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## "To explain God"



The following was sent to me recently and brought a smile in gloomy times, I think it might do the same for you! It was written by 8 year old Danny Dutton of Chula Vista California, for his third grade homework assignment - which was "to explain God".

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he does not have to waste his valuable time teaching them to walk and talk. He can just leave them to mothers and fathers. God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like

preachers and things pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time going over your Mom and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there are not any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them, so God said ok.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven, so he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers which are important to God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important.

And since we're in humour mode the following arrived by Whatsapp the other day!

Last Sunday was the feast of the Ascension. To those who wonder what it's all about: It's the day when Jesus started to work from home!

Philip Curran  
St. Mary's Lucan

## #stepbystep Challenge

On Saturday 30th May 2020, I will be walking a marathon (26.2 miles/42.1 kilometres), pushing a vintage pram on my road, in a target time of 9 hours. This will be in memory of my dad, James Adrian Byrne, and my father-in-law Sonny Murtagh, who both passed away within the last nine months and were both avid walkers.



For many years I have been very involved with Christina Noble Children's Foundation who support some of our world's most disadvantaged children and communities. Due to Covid19, now more than ever, these children need our support. In times of uncertainty the pressures of poverty and financial struggle increase, resulting in a heightened risk of violence and hardship against those most vulnerable. Every single one of us are trying to pave our own way through these uncertain times, whether it be grief, isolation, financial worries, or simply missing a loved one. #Stepbystep, we're in this together.

To donate please click on the link. Thank you so much for your support and feel free to get involved in taking on your own #stepbystep challenge in aid of Christina Noble Children's Foundation. All donations are processed securely. You can also share my page using Share options below. This is a great way to show your support. Many Thanks for your support,

[https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11385565\\_jean-murtagh-s-page.html](https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11385565_jean-murtagh-s-page.html)

## Thank You

Thank you to Red Cross Lucan for the lovely thought in sending the most beautiful gift of fresh fruit to the senior citizens in Lucan.

We did appreciate the lovely surprise.

Angela Carr



One of our longstanding volunteers, Liam Clarke, sadly passed

away on Tuesday. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. Liam made a huge contribution to Liffey Sound, presenting "The Midweek Sound" and several outside broadcasts for the St. Patrick's Day parade and the Lucan festival. Liam will be greatly missed by staff and volunteers at Liffey Sound. *May he rest in peace.*

[www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or catch up on Facebook *Liffey Sound 96.4FM - Lucan's Community Radio Station!*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

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

**The CIC office is closed for personal callers until further notice.**

You can ring 0761 07 5000 and leave a message, and someone will return your call, or you can email [Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie](mailto:Ballyfermot@citinfo.ie) and someone will reply to your email.



## MABS the Money Advice and budgeting Service

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, independent and confidential service for people who are in debt or at risk of getting into debt.

Talk to your lender. If you can't - talk to MABS.

**Call MABS today on 0761 07 2000** for independent information, advice and referral.

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR COVID-19 EXPERIENCE!

Lucan Newsletter invites people living in Lucan to submit items about their COVID-19 experiences for publication, and for our archives.

Perhaps in time to come, people will find it hard to believe what we did and suffered to get on top of it.

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée



Well first the good news. Four weeks back we told the story of Rose, a member of the group and also on the newsletter team, who had been stranded in Australia since before Easter because of COVID19 and was hoping to be able to return to Ireland in June. Everybody in the group was delighted to learn last weekend that



Rose had made it back to Ireland at long last and was self-isolating in a hotel for 14 days. The return of Rose prompted some members of the group to submit photos of Rose (the flower) in honour of the occasion.

The photographic hunt for bees goes on and this week Conor managed to photograph a number of them. So maybe they are around and I just don't see them in my garden.



Donal got some lovely photos of swans with their cygnets.

Some of the more technically minded are working on a plan for those in the group who are interested to resume the weekly Friday morning meeting virtually. If it can be brought to pass we will be able to review each other's work and comment on it. I'm sure the other members of the group will just love to hear me saying that the photo is not sharp, the horizon is not straight etc. It would certainly bring a greater sense of normality to our situation. Hopefully this can come to pass in the coming weeks. *Keep safe until next week!*



## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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

#### Masses at St Mary's:

Mass will be available on the Internet only each weekday Monday to Saturday at 10am and on Sunday at 11am.

[WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM](http://WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM)



#### Deepest Sympathy to Sr Geraldine

on the death of her brother  
*Fr. Patrick Smith*  
in the States during the week.  
*May he rest in peace.*



#### Private Prayer:

We opened our Church for Private Prayer last Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We had a steady slow stream of people and it worked well with social distancing well respected. The Church will be open again this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 12.15pm until 8pm.

Please enter by the main porch door and follow the signs and exit by the door near the Nuns Chapel.

#### Trocaire Lenten Boxes:

Trocaire like many charities are suffering greatly because of the Pandemic and it is seriously impacting on their relief work.

If you have a Trocaire Box and would like to return it you can do so by dropping it in to the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon.

Thank you.

Deepest sympathy to the son, family and friends of *Catriona O'Connor*, Weir View and to the wife, family and friends of *Jim Lynagh*, Ballydowd Grove.  
*May they rest in peace.*



### St. Patrick's

#### Esler/Dodsboro/Adamstown

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

Mass will be available on Sundays at 10.30am and 12 noon on the web at [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**We hope to broadcast Mass live at 10.30am this Sunday on the Parish Facebook Page. 'Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish'**

This is a temporary arrangement until we get our Live Streaming up and running.

If you have any difficulty getting on to our facebook page here are some other websites with online Masses.

<https://lucanparish.com/live-webcam-broadcast>;

Weekdays at 10:00am & Sundays at 11:00am

<https://www.churchservices.tv/ballyfermotassumption> Daily at 10:00am

<http://www.wicklowparish.ie/sacraments-services/live-mass-services/>

Mon – Fri 10am & Sundays 11:30

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-jude-the-apostle2>

Weekdays 9:30am & Sundays at 10:00am

*RTE News Now* will also broadcast Daily Mass at 10.30am for those of you who don't have access to the internet.

## Flower of the Holy Spirit



This is one of the orchid species named 'Flower of the Holy Spirit'.

It starts blooming during the Pentecostal period each year. Before bloom, it looks like praying saints, when the flower blooms it looks like a flying dove.

***How amazing is God's creation!***

The flower is found in found in China, Japan, Korea and Russia.

*Thank you to the Reader who forwarded this interesting piece on to us.*

## 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).

Facebook group;

“Society for Old Lucan (SOL)” & Twitter:

@Soc4OldLucan.



### Sol Summer Events

As a group, our connections and the chats we had on our field trips, talks and walks were more important than the history. While we can't meet you the way we'd like at the moment due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are continuing to plan for events for you for the summer, and we hope you'll be able to join these online and enjoy them, during these restricted times.

Many of the important buildings of Old Lucan have vanished but some of you may have captured these in your old family photos. Now would be a good time to dig out those old photos of Lucan that you always meant to look for. If you are happy to share them with us, please email us at [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page; our 1,400+ members online would love to see them.

### June Sol Event:

#### Video - Father McCartan's Murder with Darren Tully

Video available by Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 23.00 onwards, on our SOL YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/SOLYouTube>, and SOL Facebook page.

On the anniversary of a Lucan murder in 1807 that shocked Irish and English readers, Darren Tully will tell you the story of Fr. McCartan, a priest who was brutally murdered by a gang of robbers at the top of Chapel Hill, the night of 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1807. His murder and the subsequent trial made the Irish and English newspapers. Two of his murderers were hanged on the scene of the crime, on 27<sup>th</sup> June of the same year. Darren will explain how the heist was planned, the motivations behind it and how it went very wrong, as he explores some of the different parts of Lucan that the robbers visited.



## Sol Calendar 2021:

### Your Photos of Lucan

SOL are planning our annual calendar for 2021. The proceeds help raise essential funds that allow us to continue our voluntary work to promote the history and heritage of Lucan. Last year, thanks to you, our calendar was a great success, and we hope that you may be able to help us to submit your photos of Lucan for the 2021 edition. You can enter as many of your photos as you wish. They can be on any aspect of Lucan, old or new. Submissions close mid-August so you have a couple of months to get snapping, especially during the present time when we are restricted to walking within 5k or our homes. Email us your photos to: [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) and include your name, contact number, details of the scene (date, location, etc.). All photos must be in JPEG format, they must be your own photos, and you agree that SOL will use your photo in the calendar. Please adhere to Government public health advice on Covid-19. Do not enter private land, or parks or sites that are closed to the public. We look forward to seeing your beautiful photos of Lucan!

