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**Seventeen years later:** Working from home may now be a winner for many people but when you are half a world away from your passion it just gets harder. We haven't seen our people since December 2019, with worries about Covid and regulations and airports and lockdowns.

On the rare occasion that I get to chat to anyone these days about Malawi and how the project has expanded, no one can believe that everything is run and expanding exponentially by Malawians without a white person in sight.

But this has been our way since we employed our first driver, Harisen, who is still the main man, but not to get carried away, the majority of our 82 permanent employees are women, most of whom hadn't completed primary school before we took them on.

Of course, we sent them to night school but mostly they learned from each other, learning English as a first hurdle.

The Factory staff just learn from others, the office staff become quickly skilled on spreadsheets and everything on the Cloud and of course our Organic fruit tree propagation green-house nurseries have very special, self-taught, women mainly.

**Water:** We now have three teams travelling to areas up to 400km from our base in Mzuzu. One team oversee the villagers to dig and build the wells, the next fit the pumps and most important the final team do maintenance of pumps installed since 2006, with Mphatso, in the office, making phone calls, checking and updating phone numbers, confirming GPS locations and details of new people.

**Girl Child Project:** To get to Secondary school, you must first get the necessary results, then there are fees. In a poor family, boys are chosen first and girls are left, so we pay fees for about 300 girls. For those living within about 30km we hold classes each Saturday and during holiday breaks. We collect them, feed them, we have 7 excellent teachers and a qualified counsellor and direct access to the Victim Support unit of the police!!

At the moment we support 22 girls in Third level, Nursing, Teaching, Law, Journalism..... For the girls who don't do well academically we have just set up a new project which may be termed dressmaking or sewing or... where girls are now surprising us with what they can do with four old, refurbished, hand operated, singer sewing machines - School uniforms, face masks and most recently, reusable sanitary pads. The next addition will be in the areas of typing, forestry and horticulture.

**Preschools:** From our early days we saw the benefit of preschools. Little ones don't start schooling until they are six, so way back in 2007 we set up our first preschool, which was amazing and still is, A hard lesson sent us in a new direction where we now support maybe 130 little preschools in the most inaccessible places up to 200km from base. Two amazing women run the project. They to a trading post (like a market place) with one of our jeeps then they hire motor bike taxis, load on all their bits and pieces including food, staying in a B and B's??

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Then they either set up a new “preschool” in a shed or whatever building is available and train local women how to teach the letters and figures and songs and some English, taking all their bits and pieces of equipment from the local environment. What a joy to see them in action! One of the team is Margaret who came to us as a volunteer 15 years ago. She had 8 children and no English, but she has learned well getting to almost finish Secondary!! Miriam came to us slightly earlier and has gone to Secondary and just completed Training as a Primary Teacher. We are just about to expand this project by getting another jeep. All preschools will have a garden where our expanded team will show the local women how to grow their main food, maize without expensive fertilizer or pesticide. We are also supplying local maize seed instead of the expensive and inappropriate Monsanto and other GM varieties.

Then showing them how to build simple brick stoves which are safe around kids and reduce firewood use by 70%.

The new dot here is that we are collecting sunflower seeds to enable them to have cooking oil from growing sunflowers (The cost of cooking oil has gone up by 500% this year so far). Finally we are negotiating with community leaders that each preschool should have some land suitable for forestry. We will provide seeds and potting tubes and these local women will have paid jobs, for the first time. But still much to do on this, so we keep joining dots.

**Forestry** or more correctly, in our case, reforestation, where we are growing about 30 varieties of indigenous trees. We have researched their suitability for each particular area where we sow. The original trees have been cut down and have disappeared over the years leaving land in a useless state with soil erosion and all that entails. Last season’s planting is just finished with in excess of **SIX MILLION** trees planted. This has been a spectacular initiative, firstly doing the appropriate research, then working on legal agreements with community leadership, the traditional Authorities to negotiate the most appropriate land, then working, with experts on measures to correct and prevent soil erosion. Locating seeds that had almost been forgotten was a starting issue. Then locating, protecting and setting up nurseries (for 6 Million trees?). Then we were ready to go, but found that expertise in planting trees was absent or very rare. Cutting down trees and making charcoal is what they know.

But undeterred we eventually employed over 1,400 workers, 75% women, few with any secondary education, who never had a wage before, paid and fed them and they learned very quickly. And the proof comes from Drone and Satellite imaging available on our website, where all seedlings can be seen individually. These women are so amazing that half our nursery managers for the new season are women, which doesn’t surprise me in the least. We have just drilled 5 new 50 metre deep wells with solar pumps to fill large tanks for irrigation considering that some of our seedlings, in our nurseries, failed last year from lack of water which had to be carried long distances. Now we will have automatic water sprinkling at appropriate times, enabling our staff more time to manage and care for last year’s crop.

Now, as I say, there are more dots to be joined. My next thoughts are on small health centres in our Forestry areas. Expansion of our Girl Child project, Solar Cookers and A Seedbank.

The website is [www.wellsforzoe.org](http://www.wellsforzoe.org)

*John and Mary Coyne*

## Lucan Library Table Quiz for Adults

**Thursday 26th May at 2pm**

Come along and test your general knowledge in this fun quiz! Prize for the winning table.

