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You may have seen the results of the National Tidy Towns competition for 2022



We are happy to say that Lucan Tidy Towns retained our bronze medal award yet again this year. We increased our score by 10 marks to 342. The overall winner, Trim, achieved 366 marks. In the whole of Dublin City and County, we were placed 6th out of 46 entrants. We congratulate our near neighbours in Kildare, Celbridge who got a silver medal and Leixlip and Maynooth who both got gold.

Our adjudicator visited in early July and was very complimentary about the presentation of Lucan village. Some quotes from the adjudicator's report:

The Credit Union was a lovely example of a nicely painted commercial building with bright flowers in their window boxes. Other commercial buildings that caught the eye included Sabatini, Weir Interiors and Kenny's public house. Floral displays on windows at the Delhi Darbar Indian Cuisine looked great. With its unusual Tudor type building the O'Neill and Sons bar also stood out for this, and it's amazing hanging baskets on display.

It was lovely to be able to enjoy at night the window display of Memories Bridal Boutique. Grafton Barber had some clever fencing in place so their bins can be discreetly stored. The River Café has a nice little parklet seating area outside and helps the community consider the benefits of forfeiting some car parking spaces.

St. Mary's Boys' National School is nicely located on the banks of the Liffey and has lovely flower beds, and nice hanging baskets at the main entrance of the school. At the top of the valley is the Girls' School with Green Flags flying and silver birch trees and more hanging baskets look lovely here.

Lavender plants and lamb's ears are part of the display in the sensory garden and the public are encouraged to taste, touch, smell and even listen to the plants as they move gently in the wind.

The entrance to the village green has changed a lot since our last visit. Here there are many more plants now that are pollinator friendly including carpet roses, oxeye daisies and even some herbs - the planters here look lovely.

Red bricked terraced houses on main street look lovely and many of which still maintained their wrought iron boundary fencing. Sarsfield Close and Park were connected by a nice cut-through making it easy for pedestrians and cyclists. Homes on Esker Road were also nicely displayed. Lucan Heights had lovely homes with many mature trees in a large central green area. It was nice to see some bee-friendly cutting in this green area. At the main entrance to Lucan Heights there's a nice silver birch under planted with small flowering annuals.

Goodness you have done a lot of work planting on the strip. The roadside shrubbery here looks lovely already and once established will be very striking, helping to give a strong sense of place. You listed and have used lovely plants.

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Lucan Tidy Towns cont'd....

Adjudicator's suggestions and recommendations:

There are many wonderful heritage buildings in Lucan - it would be good to learn more about these. Can you be supported in a funding application to develop a heritage trail?

There appeared to be bins regularly stored on the pavement. Can they also be screened, or removed once rubbish has been picked up?

Lucan Bridge, whilst a great structure and in a fabulous position, really needs to be further enhanced with careful painting, and replacement of the safety barriers to ones more aesthetically pleasing. The barriers are not appropriate for this key entrance into Lucan. There is also a very rusty redundant pole on the southern bank of Lucan Bridge. We strongly recommend that you get support/raise this as an action from South Dublin County Council.

In the Village Green there is a large post with a lot of electric wires coming out of it that looks redundant - can this be safely removed?

It was difficult to find the pedestrian access route for the Falls Promenade, but it was worth our endeavours. Would you consider providing some signage from Main Street directing pedestrians to this lovely area?

Public telephone boxes were grubby and needed a good clean with many stickers and old posters that should be removed. What a pity as elsewhere the village looked very well. Are these phones still useful for your community? If not - maybe negotiate their removal?

Adjudicator's Concluding Remarks:

Lucan is a busy village with a lovely homely feel to it - you'd easily forget that you were so close to Dublin and that there are 6,000 of you living there. You have maintained a strong hub for the community with many amenities such as a River Promenade and the Village Green.

Congratulations to your many volunteers for their efforts.

The adjudicator referred to the fact that we didn't submit a long term plan due to the ongoing public consultations regarding the plans for the Greenway, the centre of Lucan and the weir. We know we need to address this issue in the coming year.

You will find the full report in the attached link: https://tidytowns.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/u_reports/2022/dublin/2022-Dublin-Lucan-173.pdf

Thank you to all who supported us throughout the year:

Our Spring Clean group who consistently litter pick in and around Lucan village and parks. St Joseph's College Junior Tidy Towns students who do a weekly cleanup on Fridays. Also those who participated in our Griffeen River water quality survey.

Our residential groups for linking in with us and looking after their areas.