*More SOL updates next week....*

*Helen Farrell (chair), Elaine Hurley, Billy Sines, Darren Tully, Paul Butler and Jonathan Cully. Contact us: [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com)*

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

**ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

### South Dublin Co. Co. on Dumping

**Our Litter & Waste Enforcement** staff have been investigating increased levels of illegal dumping and burning of waste this week. Household Waste Collection Services are operating and Civic Amenity sites are open.

**If you witness dumping contact** [014149000/wasteregulation@sducubincoco.ie](mailto:014149000/wasteregulation@sducubincoco.ie)



There are many indications that summer is here, or at least around the next corner. Sunrise is earlier each morning and if you are awake at that hour, blending bird calls remind us that

others are rising and shining too, broadcasting nocturnal experiences, declaring to the world that their little lives continue and that they are happy to share with us their joy.

Here we are, at the end of May, 2020, in a situation in which no one ever thought we would be. All of us have made major adjustments in our lives over the past two to three months. The well-worn phrase about "nothing ever being the same again" has never been more true, because life, as we knew it, is gone and the new reality is here.

In Lucan Men's Shed, it will be no different. We closed in mid-March, thought we were taking a few days off, only to discover that we were closing for the foreseeable future.

It has been very strange indeed to be away from the Shed which we visited several times weekly, to have that all-important chat, see familiar faces and enjoy a cup, or two, of tea and biscuits. There are many plans to be made and put into action on various levels, before we can resume attendance at the Shed, but it shouldn't take too long and it will require the input and ingenuity of us all.

*Here's to the future!*

## **Children of the 50s and 60s**

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 50s and 60s, probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cots were covered with brightly coloured lead-based paint, which was promptly chewed and licked.

We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, nor latches on doors and cabinets, and it was ok to play with pans.

When we rode our bikes, we wore no helmets, just flip-flops, and fluorescent clackers on the wheels.

As children we would ride in cars without seat belts, and air bags. Riding in the passenger seat was a treat.

We drank water from the garden hose, and not from a bottle – tasted the same.

We ate dripping sandwiches, bread and butter pudding, and drank fizzy drinks with sugar in them, but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one drink with four friends, from one bottle or can, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scrap, and then went top speed down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into stinging nettles a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning, and play all day, as long as we were home before dark. No one was able to reach us all day, and no one minded.

We did not have Play Station or X-Boxes, no video games at all. No 99 channels on TV, no videotape movies, no surround sound, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet chat rooms. We had friends – we went outside and found them.

We played elastics and street rounders, and sometimes, that ball really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got hurt, broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits. They were accidents. We learned not to do the same thing again.

We had fights, punched each other hard, got black and blue – we learned to get over it.

We walked to friends' homes.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate live stuff, and although we were told it would happen, we did not have very many eyes out, nor did the live stuff live inside us forever.

We rode bikes in packs of 7, and wore coats only by the hood.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has bred some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers, and inventors ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

**If you are one of them, Congratulations!**



**Another week gone**, hard to believe this is our 11<sup>th</sup> *online only* edition. We've no idea yet as to when we'll be back in hard copy, but it's great to have the website for all our readers at home and abroad.

**Big welcome home to Rose**, one of our team, who went to Melbourne to visit her grandchildren back in January, and only got back to Lucan last weekend. She is now self-isolating, so we won't see her for another week or so. Great to have her home again!

She told us that the hairdressers never shut down in Oz, so she is probably looking more beautiful than the rest of us!



Rose sent us this photo of the Postman whizzing around the houses delivering and picking up post.

**To New Zealand now** where more people with Lucan links live – hairdressers are open again, and they can visit restaurants, all with strict COVID rules. Louise, our friend, told us of going out to lunch, and having to sign in giving all their details for contact tracing.

**To London now, and a Whatsapp conversation:**  
**Sunday last 10.45, from Lucan to London.**

**Lucan:** How is it going?

**London:** Grand, just getting ready for Mass

**Lucan:** Oh, whereabouts is it?

**London:** Lucan at 11am – might see you there!

*Isn't it just brilliant to have the livestreaming!*

**Colourful Gardai** Have you noticed all the different colours of the Garda cars recently? It would seem that some were acquired in a hurry to deal with the present crisis, but we spotted a 'fire brigade' red vehicle with the usual livery on the sides the other day – looked so strange!

**Bloom in the Park** was one of our favourite outings this weekend each year. Alas it too has fallen victim to the virus. It will be a very strange June Bank Holiday weekend, but at least we have the good weather, unlike last weekend when we had a bit of a storm, with leaves coming down very early in the season.



