you always.
Robert, Jackie, Paul, Garry, Jude, Collette, grandchildren and great grandchildren

MAURA MULLIGAN

5th Anniversary - 19th May

Late of Meadow View Grove.
Silent the tears that fall
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you
The special years will not return
When we were all together
But with the love within our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
Loved and dearly missed, Ted, Olive, Annmarie, Patricia, Siobhain and families

MAURA MULLIGAN

5th Anniversary - 19th May

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here.
Your loving grandchildren Nathan, Cian, Caoimhe, Keelan, Conor, Dylan, James and Ryan

MARY (MOLLY) MURRAY

Mam, in life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
No one else will ever fill.
Loved and remembered always by her loving family

MARY TOBIN

2nd Anniversary - 20th May

No words can express your loss
Your memories and presence are
always with us
Your strength and courage deeply
admired
You put your faith and spirit in
Padre Pio
Who guided you in your darkest
days
You are forever in our hearts and prayers.
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam





It could take the eye out of your head – or worse still, get you run over!

Readers have been remarking about overhanging branches of shrubs, and hedging hanging well over the footpaths around Lucan.



The above footpath is just across the road from St. Joseph's lay-by – a place where people and school children now have to walk on a busy road way to get by.



This beautiful blue shrub is a real treat on Lower Tandy's Lane, just beside the footbridge. We suspect that credit is due to Lucan Tidy Towns who worked hard on this patch many years ago.

Bloom in the Park on the horizon!

We are looking forward to once again visiting this event in a couple more weeks. Lovely to see the various ideas on RTE's Super Garden programme aired on Thursday evenings.



Graveyard Grass Cutters are busy cutting back the grass in Esker at the moment. Big job it is – but the time they get to the end, the first part will be overgrown once again. Never ending! By the way, the date for the **Cemetery Mass is Sunday 3rd September** – more anon.

St. Joseph's Building looks a really huge job! It's only when you see the height of the construction up close to the roadway, that you realise the enormity of it.

Lucan Senior Citizens

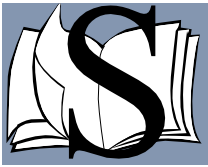
Wednesday 24th May: **Outing** – Meet at lay-by 10.00 – 10.15.



We recently delivered letters to businesses/institutions in Lucan asking for their assistance in improving the appearance of our lovely village. Specifically we were asking for hanging baskets or planters to be placed outside their businesses. We received a very good response from the businesses and we now look forward to having a Blooming Great Summer in Lucan 2023 and thanks to everyone for your assistance!



Above is a picture of the great work that is being undertaken by Seasons on the Weir restaurant, and shows what can be done to enhance the appearance of their restaurant and the area around it.



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Kickboxing Champions: Congratulations to Amy Wade (TY) & Ryan Wade (2nd year) who both won 5 National titles at the Kickboxing Ireland National Championships in UCD at the weekend, which means they both qualify to represent Ireland in the WAKO European Championships in Turkey in August this year.



Student Council: Our student council had the final meeting for the 22/23 school year. We said goodbye to outgoing member Jessica Power in 6th year and thank her for her contribution to the student council in Lucan Community College.

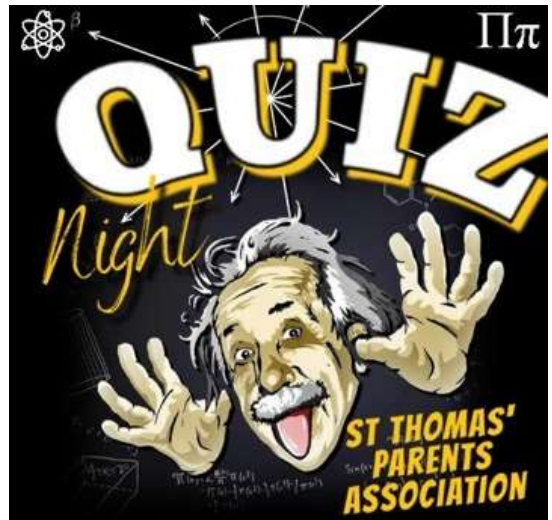


Students Win in Microsoft: Congratulations to TY students Edel, Roisin and Vlad who qualified for Microsoft Specialist Irish Finals held last week at Microsoft Dreamscape in Dublin. Great achievement!