Register for your place by phoning Lucan Library at 01-6216422 or email at [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie); or drop in to the library desk.

### **Library opening hours:**

Mon-Thurs 9.45am-8pm; Friday and Saturday 9.45am-4.30pm.



## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2022.

These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours per week and takes place mostly in the mornings.

**For more details,** contact

[alimccann@dletbaes.ie](mailto:alimccann@dletbaes.ie) or call (01) 6283557.

## Lucan Drama

The last two chances to see 'The Playboy of The Western World' by J.M. Synge on Friday night and Saturday night in Lucan Spa Hotel, 8pm.

**Tickets** €12. for standard ticket. €10 concession.

**Dinner and Theatre ticket** €30.

Bookings for dinner 01 6280494

Contact 086 0666626 for standard tickets - tickets available at the door.



Energy, poetry, action and conversation is alive and kicking in this production. We welcome our new members in the cast and great to see former members back on the stage. Many thanks to you all: Director Donal Downes, cast and crew, both back stage and front of house; to all who sourced props and costumes - you rose to the challenge of making a wonderful and emotional return to the theatre after an anxious and difficult 'lock down'. It is particularly enhancing to watch the '4 young girls' thriving and having such fun at rehearsals and making us laugh again.

Thanks to the Staff and Management of the Spa Hotel for allowing us to use their space for regular rehearsals, and to the newsletter team for accepting our notes so efficiently and without fuss. As usual the Raffle is a big hit, and we are so grateful to all who donated so generously.

***Drama in Lucan is back!!!***

### **Contacts:**

Bernie.086 4015794; Jack 086 066 6626

## Sarsfield Park & District Residents Association

Thank you to the residents whom attended the meeting on the 16th May.

We have recently updated our constitution and it is available for your reviewing at <https://tinyurl.com/2xrtjz86> Feel free to give any feedback to any committee member, we shall revisit same at our AGM in February. Copies of the constitution and GDPR policy have been posted on our facebook page also for your information. If anyone would like a copy please email the committee [sarsfieldpkresidentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:sarsfieldpkresidentsassoc@gmail.com)

We need to finalise numbers for the seniors event on the 16th June so please contact the committee for ticket information at numbers 46, 52 and 63 or by email.

*Thank you*

## Lucan ICA

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Craft Group**  
meet as usual 10am to 12.30pm.

The Hostesses are Carmel Lyons and Fiona Guinan.



*Sample of our pillow dolls we have made on our craft morning.*

Nice to see everybody out and about again looking so well, enjoy the sunshine!

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Hall, Lucan Village on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30pm.

There is an open invitation to you to come to one of our meetings.

We have bowls, Scrabble and cards - or you can just have a chat.

We have light refreshments at 1.15 pm.

You are welcome to wear a face covering if you are more comfortable doing so.



## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm,  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Notice:** 9am Mass this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May will be the **last 9am Mass until September.**

**From May 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday** Masses will be 6.30pm (Vigil Sat.) Sunday: 10.30am, 12noon and 7pm.

**Also** from 29<sup>th</sup> May there will be **NO** Holy Hour on Sunday afternoons.

Please contact the sacristy (01 6281487) if you have a 9am Mass already booked. If we do not hear from you, the 9am Intentions will automatically be included in the 10.30am Mass on the day you had booked.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses will continue to be live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

Best wishes to the pupils of *Scoil Mhuire Girls N.S. and St. Andrew's N.S.* who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



*Please remember them all in your prayers.*

**Holy Hour:** There will be a Holy Hour every Sunday from **4pm to 5pm** to pray for the success of the Synod in Rome in 2023.

**Christian Meditation:** Meditation every Tuesday **at new time of 8pm** in the Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

**Praying with Scripture:** Praying with Scripture every Monday at **7.30pm** in The Bungalow. (masks optional). **Zoom meetings** will continue on a temporary basis for those uncomfortable meeting in bungalow. Meetings will take place on **Wednesday at 7.30pm.**

### St Vincent De Paul – St Mary's Conference

Church Gate collection at all Masses

**THIS** weekend **21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Rosary:



The Legion of Mary will host the Rosary for the month of May in St Mary's Church, at 5.30pm (Monday to Friday).

Rosary will be offered up for peace in Ukraine and for all your intentions.

All welcome

### Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,  
Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

**Although the Government's recommendation is that masks are no longer mandatory, we would recommend the continued use of same.**

All Masses will be livestreamed on [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

### St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday at 10am.

All Masses continue to be livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)



## Charity Fundraiser Event



## Garden Open Day

43 Beech Grove

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

10.30am - 4.30pm

Bring a friend

Support a very worthy cause. Stroll around the garden.

Relax and chat over tea/coffee.

Donation on leaving



Contact: Joe & Áine, 086 0561497

## Main Street Clinic

Main Street Clinic wishes to sincerely thank all of our patients, their families and friends who supported us by making a submission to SDCC during the recent Part 8 Consultation process concerning Main Street and the Village Green.

Your submissions were part of a broad-based cross community effort to maintain existing parking within the Village so that people of all ages can continue to access essential services. Over 7000 submissions were received either online or by post setting an all-time record for a Part 8 Consultation Process which shows how passionate people feel about their Village and it's future development.