**Good Luck to all the Leaving Cert Students** as they undertake very different exam system this year. Hard to know how to feel about it. Hopefully it will all work out!

**Dublin Canvas:** It's lovely to see all the brightly coloured boxes around Lucan and further afield, so here's the callout for more wonderful artists

A total of 114 traffic light control boxes available to paint throughout  
 @DubCityCouncil, @Fingalcoco  
 @dlrcc & @sdublincoco

## DUBLIN CANVAS

## SUMMER 2020

### CALLOUT FOR SUBMISSIONS

Artists & community groups who wish to participate should visit  
<https://dublincanvas.com/paint>  
 For full details on how to apply #dublincanvas

## Did someone say: 'History is boring!'

*A Reader sent us these interesting pieces!*

There is an old hotel / pub near Marble Arch in London, which used to have some gallows attached to it. Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course), to be hanged. The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop the dray outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like **“One Last Drink”**.

If he said *yes*, it was referred to as **‘One for the Road’**.

If he declined, that prisoner was **‘On the Wagon!’**

The next time you are washing your hands and complain that the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think of how things used to be:-

*Some facts about the 1550s:*

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide their body odour.

Hence the custom today of **carrying a bouquet** when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the sons and men, the women and children, and last of all the baby!

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying **‘Don't throw the baby out with the bath water’**.

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats, and other small animals (mice, bugs etc), lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes, the animals would slip and fall off the roof.

Hence the saying **‘It's raining cats and dogs’**.

There was nothing to stop things falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up a nice clean bed.

Hence a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection.

That's how **canopy beds** came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt.

Hence the saying **‘dirt poor’**.

The wealthy had slate floors, that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw), on the floor to keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh, until when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed at the entrance, hence a **‘thresh hold’**.

Sometimes people could obtain pork, which made them feel quiet special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could **‘bring home the bacon’**.

They would cut off a little to share with the guests, and would all sit around talking and **‘chewing the fat’**.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some lead to leach on to the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status.

Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, while visitors got the top or **‘upper crust’**.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a few days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead, and prepare them for burial.

They were laid out on the kitchen table for a few days, and the family would gather around, and eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom of **‘holding a wake’**



## Cumann na Sáirséalaiġh Leamhcáin



The biggest ever coaching survey conducted in Irish sport will see the **GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association** join forces to help shape the future development of Gaelic games. Over the next three weeks coaches at every level of football, hurling and camogie are being encouraged and urged to make their voices heard via the online survey. **GAA President, John Horan**, believes the **Gaelic Games Coaching Survey 2020** can be a hugely positive initiative for the Association. The link to the survey is in this weeks club notes on the club website [www.lucansarsfields.ie/news](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/news)

**GAA Director General, Tom Ryan** gave an update on the GAA's Roadmap to return, watch the interview here: <https://youtu.be/Vf-Ind7W8ho>

**The Ladies Gaelic Football Association** will team up with **Lidl Ireland** and **Jigsaw** to roll out five days of activity focusing on Positive Youth Mental Health from Monday 1st to Friday 5th June. As everyone will be aware, many of our members across the country were due to begin their Leaving Certificate or Junior Certificate, GCSE or A Level, exams that week and they, with many other of our young players, are having to deal with added stress and pressure during these current times. Sport plays a crucial outlet for young people's positive mental health and adds to the 'Be Active' message utilized by Jigsaw as part of their 5-a-day for positive mental health. The LGFA in partnership with Lidl and Jigsaw will outline each of these 5 key messages throughout our **Be Positive Week** and we ask all our members to get involved and support our young members across the country and to assist our young members to help themselves also. See <https://ladiesgaelic.ie/> for more details.

**The Dublin LGFA referees** are holding a charity Fun run on Saturday May 30th in aid of **St Francis Hospice**. **Angela Gallagher, Tom Casserly** and **William Eakins** from Lucan Sarsfields are taking part, support this worthy cause here <https://www.gofundme.com/f/dublin-lgfa-refs>

Irish Life  
HEALTHY CLUBS  
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# MyLife Healthy Clubs Steps Challenge

Help your club win a €2500 O'Neils voucher

Starts June 3rd & ends on June 30th

LUCAN SARSFIELDS GAA CLUB

**Help your club win with the Irish Life Healthy Club Steps Challenge** - Throughout the Covid-19 emergency, GAA clubs across the 32 counties have been helping their members and communities stay healthy and connected within the restrictions of public health advice. To help reward this contribution and to celebrate the importance of staying active, the GAA's Community & Health Department has teamed up with Irish Life, CSR partners to the Healthy Club Project, to launch a special 'Steps Challenge' set to run during the month of June. To Join the challenge follow the instructions below: (If you have any problems just email [lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com) for help)