St. Thomas' JNS Parents Association

We will hold a table quiz in **The Lord Lucan** on **Friday 26th of May at 8pm** to raise money for the pupils of St. Thomas' JNS.



Advance tickets are on sale now via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-thomas-jns-quiz-night-tickets-629499107777>. Tickets are €40.00 per table of four plus Eventbrite booking fee.

Thanks to all businesses whom have donated prizes. We are very thankful. We continue to accept prizes should anyone wish to donate. It promises to be a fun and enjoyable night. Your support of local school is very much appreciated.
Chairperson of St. Thomas' JNS Elaine Moylan

Quiz Prizes

Quiz winning table of 4 will win €50 each

Runners up table of 4 will win €25 each

Best named table of 4 will win a bottle of wine each

Raffle Prizes

43" Smart TV donated by Amy's mini bus hire

Nespresso coffee Machine from Nespresso, Liffey Valley

Hugo Boss Golf Jumper from The Golf Studio

Art set from Art & Hobby Liffey Valley

EZ Living Candle & diffuser set.

Adamstown Hair donated a Hamper worth over €200.

3x €70 vouchers from Amy Frayne, Holistic Therapists

3x €50 vouchers from Bernard Owens

2x €25 vouchers from Base Wood Fire Pizza

1x €20 voucher Airtastic

1x Grafton Barber voucher

1x €20 voucher for O'Brien's Coffee

Remember to book your babysitter now, before someone else does!!!!

Many thanks in advance for supporting us and our school!

St. Joseph's College

Stepping into Summer Walk: On Friday our fantastic fourth year Future leaders class organised a wellbeing walk for all the 2nd and 4th year classes. The organisation of such an event should not be taken lightly with the route carefully planned through St Catherine's Park, liaising with the local community garda in Lucan and ensuring that there was adequate refreshments and suitable entertainment for the group when they arrived back to school. It was a fantastic event and we would like to thank the group for organising it and to Ms. Ward for all her work on the event.

Golf Ireland Workshop: Our TY Group enjoying an introduction to golf workshop with golf Ireland official. A great workshop which our students are thoroughly enjoying. Watch out for our next generation of golfers on the fairways over the summer.



Transition Year Forensic Workshop: Our Transition Year classes 4a5 and 4a6 completed a Forensic Science workshop where they worked together to try to solve the historic case of JFK's assassination. The students used analytical & critical thinking skills. Students explored Ballistics gunshot residue (GSR), photographic analysis, fingerprints, autopsy & the main theories / links with history. They thoroughly enjoyed this workshop.

First Year Trip to Lilliput: On Thursday our 1st year group are going to embark on their end of year trip to Lilliput adventure centre. They are very excited and we wish them all the best, we hope they really enjoy their day. A big thank you to their Year head Dr. Lysaght who organised the trip for them.

Student Council: On Tuesday this week our outgoing student council enjoyed a well-deserved meal in reeds by the river in Lucan. This was to say a big thank you to the council for all the hard work, dedication and commitment to their roles

throughout the year. They are fantastic role models for the next group of school leaders. Well done to Ms. Banks who works tirelessly with the council throughout the year.

Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Art Workshop Make Decorations for the Festival Tent

With Elena Buttner,
for ages 7-11 years

**Lucan Library,
Monday 29th May at 3.30pm**

**Booking Essential at Eventbrite from
Monday 22nd May at 3.30pm:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/ruaille-buaille-art-session-with-elena-for-children-aged-7-11-years-old-tickets-630862646157>

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: A 5-a-side soccer marathon was held in the school last Wednesday. Teams from 1st, 2nd and 3rd yr competed for bragging rights among their respective year groups on three pitches, two outdoor and one indoor, with the marathon beginning at 6am and running until 7pm. In total, over 180 games took place with almost 200 students taking part and over 1,800 goals scored!