Excess traffic through the Village over the Liffey Bridge and inadequate parking remain as major issues for Lucan.

Please engage with Local Councillors with your creative ideas as to how these 2 important problems can be addressed thereby leading to a calmer and more peaceful Village.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone*

We had our AGM this week, it has been postponed a couple of times due to Covid. Forty-eight members attended and we also had our Regional Development Officer, Mai Quaid, in attendance. Everything went according to plan and we took the opportunity to discuss other matters while we had everyone listening.

This Friday night around thirty of us are attending the play in the Spa Hotel, "Playboy of the Western World", and we are all looking forward to our night out to see the play and enjoy each other's company. Some of us are meeting up in the bar in the Spa Hotel for a snack around 6.30pm and then going into the play for 8pm.

Belonging to a group like Active Retirement, it means you have people to socialise with, you make great friends and each week you've got something to look forward to, so don't sit home alone, join a group and enjoy your life. Friends enhance your life.

See you all at the club next Wed.

*Take care everyone.*

*Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Tess from Lucan Garden Centre, Peamont Rd, gave us a demonstration on arranging patio pots and window boxes. We got lots of tips on the importance of drainage, feeding and positioning trailing plants etc.

Tess made up a lavender pot, herb pot, trailing and upright pot and a selection of geraniums. We also had fresh flower arrangements and geraniums and garden items in the raffle.

A special thank you to Tess for an interesting and informative talk and to Helen and all the staff in Lucan G.C. for their help and support.



Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May: Social morning in Parish Centre, 10.30-12.30.

## Anniversaries

**Robert Cullen**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Happy memories of a wonderful Dad,  
Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

*Sadly missed by Robert, Jackie, Paul,  
Jude, Garry and Collette.*



**Maura Mulligan**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 19<sup>th</sup> 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,*

*Annmairie, Patricia, Siobhain and families*

**Maura Mulligan**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Tobin**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> May**



Your strength and  
courage will always be  
deeply admired. Padre  
Pio was your spiritual  
guide and the force of  
hope in the darkest  
hours.

Your memories and  
presence are with us  
forever.

*Never be forgotten by all the family.*

*Ar dheis dé go raibh a hanam*

**Breeda Sullivan**

**14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 28<sup>th</sup> May**

In loving memory of *Breeda*.

Never forgotten and dearly loved.

*By your husband, family, relations and friends.*

## Birthday Remembrance

**Ann Moffitt**

**20<sup>th</sup> of May**

Today is your birthday

In heaven above

Our blessings we send

On the wings of a dove.

*Loved and remembered every day from all your*

*Family Xx*

## Acknowledgement

**Michael Cummins**

The wife and family of the late Michael Cummins would like to thank all who supported us at the time of Michael's passing. All those who called to the house, telephoned, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, condolence messages on R.I.P.

A special thanks to all the neighbours in Woodview for their kindness and Masses all through Michael's illness.

The staff of Cunningham's for their professional service, the priest, singers of St Patrick's Church, Esker, Lucan Red Cross and the Spa Hotel.

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

*Bernadette, Stephen, Robert and David.*

## Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual  
Cemetery Mass and Blessing of  
Graves will take place on

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.**

(weather permitting)



## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting online/in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting secpc@mail.com.



The camera club now offers a hybrid model, this is so we can have local/national and international speakers visit the club. The international speakers will be on zoom, and they can be viewed at home or in the parish hall in Palmerstown with other camera club members.

A few weeks ago, we had the judging night for last month's panel competition which is a set of six images. They stand together as a panel with a theme and as separate images. Below is Terry Healy's Owl Panel and it was a runner up in the non-advanced category. Well done Terry and a beautiful set of images.



**Big Book Meeting**  
of  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
Every Thursday Night  
St Patrick's Church, Esker, 8.30pm to 9.30pm  
Any enquires Contact Colette 086 0272002

## Mother and Toddler Group

St Mary's Parish Centre  
**Every Thursday**  
From 10.30am to 12 noon.  
**All welcome**



**Birdie and the Playboy!** Off to see all our old friends at Lucan Drama this weekend, and we sure are looking forward to it.

It will be a third time out this week for some of us on the Newsletter team – we got to use our 2-year old tickets to see Andre Rieu last weekend, and then we had a little trip to the Helix to see some stars of the future. It's all go now!

**Real Live Quizzes!** We're all zoomed out from quizzing during lockdown, but Lucan Library are giving us the real thing on Thursday next – see page 2 for details!

**Thank You** to all who send us photos and other interesting pieces from time to time. Rest assured we have them all safe, and will publish over the coming weeks.

## Hillcrest Residents Association

### 'Meet the Neighbours'



Coffee Morning  
in  
The Lord Lucan  
on  
26<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am  
All Welcome

Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.

Henry Ford

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

**SERVICES AND OPENING HOURS**  
**DROP-IN WITHOUT APPOINTMENT**  
*(Limited Capacity)*

Tuesday mornings 10am to 12pm

Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm

**PHONE CALL QUERIES FOR CALL BACK**

0818 075090. Tuesday afternoons only

**OUR CITIZENS INFORMATION PHONE SERVICE IS OPEN**

**Monday to Friday 9am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000**

We are closed on Monday and Friday each week.