1. Download the MyLife app from the App store or Google Play store
2. Tap on the social tab on the MyLife app
3. Select challenges
4. Select the challenge for your province
5. Tap on join & select your club

**The Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative (DEYLI)** takes its name from one of Ireland's most inspirational leaders and one of Gaelic games most iconic proponents, **Dermot Earley** (1948- 2010). The initiative, a tribute to Dermot's lifetime of sporting and professional achievements and his commitment to community service, is brought to life through a partnership between GAA, Foróige, and NUI Galway. The programme empowers young people to enhance their leadership capabilities to better enable them to reach their full potential and have a positive impact on the world around them. The DEYLI is now looking for interested clubs/individuals across the island of Ireland to get involved with the programme.

To get involved or for more information go to [http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content\\_page/10035503/](http://www.lucansarsfields.ie/content_page/10035503/) and / or contact [lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:lucanhealthyclub@gmail.com)

**Our sympathies** to the **Behan** family on the death of Catherine Condon, mother of Noelle Behan, mother-in-law of Mark and granny of Jack(U16 F&H) and Cianan. **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam**

### Lucan Sarsfields Lotto Jackpot €20,000

There was no winner of the Lotto Jackpot sponsored by **Feargal McCarthy, Painter and Decorator**, held on Thursday 21st May, 2020. The numbers drawn were **6, 13, 24** and **25**. The **Lucky Dip winners (€30): Niamh Roche, Deirdre Stapleton, Sean & Tadhg, Mia Hurson** and **Colm Browne**, all of whom will be contacted shortly so that they know how to claim their prize.

**Next Draw: Thursday, May 28, 2020**, Sponsor: **Newcastle Golf Center**, Managed by **Team Flannery-Mary, Tommy and Donal**.

**IMPORTANT:** For the duration of the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak the lotto draw will take place on **Thursday nights @ 9pm** behind closed doors and will be live streamed on Facebook. You can still enter the draw by clicking on the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto> or on the local lotto link on the Lucan Sarsfields website. **Make sure to get your entry in before 6pm on Thursday to be included in that night's draw.**

# Political Notes

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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The Orchard, Lucan

### **Spike of Abuse of Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas):**

Many of you have seen these gas canisters in parks or streets and may have heard about this recent trend among young teens using laughing gas or hippy crack. When inhaling directly from tanks or whippets (bulbs), the gas is intensely cold (-40C degrees) and can cause frostbite to the nose, lips and throat (including vocal cords). As the gas is also under constant pressure, it can cause ruptures in lung tissue when inhaled directly from these containers. To report any worrying activities, please phone the Gardaí. More information

at [https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/13067/1/Factsheet5Solvents\\_A4.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2vVEuejPEn0SnUwSXXcp0GOLf4cEPI182\\_Sd284aPKluEoEKoCPJZToM](https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/13067/1/Factsheet5Solvents_A4.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2vVEuejPEn0SnUwSXXcp0GOLf4cEPI182_Sd284aPKluEoEKoCPJZToM)

**Small Business Support:** Applications for Restart Grant for Small Businesses is now open. There are several other supports for small businesses during this difficult time, please contact me if you require more details relating to your business recovery.

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 01-403007/01-6183816.

Email: [gino.kenny@oir.ie](mailto:gino.kenny@oir.ie)

### **The passing of Melanie Hill Rutherford.**

I want to convey my sincere condolences to Melanie Hill Rutherford's family and friends. Melanie was originally from Cork but had been living in Moyglass Lucan for the past decade. Melanie passed away last week at the age of 45. I had got to know Melanie through her advocacy for access to cannabis for medical reasons. She was a great advocate for medical cannabis as she was using it to treat her pain from cancer.

*Ar Dheis De go raibh a hanam.*

## Caitríona McClean Fianna Fáil

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**Leaving Certificate:** Best wishes to all LC students and their families who would have had this bank holiday as a major focus for so long. Hoping that the transition works well for all in these new arrangements.

**Government formation:** We need a functional government to respond to necessary legislation as

well as the EU initiative. The caretaker government is now dysfunctional as unable to pass legislation. Working with Tom Newton, I have submitted transport and housing suggestions for Programme for Government.