3rd Year Marathon Winners

The 2nd yrs were 1st up early in the morning followed by the 1st yrs at 11am. The 3rds yrs were last out and they played until 7pm to complete a 13 hr marathon. A great day was had by all. The marathon was a sponsored event which raised 6,500e for the school. Many thanks to those who generously sponsored our students and well done to the students involved in making such a determined effort to raise as much money as possible.

Sports Day: Coláiste Phádraig's annual Sports Day was held on Tuesday 9th May. There were many excellent gold-winning performances from students across all of the year groups with perhaps our u17 200m National Champion Alex Leonard's sensational burst of speed to win the 3rd yr 300m final by a distance being the most impressive. 2nd yr Jack Horan impressed with gold medal performances in the 300m and 800m finals plus a bronze in the 80m sprint. 5th yr Jerome Jothibalan won double gold in the 80m and 300m. (Distances were reduced due to pitch restrictions)

Sports Day finished with the traditional Teachers v Students soccer match. This year it was a 7-a-side match but it was still highly competitive with tackles flying in from both sides! The teachers eventually won on penalties after an entertaining 1-1 draw.

Fundraising: Lucan Lions Club held their Awards Night at the Spa Hotel on Thursday 11th May. The president of the Club, Bernadette Boylan, presented cheques to local groups and organisations who help the needy in our community and surrounding areas at Christmas. Ms. Casey was in attendance as she arranged a food collection in December with our 1st yr students for the Lions Club. Bernadette thanked Ms. Casey for the annual support of our students and said that the Club greatly appreciated the consistent efforts made by the school in aid of an extremely worthwhile cause.

Hurling: Hard luck to our 1st yr hurling team who were beaten by Castleknock CC in the Dublin League "C" Plate Final last Friday. Jack McCarty scored 0-4 for Lucan from the full-forward position while half-forward Joseph Cosgrove added 0-2 but the final score-line of 5-10 to 0-6 was an accurate reflection of Castleknock's superiority throughout the game.

Info evening 1st yr parents: An information evening for parents of incoming 1st yrs was held in the school on Tuesday 9th May. The parents were given timelines for the upcoming school year with regards to booklists, uniforms, ID cards, book rental etc. They were also given their son's class group as well as the CAT reports from the assessment tests that were held earlier in the year. These reports are very useful to parents as they outline their son's strengths and weaknesses. Mr. Keane, Ms. Seery and Ms. Hunt were also available to answer questions about the extensive learning support and guidance that students can avail of in Coláiste Phádraig.

Business: The Money Smarts All-Ireland Final took place on Friday 12th May in Trinity College. Four of our Transition Students, Eoin McGarty, Cillian Lawlor, Ben Gilson and Mario Nunis, were representing the school. There was a top prize of 25,000e for the winning school so it was safe to say that everyone was taking it very seriously indeed! Our team performed extremely well on the day but just missed out on the top prizes.

Geography: 44 5th yr students travelled to Glendalough on Monday to carry out a fluvial study of the Luggduff River. The students spent a lot of time in the river studying various geographical features relevant to their Leaving Cert course such as erosion, deposition, velocity, bedload analysis, gradient and river discharge. The students now must follow up by completing a research project for their LC Geographical Investigation worth 20% of their overall marks.

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

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

Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com to be

added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

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

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



New Archaeological Discovery in The Demesne by Helen Farrell

During one of our tour-guide planning days, Audi Murray and Noel Crotty asked what the purpose of these peculiar holes might be, visible in the wall of the castellated tower (presbytery or priory) attached to the medieval Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM).



[Above: Medieval Church of the Blessed Virgin, Lucan village. The pink arrow shows the location of the internal wall between church and priory where the jars are located.

Original photo credit Paul Butler, SOL]



[Above: the possible medieval acoustic jars, photo Jonathan Cully, SOL]

It got us thinking, because we could see no reason to add ventilation or drainage to the wall, either in relatively modern times or antiquity. We took a closer look and realised that rather than the holes being lined with Wavin pipe (as I had initially thought!) they were in fact lined in earthenware shapes which were not uniform and seemed to bend in different directions into the wall.