### What is Illness Benefit?

Illness Benefit is a weekly payment that you may get if you cannot work because you are sick or ill. To get Illness Benefit, you must be under 66 and meet the social insurance (PRSI) conditions – see ‘How to qualify for Illness Benefit’ information on our website.

You should always apply for Illness Benefit if you are medically certified as unfit for work. Even if you don't qualify the weekly payment, you may get PRSI credited contributions which can help you qualify for future social welfare payments.

If you don't qualify for Illness Benefit or while you are waiting for a decision on your claim for Illness Benefit, you may get a Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

Whether your employer pays you, or not, while you are out sick from work, you should apply for Illness Benefit. Illness Benefit is not linked to your employer's policy on pay for sick leave. However, if you get sick pay from work and Illness Benefit, you should ask your employer about any arrangements in place for this.

Illness Benefit can be paid abroad in some situations. Our website has information on about rules for getting illness benefit abroad.

### COVID-19 and enhanced Illness Benefit

When a worker is told to self-isolate by a doctor or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they can apply for a COVID-19 enhanced Illness Benefit payment of €350 per week.

COVID-19 enhanced Illness Benefit has different 'Rules' than normal Illness Benefit. Find out more about getting COVID 19 enhanced Illness Benefit on our website.

More information is available on Illness Benefit at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

## SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto: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/>



### Sol Photography Update by Paul Butler

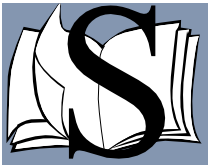
Just an update on what we have been doing recently and what we be doing over the next few months with the photography end of things here in SOL. Firstly, we have been out scanning the fields around St. Edmundsbury with the drone looking for crop marks that have yet to be identified, as well as other parts of Lucan, to make sure they are recorded. We will be keeping a close eye on the areas over the next few months to make sure nothing new appears that might have been missed. If you spot anything that might be of interest around the fields of Lucan, please let us know and we will investigate further.

We have also photographed, recorded, and reported the Ice Houses around Lucan to have them added to the list of Protected Structures. We have three known Ice Houses in Lucan with two of them along the Liffey, and one within the Orchard in the Village.

Ongoing work continues of recording old buildings in the village and their restoration/decline and other buildings and places from around Lucan to see if there are any changes. We want to make sure future generations see how Lucan would have looked in the past, like we enjoy old photos of Lucan now. If any member has any old photos from years gone by, we would love for you to share them with us?

So, what is happening over the next few months? We will be collecting your photos for our annual SOL fundraising calendar, so if you would like to get out there and start taking photos of all the old places around Lucan, or if you have any old photos you would like to enter for the calendar, please send them on to us. All chosen images will receive a free calendar. Further details will be up on our Facebook page in the next few months in SOL members newsletter. We will also be producing a new updated video on St. Finian's to showcase all the fantastic work that has been done on site, as well as some updated photos from around Lucan's historic sites.





# CHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

(Weather Permitting). All students will take part in team-based games in the morning of the sports day within their tutor groups before moving to the track for the second part of the Sports day. It promises to be great day with a BBQ and ice cream van also planned. Hopefully the weather behaves and we will have a full report on our sports day next week.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Stay Awake:

Our Cinnire team held a hugely successful stay awake on Friday evening when over 80 2<sup>nd</sup> years took part in their Pyjama party Theme stay awake event. Well done to all the organisers and to those who supervised on Friday

evening from 7-10.

**Voice of Poetry:** Our English Department held their Annual Voice of Poetry first year competition on Friday last. The students gave a great account of themselves with some very impressive displays. We were delighted to have author Caroline Finnerty with us in school as part of the Judging panel. We will have to wait until awards day until we find out who the winners are.

**Transition Year Trip:** Our Transition Year group had a wonderful trip to Tayto Park on Friday last. The 120 strong group enjoyed the thrills of the roller-coaster with the Cu Chulainn being the highlight. They also enjoyed all of the tasty treats that were on offer with the famous Tayto Park twisted chip going down a treat.

**Special Assemblies:** Our Special Assemblies will take place this week for all our Year Groups. These awards are Teacher nominated awards for special contributions by students within subject areas. Well done to all who receive an award this week.

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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan  
**Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## St. Mary's BNS

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser for the Irish Red Cross who support countries suffering in the world such as the Ukraine. The boys raised €1158.



**Sports Day:** Our annual Sports day is back for all students after a couple of years break. We plan to have our sports day on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May

From left to right, Ted McHugh, Shane Claffey (*past-pupil*) from the Irish Red Cross, Ruairí Dowling, Adam O'Donnell, Dara Burke, Principal.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Physics:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> yr students walked the short distance to Willsbrook Park next to the school to take part in an interesting Physics experiment with their teacher Ms. Smith. They were there to investigate the effects of resonance on the N4 footbridge. A bridge can fall down when it is forced to vibrate at its natural frequency. A pedestrian's natural gait typically corresponds to a frequency of about 2Hz and it has been noted that there is an instinctual tendency for people to synchronise their steps with the bridge motion and with one another.