**Back to school allowance:** I have put forward the suggestion that those still on covid19 payments at end of July should automatically qualify.

**Old Celbridge Rd:** Nettles alongside the footpath are causing concern to walkers. I have asked SDCC to rectify.

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**Fallen Trees:** I have contacted SDCC about a number of fallen trees and branches which came down during the strong winds earlier in the week. Some of these have been cleared away already and I will follow up in relation to any which remain.

**Village Traffic:** I am currently engaging with local business to see if there is an opportunity to completely revise the flow of traffic through the village. Due to social distancing, more space is required for pedestrians and cyclists and it may be opportune to look at a one-way system or pedestrianising the village. If you have thoughts please let me know.

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**Foxborough:** I was delighted to see the installation of yellow boxes at the junction of Foxborough Road and Griffeen Avenue this week. This follows my representations on this issue since being elected, and will provide some relief for residents in the area.

**Restart Grant for Small Businesses:** Grants of up to €10,000 are available from SDCC, targeted at small businesses employing fewer than 50 people. For more information and supports available to businesses, contact me or visit <https://secure.southdublin.ie/forms/item/60>.

**Nitrous oxide "bullets":** This week, I drew attention to the harmful effects of the misuse of these items. Discarded containers are becoming increasingly prevalent— please be vigilant and report any suspected misuse to Gardaí.

**Online clinics & e-newsletter:** Contact me if you would like to make an appointment for my online clinic, or to subscribe to my email newsletter.

## South Dublin Libraries Events & Activities, June 2020

*(All events and activities are free of charge).*

### Fun for Children

#### Rediscovery Space Workshop

**Tuesday 2nd June, 3:00pm**

Investigate the universe, origins of the solar system, the planets and moons of our solar system and looking at space exploration. This virtual online workshop features a range of activities, such as a guided investigation on meteor impacts, exploring the scale of the solar system and making a rocket during the workshop with paper cup constellations, there will also be a challenge that children can do after the workshop.

The workshop will use Zoom video calls for communication between students and the tutor. A link to join the Zoom session will be sent to you on the morning of the class. All you need to get started is a PC/Mac, mic  
**Suitable for ages 8+.**

A parent or guardian will be required to be present for each class. A valid email address will be needed to receive the access code and this email will be passed on to Juliette in order to register for the class. **Booking** via <http://ClondalkinLibrary.eventbrite.com>

#### Brick Flicks: Lego Stop Motion Workshop

**Tuesday 2nd June, 4:00pm**

Facilitated by Create School, we will take you on the journey from having a cool idea to making it into an awesome film. On the way we will explain how the different parts of making that film work and we will share some of the great tips and skills that we have learned and use when we are making our own films. All you need is a mobile device with a camera, a Lego Minifigure and your imagination! This course is delivered using a blended approach of online learning and offline activity. **Suitable for ages 9+**, (we recommend that an adult assists with the online elements of the course).

**Booking** via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/brick-flicks-stop-motion-workshop-tickets-1058102051722>

A Work Matters at the Library event, funded by Science Foundation Ireland.

## Healthy Ireland at Your Library

#### Mandala and Meditation with Patricia Fitzgerald

**Thursday 4th June, 7:00pm**

Artist Patricia Fitzgerald gives a live talk on meditation, philosophy and the basics on how to draw your own Mandala. **Booking from**

**Thursday 28th May, 10:00am** via

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/creative-cocoons-healing-creations-mandala-and-meditation-online-session-tickets-105095483420>

### Introduction to Family History



#### Introduction to Family History

**Wednesday 3rd, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17th June**

More time on your hands? Now is the perfect time to get started on your family history! South Dublin Libraries presents a series of genealogy talks with Fiona Fitzsimons of the Irish Family History Centre every Wednesday evening for 6 weeks.

Each class introduces a major source:

**Wednesday 3rd June: Griffith's Valuation  
Booking**

via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-griffiths-valuation-tickets-104056684344>

**Wednesday 10th June: Gravestones and  
Cemetery Records**

**Booking opens Thursday 4th June,  
10:00am** via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-gravestones-cemetery-records-tickets-104057185844>

**Wednesday 17th June: Newsprint**

**Booking opens Thursday 11th June,  
10:00am** via <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-family-history-newsprint-tickets-104057916028>

These sessions will be delivered online via Zoom. A link to join the Zoom session will be emailed to attendees on the morning of the event.

Each genealogy session must be booked separately on Eventbrite.

See <http://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com> for an overview of all sessions.