We were completely intrigued by this, and I posted the photo on our Twitter Account. The Irish archaeology Twitter account @irarchaeology suggested they could be "acoustic jars" which they said was a new one for them – so rare in Ireland.

An acoustic jar is the medieval equivalent of a modern speaker. They were typically earthenware jars specially built into walls or floors of medieval churches to amplify and beautify the sound of the choir. Most of them are to be found in France, with a few sites in Britain, but nobody had registered any in Lucan previously.

I've been in touch with French experts, one of whom is a mechanical engineer who partnered with an archaeologist to research this field, and they are considered the European experts. He is very excited by the discovery and is hoping to visit in 2024 to see our examples.

He said "There is no doubt that we are in a case of acoustics pots. For comparison, I send to you a photo of the "Abbaye des Anges" in the far west of Brittany (Landeda) which was in the same state of the church of Lucan 7 years ago. [...] The stone are similar, the insertion of pots also very close, etc ... I observed all your photos, and I remarked that the neck of the pots were broken in many of them (exactly like in Landeda). We could see it on the top right of the global photo that it remains a small part of the neck (half of the right).



[Photo: Acoustic Jar, Abbaye des Anges, Brittany, France. Courtesy of JC Valiere]

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SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN *cont'd.....*

A bit more tweeting, and I found the Collegiate Chapel in Youghal has the voids for acoustic jars, but the earthenware inserts are missing. Then I found a book that described voids in Dunbrody Abbey, but again, the inserted “jars” are not present.



An archaeologist from the National Monument Service has arranged a visit in May to the demesne, to assess our new discovery and hopefully confirm that these are truly medieval acoustic jars. We keep finding that Lucan's history and archaeology is overlooked and “hiding in plain sight”. More to follow.

How an email saved a bit of Lucan's Historical Built Environment *by Helen Farrell*

Last year we encouraged readers to report historical discoveries or sites under threat. We were contacted by Niall, a SOL member, who was concerned that preparatory building works for the Esker Lawn Cemetery had uncovered the remains of an older wall comprised of very substantial limestone masonry. We got in touch with the Architectural Conservation Officer in SDCC and the developer agreed to incorporate the old wall into the perimeter. Passing by recently, it looks great, and shows that everyone can make a difference to saving and conserving our heritage.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

Join us in a reserved suite at Fairyhouse Racecourse on June 1st for a great day out.

LUCAN Festival

Things to look forward to next September!



Bird Show Saturday 9th



Main Stage Sunday 10th

Garda Station open Sunday 10th



Duck Race Sunday 10th

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

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Time for M50 toll to be removed: I’ve mentioned before, but some of our traffic issues could be alleviated if the M50 was recognised as a link route to various parts of Dublin and tolls removed or staggered – especially at the Liffey crossing. This won’t solve all the problem, which needs public transport investment to match new housing provision, but it would help. That said, peak traffic is projected to increase. In congestion, roundabouts do not give an advantage over traffic lights along areas such as the Newcastle Road, unfortunately. I will be highlighting with Minister.

Derek Keating RIP: Have gone into more detail on FB (and at the recent SDCC meeting) but I just want to say here that Derek’s contribution to his community was immense and his many good works will long be remembered.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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P29 Bus from Adamstown: I have been contacted by a number of residents in regards to the frequency of the P29 bus which emanates from Adamstown and goes into the city centre. The service has proven to be popular but now there is issues with capacity. I have written to the NTA calling on them to review capacity and frequency in regards to this peak time service.

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Lucan Lions Awards – Congratulations All!:

I was privileged to attend the recent wonderful and well organised awards ceremony night by Lucan Lions in the Spa Hotel. Congratulations to all those invaluable local charitable groups recognised on the night and well done to the Lions members on all their continued great work!

Graffiti Removed – Adamstown: Thanks to the council for organising the removal of large amounts of graffiti on the Adamstown Link Road bridge underside last week. This is something I have raised on a number of occasions, with incidents of graffiti becoming an issue at certain locations over the past year.