The students marched across the bridge in unison so that they would transfer their energy at the same frequency. Although the N4 footbridge has a resonance that is close to a frequency that pedestrians typically walk at, the students thankfully managed to avoid collapsing the bridge! (primarily as it would have required a greater number of pedestrians marching across in unison) but they found the experiment to be extremely interesting and thought-provoking.

**Geography:** Our 5th year Geography students completed their Field Studies recently as part of their Leaving Cert assessment. The class groups carried out their research and assessment on the River Griffeen in Lucan. The students studied various geographical features relevant to their Leaving Cert course such as the river's cross sectional area, river gradient, valley profile, velocity and bedload analysis. The day was a great success and the students now must follow up by completing a Geographical Investigation Project worth 20% of their overall Leaving Cert mark in the subject. There was a lot of rain in the days leading up to the field trip so this definitely helped the students with their studies.

**Trips:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students enjoyed a trip to Tayto Park last week. Based in County Meath, this hugely popular theme park and Zoo has over 100 attractions for all ages so even the teachers were a little excitable and somewhat giddy on the bus last Thursday morning! Once inside, the students had free access to all of the exhilarating rides and attractions and despite some long queues at the most popular attractions, they all a brilliant time.

With speeds of up to 40kmph and reaching heights of up to 68 feet, *The Endeavour* ride was one of the highlights of the day, especially for the adrenaline junkies among the 1<sup>st</sup> yrs!

Some of our bravest students loved getting strapped into *The Rotator* and defying gravity by soaring 31m into the sky for an awe-inspiring and thrilling ride! *The Air Race* ride was not for the

faint hearted as it invited the those willing to risk seeing the lunch they had just consumed make a re-appearance, to soar, twist and spin on a stomach churning aerial adventure!

The *Cú Chulainn Coaster* is Europe's largest wooden rollercoaster and reaches speeds of up to 90km/h so naturally the 1<sup>st</sup> yrs absolutely loved this rocky, thrilling, adventure ride.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> yrs had an amazing day and they really deserved their fun as they have been an absolute privilege to work with throughout the school year.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students also got to travel to Tayto Park last Friday and it was a great opportunity for them to take well-earned break from their studies.

**Snooker:** Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> yr David Farrelly who reached the u16 National Snooker Championship Final last weekend but unfortunately he was beaten by Leone Crowley, the current u18 and u21 National Champion.

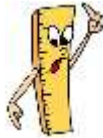
David is an exceptional talent himself and regularly plays with his uncle Fergal O' Brien, who is still competing to a decent level in the professional ranks.

David has also been named on the Republic of Ireland team that will compete in this year's Celtic Challenge in Wales in July, a hugely prestigious junior International event so we wish him all the best.

**Transition Year:** Our TY students took part in the Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower Challenge recently. This is a STEM activity for beginners in design thinking to practice prototyping in testing. The students were given 20 small marshmallows, 20 pieces of spaghetti and 30cm of tape by their science teacher Ms. Smith. They had to work in teams to build the highest free-standing tower and the students took to the task with relish! They had a set time and the marshmallow had to be attached to the top of the structure. It was a great team-work exercise and the students learned how to work together and be creative, innovative and focused.

A couple of the structures were in danger of collapsing due to the weight of the marshmallow but the students managed to refine their efforts and create more stable and higher structures. Implementing new learnings and instant feedback from others into the next prototype is the essence of innovation so it was an educational and fun activity for the students involved.

The TY students were also out on work experience last week in various placements around the city.



## Lucan Community College

### **TY Musical** - Report by Ruby Crocker-Dunne

In the theatre world, Monday 16th March 2020 is commonly referred to as “Dark Monday”. It was the night when theatres went dark. Ghost lights were left on in theatres all over the world as a beacon of hope, to let the world know that theatres would re-open. With The Lucan CC Transition Year production of “Little Shop of Horrors” it is clear that the show is back on the road!

The production was a huge success. It had a sell-out run over three nights last week. This is not surprising as an event like this, where current and past students, parents, staff and the wider community come together to experience the amazing talent and work of our students and staff is what we do well and what shows best how we live our school motto Aontas!

Thanks also to Year Head Mr. Grimes, Transition Year coordinator and the entire Transition Year tutor team who encouraged students to get involved with the show. The show also benefited from the help of our caretaking, housekeeping and secretarial staff – Thank You. Thanks Mr. Coogan for your great work on the stage.

The show couldn't have gone ahead without the sound and lights team, the orchestra, Ms. Freeman and her TY Enterprise class and members of our Parents Association. Thank you to Ms. Birnie, Mr. Brett, Ms. Malone, Ms. Brady and every single member of the staff of Lucan Community College for your help and support.

Of course a script only becomes a performance when the audience is

present! There was great feedback from those who saw the show – it even got a mention on Lyric FM!

Everyone involved had a great time. The show would never have happened without Ms. Geraghty and Ms. Conway and their amazing organisational, dancing and musical skills.

Working as Directors, Music Director and Choreographer they brought out the best of every member of the cast and crew.

Congratulations and well done to all those involved. It was a fantastic first musical back after the long break due to Covid.

**Transfer Applications Now Welcome:** Lucan Community College now welcomes applications for a place in 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> year from September 2022.

Details and application form are available on our website:

<https://lucancc.ie/policy/admissions/enrolment/>

**Planning Permission:** The entire Lucan CC community was delighted to hear that the latest application for planning permission for the school extension and refurbishment has been approved. We look forward to seeing this project move to Stage 3 and the appointment of contractors.

### **Gluais Graduation Ceremony** - report by Jessica Power

On Monday the 9th of May, the Gluais Graduation Ceremony took place in Coláiste Chillian. This graduation ceremony was held in order to celebrate the achievements throughout the year of the Gluais members from each participating school. Our current Gluais members are Jessica Power, Keelah Sisk, Sarah Mahon, Meabh Egan, Rhian Hawkins, Kate McCaffrey, Eoin O'Sullivan, Jemima Kasisi, Alisha Guy, Clodagh McDonnell and Natasha Roca.

The Gluais team organised many fun activities for the first years throughout the year, including a Secret Santa before the Christmas break and an exciting Easter Egg Hunt before the Easter Holidays!

At the Graduation Ceremony, we all received certificates. It was very exciting when the video that we made a few weeks ago was shown at the Ceremony. In this video members of the Gluais team talk about what Gluais means to each of us. You can watch the video by visiting our school website here.



One piece of advice we have for the new Gluais team is for them to be themselves, and any challenge they may face will be solved if they all work together!!!! Thanks to teachers Ms. Mc Kelvey and Mr. Carey. A special word of thanks to co-operating teacher Ms. Clifford.

*Report continued next week.....*





**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



**Lucan Sarsfield Golf Society:** The Annual Golf Classic Lucan Golf Club will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022. A 4 Person Team is €400 (€320 before 11 am), Goodie Bag, 2's Club, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, a Meal and Raffle on the night. All proceeds in support of Club Development.



**Music Bingo:** This Thursday Music Bingo will be in the Club Bar, it promises to be a lot of fun with eyes down and ears open from 9pm, entry is €10.

**AHL1 Cuala 2-25 Lucan Sarsfields 2-22:** On a nice morning in Shanganagh Park, the Seniors started with a bang through an early goal from Ciaran Dowling, which was followed by point direct from a line ball from Chris O'Leary. The first half ebbed and flowed after that with both sides having periods of dominance, ending level 0-13 to 1-10. The only downside to the half was the loss of Ciaran Dowling to injury just before the break.

Cuala had the better start to the second half, stretching their lead to 8 points at one stage through two goals in quick succession. The Lucan lads fought back after these majors and eventually closed the gap to 4 points before the final whistle with a converted penalty from Chris O'Leary.  
*Lucan:* 1. Sean McClelland, 2. Matt McCaffrey (0-2), 3. Paul Rigney, 4. Rob Ward, 5. Colm Walsh, 6. Johnny McCaffrey, 7. Ronan Smith, 8. Kevin Fitzgerald, 9. Cian McHugh (0-1), 10. Eoghan O'Conghaile, 11. Chris O'Leary (1-14, 1 x LB, 0-9 Frees), 12. Donal Flannery (0-1), 13. Evin Dowling (0-1), 14. Ciaran Dowling (1-0), 15. Charlie Keher (0-2), Colm Keenan for Ciaran Dowling, Paul Claffey for Rob Ward, Niall Stag, Philip Smith, Cian Canavan.



**St Finians Swords vs Lucan Jun C 13/5/2022**

Lucan travelled to Swords to play St Finians on Friday evening last. This was a low-scoring encounter with both sides wasting early opportunities leaving the score tied at just two points each after twelve minutes. Within the next few minutes Paul Keegan added 1-1 to advance our cause. In the second quarter, Finians improved to go 1-5 to 1-4 ahead with a late Cian Ryan point tying up the teams at the interval. On the resumption, we took control again with Keegan again prominent by scoring two points and doing most of the work for our second goal which was converted by Charlie Caseley. Midway



through the second half, Finians came again and scored 1-2 without reply to close the gap to a point. We did not take advantage of many placed ball opportunities across the evening but Keegan stepped up to put over a late free to put two between the teams which was enough to secure the league points. Best for Lucan in defence was Tiernan Swords with Keegan showing his experience and determination to come out as the top scorer out of the eight different scorers on the night. Final score: St Finians 2-8 to Lucan 2-10.  
*Team and scorers:* J Myler; A Flanagan, T Swords, C O'Neill; P Farrell, P Kennedy, D Murphy; L Farrell (0-1), E Higgins; C Casely (1-0), L O'Connor (0-1), E Hollowed (0-1); C O'Brien (0-1), J Cavanagh (0-1f), P Keegan (1-4: 0-1f); C Ryan, (0-1), D Lawlor, S Keegan, C Chambers, R Hazley.

**Juvenile Section / Coiste na nÓg**

**Minor Camogie Div. 1: Our Minor Camogie team won the Minor Div. 1 League today after a win over St Vincent's in AGP 3.**

The team topped the table and claimed the title after winning all their 6 League matches, during the campaign 24 players participated and each player contributed to the success.