Potholes – Arthur Griffith Park: The issue of potholes at certain locations in the car parking squares of AGP were highlighted recently and I have submitted an official request to the council for a full inspection of the estate.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Lions Awards Night 2023: It was my pleasure to attend the Lucan Lions annual awards night in The Lucan Spa Hotel Lucan Lions Club raise funds for local charities and this year gave a fantastic €1,000 each to 10 worthy causes and they also recognised three individuals for their outstanding contribution via their President’s Awards. Lucan Lions Club membership at present is around 16 people, who give willingly of their time and talents to help others. If you’d like to join them log on to their page www.lucanlionsclub.com

St Joseph’s College: It was lovely to welcome students from St Joseph’s College 5th year politics class into the Dáil with their teachers Mr. O’Driscoll and Ms. Jones. I loved hearing about all their different interests and plans for after the leaving cert next year. Also, great to hear that work is progressing so well on their new school building!

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Liffey Valley Park: Well done to the residents from Liffey Valley Park who were working hard at their Community Clean-up this week. Liffey Valley Park is one of the largest estates in Lucan so great to see such community spirit. If you or your neighbours need help organising a community clean-up, let me know. I am also pleased to see the damaged ‘Yield’ sign re-erected following my representation. I can organise gloves, bags, pickers etc!

Ballyowen Park estate: I am going to ask the Council to assess the entrance to Ballyowen estate to improve visibility for cyclists and motorists. The ‘disappearing’ cycle lane has also been raised with me by local residents.

Bollards at entrance to Lucan Heights/Esker

Lawns: I have been following up on the erection of replacement bollards on the grass verges on the entrance to Lucan Heights/Esker Lawns, following construction in the area.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Football

We are delighted that one of our Senior Footballers Daire Newcombe has secured a Leinster Senior Medal after

the Dubs strong performance against Louth. Daire with David O'Hanlon from Na Fianna.



Last Saturday week our Senior Footballers

took on a strong St. Sylvester's side in the Twelfth Lock in the latest round of AFL1 fixtures. Having made a decent start to the league campaign in 2023, progress hit a bump in the road the previous Wednesday evening, with a loss to Clontarf in St. Annes Park. Our next AFL1 fixture is away to Na Fianna on Saturday 20th May at 6.30pm. All support welcomed.

Hurling A busy week of hurling saw Lucan adult teams scheduled for 11 league matches in which they secured 9 wins on the field, 1 walk over and just 1 loss. The minors set the tone last Sunday (7th) with comprehensive wins for the Minor As (v Judes), Minor Bs (v Nh Fionnbarra) and Minor Cs (v Cuala). On Tuesday the Junior As had a good win over Naomh Olaf's and then Wednesday night the seniors and Intermediates both recorded good wins over Cuala and Clannagael Fontenoy respectively. On Thursday night the Junior Bs had an impressive win over Realt Dearg while the Junior Cs received a walk over from Kilmacud Crokes. Saturday night saw the only loss of the week with the seniors going down to Faughs in a tight tussle at Tymon Park. The Intermediates got things back on track with a good win away to Kilmacud Crokes the same evening, and then on Sunday morning the Junior As concluded the week with a hard-fought win over St Brendan's.

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AHL1 Faughs 2-18 Lucan Sarsfields 0-21, Saturday 13/5/2023. Tymon Park

Lucan went into this match on the back of 4 successive league win while Faughs were searching for their first. But it was the greater hunger of the home side that was evident and made the difference in the end.

AHL7. Lucan Sarsfields 1-16 St Brendan's 1-13, Sunday 13/5/23. 12th Lock

Lucan Junior As recorded their second win of the week in this hard fought success over a decent St Brendan's team.

Camogie Congratulations to the U18 camogie team on winning the league final to become Division 1 champions. They beat Na Fianna in a closely contested game, final score Lucan 2:06-0:8 Na Fianna.



Coiste na nÓg/ Juvenile U12 LGFA

Two U12 ladies football teams travelled to Ballyboden on Saturday. We were greeted by their mentor Owen, a former Lucan man, and

with one of our own mentors an original Ballyboden man, there was some great banter between the mentors. However, it was the super performance of all the girls that we were all talking about at the end. Two very exciting matches with great teamwork, wonderful scores, and fantastic skills on display. Well done to all the U12 girls.