*Panel:* Aisling Colfer, Erica Collins, Sinead Farrell, Blathnaid Ni Dhuibhir, Aoibheann Scott, Millie Hughes, Cara Ware, Lily Rooney (Capt.), Ellie Gaire, Caoilfhionn Sheary, Niamh Roche, Aisling Behan, Orla Morrissey, Kellie O' Brien, Aoibheann Stokes, Lucy Fox, Cliodhna Ni Bhuachalla, Erin Jones, Leah Dunne, Mia Rooney, Cathy Cosgrove, Aoife Murtagh, Riona McKearney, Megan O' Leary.

**Lotto:** Last week's Lotto Prize of €11,800 was not won. The Numbers were **3, 5, 10, 14**. Lucky Dip prizes go to Pat O'Keefe, Karen Boylan, Annemarie Mulligan, Des O'Brien and Donal Butcher. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€12,200**. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.



# SPORTS

## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### Competition for weekend 13-15th May 18 Strokeplay (Nett)

Gents Class 1 Winner Dermot Heffernan 44  
Gents Class 2 Winner Anthony Keegan 44  
Gents Class 2 Runner Up Pat McDermott 45 [Back 9]  
Gents Class 3 Winner Simon Heffernan 39  
Ladies Class 1 Winner Sandra Keogh 47 [Back 9]  
Ladies Class 2 Winner Rita Dillon 44

Members please note that our Club Strokeplay is on this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May - timesheet in operation.

Congratulations and best wishes to our qualifiers for the Leinster Strokeplay. In the Senior Grade we have Chris Gallagher, John McDermott, Damien Creevey, Dermot Heffernan and Michael Ahern. In our Inter Grade we have Dave Hayden II, Fergal Power, Paul County, David Lee and Pat McDermott. In our Junior Grade we have Brendan Keane and Ciaran Ennis.

Best wishes and congratulations to our All Ireland qualifiers who travel to Cork on the June Bank Holiday weekend – Anthony Malone and Chris Gallagher.

**New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles:** Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please contact the Secretary in writing and we will be in touch with the relevant details by return. You can join as a family or individual or 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 or contact us at [info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com)

**Sponsorship:** Members please note that our PRO – Andy Fitzgerald is seeking sponsorship of our tee boxes for the coming year. Please see Andy if you wish to sponsor a tee box

### Dates for your Diary

28<sup>th</sup> May – Race Night  
18<sup>th</sup> June – Mid Summer Festival  
9<sup>th</sup> July – Captains' Day - Dinner and Presentation on the night – ticket only



## Arthur Griffith FC U9s



Great performance from Arthur Griffith FC U9s playing against Bohemians FC Youths on Saturday. It finished 2-2 after a late equaliser from Bohs.

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## COMMUNITY GAMES



## ATHLETICS TRIALS

Running Track, Newcastle Road  
3pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
€4

Must be u16 as at 31 July and from Lucan

CHECK US OUT ON  LUCANGAMES;  LUCANCOMMUNITY  
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## DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING



Venue : Lucan Golf Club  
Date : Friday 27th May  
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00  
Entry Fee €40 Per Person (Golf & Food)  
Members & Visitors Welcome  
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### Fantastic results in the Irish Runner National 5K in the Phoenix Park on Sunday morning

Sean Kavanagh 17.57 3rd Juvenile home  
Lisa Ward 18 49 6th Senior lady home  
Breda Smyth 20.33 Gold in her category  
Trish Gough 21.09 Bronze in her category  
Anne Whelan 21.11 Silver in her category  
Jacinta Linehan 23.43 PB  
Sinead O Farrell 26.57  
Eileen O Brien 27.45 Gold in her category  
Anne Smith 28 43  
Irene Namugere 34.57  
Josephine Dignam 40.34  
Darragh Doyle 52 11

Breda, Trish and Anne Whelan, also got the national 5k team title also. Fantastic achievement by everyone this morning. Congratulations to everyone who ran today and all who represented the club on the side lines while stewarding



**Belfast Milers Club 14th May 2022** - There were super performances by Lucan Harriers athletes at the Belfast Milers Club Meet at Mary Peters Track yesterday. Both Aoife Coffey and Dylan Wright were in very strong A races in the 5,000m and both competed really well. Dara Donoghue ran a brilliant PB of 1:54 in the 800m, winning his section and it looks like there is loads more in him. Saoirse Fitzgerald ran a fantastic race to win the women's B 800m in 2:09 which is a big PB. This time is over 4 seconds inside the qualifying time for the European Youth Olympics. Finally, Liam Fitzgerald made a welcome return to form and ran 10 second pb in the 1500m running 4:17. Well done to all, great to see Lucan Harriers to the fore in such high profile competitions.



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

**An Teaghlach is Tréine:** Is féidir leat ticéad a cheannacht anois do An Teaghlach is Tréine. Beidh an t-imeacht teaghlaigh seo ar siúl ó 2.00pm - 4.30pm ar an 29ú Bealtaine ar Pháirc Naomh Cairtríona. Beidh comortáisi spraoi, cluichí agus dúshlain don teaghlach ar fad le fáil amach cé hiad An Teaghlach is Tréine!

Ticéad teaghlaigh/Family Ticket  
<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/products/7689/pur-chases/new>

**Buachaillí F10 Iomáint:** Bhí dhá chluiche iontach iomána ag na buachaillí Dé Sathairn. Bhí siad thar a bheith iontach agus is féidir an feabhsú a fheiceáil an t-am ar fad. Bhí Roinnt scileanna iontacha iomána ar taispeáint agus an-áthas ar scóranna iontacha a fheiceáil tógtha freisin.

**Buachaillí F9 Iomáint:** Bhí maidin iontach ar an bpairc Dé Sathairn lena Buachaillí F9. Bhí na buachaillí go léir ar fheabhas le caighdeán ard iomáint ar taispeáint. Ba iad Kieran & Senan a bhí ag imirt a chéad cluiche do NGÓ-laochra na himeartha- maith sibh!

### Clár Forbartha Cumann Peil na mBan

Maith do Shadhbh Ní Mhairtín & Tara Everett a ghlac páirt i gClár Forbartha Cumann Peil na mBan ag an deireadh seachtaine. Is clár é seo a ullmhaíonn cailíní chun imirt ar fhoirne BhÁC amach anseo. Maith sibh cailíní tá súil agam gur bhain sibh taitneamh as an gcéad céim eile ar bhur dturas!



# Political Notes

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### Home Security:

It is envisaged that the very popular SDCC 'Home Replacement Lock Scheme' will become available again later this year. Burglaries are a particularly heinous crime perpetrated against communities. I will continue to press upon the Council to seek commitment in rolling this scheme once more.

### Airlie Path Resurfacing:

The condition of the black pedestrian path across the green in Airlie Heights has been brought to my attention by residents. I have subsequently raised this with the public realm section, and I will be seeking a commitment for the resurfacing of this pathway in the period ahead.

### Community Volunteerism:

Congratulations to Adamstown Spring Cleaning Group on receiving a very deserved recognition and being formally recognised this week as part of the Mayor's Initiative. I was delighted to have nominated the group and its volunteers, committed to keeping their community litter free for everyone's benefit.

## Emer Higgins - TD

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### Lucan Swimming Pool:

In an update this week South Dublin County Council said that due to significant materials and labour challenges the construction of Lucan Swimming Pool has been delayed. They have indicated that they are working with the contractor to finalise the remaining work programme, with the aim of achieving project completion by Q4 2022.

### Outdoor Dining:

I welcome those local authorities will be instructed to waive fees for the use of outdoor furniture by local hospitality businesses and laws around serving alcohol in outdoor areas have also been extended. This will encourage the continued use of outdoor and street space throughout the summer months.

### Europe Day Concert:

It was my pleasure to attend to the Europe Day Concert at Griffeen Valley Educate Together National School. Well done to the pupils and staff who put on a great show!

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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### Strike Action by the Medical Laboratory Scientists Association:

Medical Scientists carry out the same work as other scientist colleagues in hospital laboratories, but are paid on average 8% less, with fewer promotional opportunities and less support for training and education. There is an ongoing and large national shortage of Medical Scientists across the public health service due to lesser pay and conditions, poor career structure and limited promotional opportunities, and up to 20% of medical scientists posts in hospitals are vacant. Last November, MLSA members voted 98% voted in favour of taking industrial action in pursuit of pay parity claim and recruitment for vacant posts. The MLSA planned strike action for late March/early April 2022 but deferred this action to accept an invitation to meet the Public Sector Agreement Group. However, satisfactory progress was not achieved, and industrial action began this week and continues next week. I fully support the action of the medical scientists.

## Liona O'Toole – Independent

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### Peace Commissioner:

Delighted to inform all that I have received official confirmation of my newly appointed role of a Peace Commissioner by the Minister for Justice Helen McEntee. Thanks to all for their support. This is a voluntary role and one that aims to help many people with relevant documentation signing. I fully appreciate the responsibility that comes with this new role, and I will be available to assist those in my area needing this service.

### Passport applications/renewals:

Many people are still experiencing difficulties or delays with passport applications. Be sure to apply well in advance of travel as it can take up to eight weeks to get your first passport if you are applying by post. Do contact me if you need any assistance.

### Reminder!

Temporary closure, section of Hayden's Lane Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9am-12.30pm to facilitate a Fastlane Half Marathon & 10km Run/Route.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday the Camera Soiree was able to have its first field trip of the season. We stayed local and were able to take photos of fields of Rapeseed and of Wild Garlic which grows prolifically in forest settings around Lucan.

Other members of the group were further afield. Kay sent us photographs from Wexford, including a Peacock in Johnstown Castle displaying its train. Johnstown Castle became a new three -in-one visitor attraction in the summer of 2019 comprising the Agricultural Heritage Museum, the gardens and the castle.



Willie continues to make his way around the country and sent us photos from county Mayo this time, including Westport House and Achill. Westport House is one of the few privately owned historic houses left in Ireland. According to the website the house was built by the Browne family whose connections with Mayo go back to the 1500s. Their lineage relates them and the house to the trail-blazing pirate queen and chieftain Grace O'Malley!



Conor was in Dunmore East and also took part in the Liffey Odyssey on 15<sup>th</sup> May which is a Canoe tour on the Liffey from Islandbridge to the entrance to Dublin Port in aid of LauraLynnIreland's Children's Hospice.



*Until next week stay safe!*