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €19,000. The Numbers were 1, 15, 19, 21.

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Alison Delahunty, Frank O'Leary, Margaret Lynch, The Dardis Family and Maeve McGuire. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €19,400. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd. and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

Summer Camps. You can book Club Camps here https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=480&intMF_ID=12372#topp and the Cúl Camp link is <https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

18 Strokeplay (Nett) - 12-14 May 2023

Gents Class 1 Winner - Anthony Malone 45
Gents Class 1 Runner Up - Michael Ahern – 46
Gents Class 2 Winner - Pat McDermott – 44
Gents Class 3 Winner - Eamon Kenny – 46
Ladies Class 1 Winner - Sandra Keogh – 46
Ladies Class 2 Winner - Fionna Langan – 46

Congratulations

This week's congratulations must go to Darren & Christian O'Reilly on winning the first 18 prize in the Leinster Scotch Foursomes last Sunday. Well done to you both.

Best of Luck

This Saturday we have two of our ladies' teams playing each other in the semifinals of the Dublin League. Lucan Ladies A team is captained by Barbara Furlong taking on Lucan Ladies C Team captained by Fionna Langan. The match is at 2pm in Lucan – all support welcome. The gent's are also playing in the semifinal on Saturday at 2pm. This match is in Old County, and they are playing Loughlinstown. Again all support is welcome to cheer on the lads.

New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com.

Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is at the weekend.

60th Diamond Jubilee

We will be hosting our Club's 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary on **Saturday 1st July 2023**.

This is a great honour for our Club and we are inviting all past and present members to participate in the events during the day and evening.

On the Saturday we are holding three 18 hole scrambles – 1pm, 3pm and 5pm – members, past members, family and friends are all welcome. Timesheet will be in operation and will be in the clubhouse during the month of June.



If you cannot get to the club to put your name on the timesheet you can email the secretary info@lucanpitchandputt.com with the names/times or ask any member of committee to add your name to the time sheet.

We will be having the presentation of prizes for the scrambles that evening at circa 8pm followed by a groovy 60's themed night with live music.

Dates for your Diary

1st July - 60th Diamond Jubilee Celebration
22nd July - Captains' Day/Night
26th August - President's Day/Night.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí - Peil

Dhá chluiche diana, ach d'imir na buachaillí ar fheabhas.

Ar pháirc A sár imirt agus scóranna ó Bobby Foy,

Shayne Lynagh, Giuliano Bursese, Evan Foley agus Aoidhfin Farelly.

Ar pháirc B bhí taispeántas iontach scileanna ó Rhys Reilly, feidhmíocht iontach ó Orin Crowe a bhí i gceannas i lár na páirce agus sábháilí iontach ó Luke Hickey sa chúil.



Cúrsa Cosaint Leanaí

Seo grúpa na traenálaí agus iad ag déanamh cúrsa cosaint leanaí an Luan seo chaite. Maith sibh.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday's Camera Soiree turned into a surprise birthday party for one of our group who was celebrating a significant big zero. So, photography was abandoned in favour of eating birthday cake. Of course, the candles had to be blown out in what we could call the post COVID manner. One member rather uncharitably remarked that if they had purchased the required number of candles, the candles would have cost more than the cake!



But back to the photos. This week we had more on the subject of machinery with Michael B submitting a photo of a water pump in the grounds of Newlands Golf Club.



Joe submitted a photo of woodland near Daingean, Co. Offaly and one of a pre digital Zeiss Ikon camera, probably manufactured in the 1950s (you really had to know your stuff then – there was no built-in computer to do the work for you).



We had flowers from Josie's garden and one on this month's theme "On the Edge" from Frances.

Zeiss Ikon, a German company, was formed in 1926 by the merger of four camera makers and an infusion of capital by Zeiss. The group became one of the big companies in the photo technology capital Dresden, with plants in Stuttgart and Berlin. After World War II Zeiss Ikon was split into a West German and an East German part. The Dresden factory was dismantled and the Soviet Union forcibly relocated it to the Soviet Union as war reparations.

Stay safe until next week!