The numerous Lucan residents who donated plants from their own gardens, including many pollinator friendly plants.

Members of the Society for Old Lucan who continue to raise awareness of Lucan's great heritage through their many activities.

Local staff of South Dublin County Council who took on specific gardening projects and supported us with materials and organised waste collections. Local businesses who played their part in the upkeep of the village.

The Newsletter team for their constant support. And of course finally, we want to thank our team of volunteers, including those who joined us in the past year.

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Lucan Tidy Towns*

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

Another Sneak Peek! Lucan Dramatic Society



Sale of Consent (Nick Payne) - in this modern dramatic piece director James Goodman brings us an intimate portrayal of a marriage under strain and of what can happen when there is a failure to communicate.



The Last of the Last of the Mohicans (Hugh Leonard) - set in Dublin in the 1970s this comedy reveals a planned adulterous liaison that quickly descends into farce. The mayhem is overseen by director Carol Ryan.

Opening night is almost upon us so if you want an evening of guaranteed entertainment, pick a night from Tues Nov 8th (that's this Tuesday coming) through to Saturday Nov 12th and book your tickets. See you there!

Tickets are €12 each with a discounted rate of €10 for OAPs. To book your tickets please text name, date/evening of the show and number of tickets required to: 086 3018982.

A dinner/show deal is available directly from the SPA Hotel. 2 course meal plus tea/coffee and a ticket for the show for the bargain price of 30 euro per person. To avail of this deal please contact the SPA Hotel directly on 01-6280494.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Venue - **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan on **Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm.**

We had a visit from Helen from the Society of Old Lucan (SOL) on Thursday 3rd November who gave us an interesting talk on the work of SOL.

Our usual meeting will not take place on Thursday 10th November as we will be on our Winter break in the Talbot Hotel in Wexford next week. More news later.

We will be back as usual on Thursday 17th November next. *New members are welcome.*

Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge
www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie
celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com
Facebook "The Mill Community Centre"
Phone 01 6288556

Kildare Sports Partnership / Arthritis Ireland

Morning and Evening Classes for all.

Subsidised classes

Activator Poles class Mondays 11am

Body Mind Dance Tuesdays 7pm

Moving for Life Wednesdays 10am

Arthritis Chair Class Wednesdays 11.30

Buggy Buddies/ Mother and Baby Class Fri 11am

Voices of Spring Choir Wed 11am – People living with dementia, carers, older people with other health concerns or who are living in isolation/in need of social outlets.

Scoil Mhuire, Woodview Hts. / Airlie Hts.

Enrolment for
Junior Infants September 2023
will be open from
November 7th to 28th.

All details will be available on our website
www.scoilmhuire.ie



St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now accepting applications for
Junior Infants for September 2023

**The closing date for enrolment is
Friday 18th November 2022**

The enrolment form can be
downloaded from the school
website

www.stmarysbnsLucan.com



Mother & Toddler Group

Thursdays
in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**,
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**



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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

**Thursday 17th November
At 8pm**



At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered. The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine.

November Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the Church Porches.

Please return to the Sacristy when completed.

Legion of Mary

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Divine Mercy Devotion:

On **Wednesdays after 10am Mass.** Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

For Sale Church Art Calendars 2023

In the Sacristy and the Parish Office. €2

Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord. *All are welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2nd Monday at 10.45am and 4th Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.

Sr Geraldine.



Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12noon.

All Welcome.

Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound:

If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Ellen (Eileen) Bristley**, Sarsfield Park, and to the family and friends of **Rita (Margaret) McCabe**, Kew Park.
May they rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses **NEXT** Saturday/ Sunday **12th/13th November.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

Contact: email: lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Mass Time Changes from the 6th

November: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Annual Mass of Remembrance

The Annual Mass for those who have died since last November will take place on



Friday 18th November at 7.30pm.

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. Joseph's Young Priests Society:

A new branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society has opened in our parish the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish.

We meet once a month and the next meeting is **Tuesday 29th November 2022** at 7.30 pm here in the parish.

The aim of the society is to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you all. The Parish office can be contacted at 01 4572900.

Bingo:

Every **Wednesday** night at **7.30pm** in the St. John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church.

Doors open at 7.00pm.

All welcome.



Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle

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

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance. All are most welcome.

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Friday November 11th at 7pm.

All those who have passed away in the last twelve months will be especially remembered. November list of the dead automatically included.

All are welcome.



St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

St Vincent De Paul St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate Collection at all Masses
THIS weekend **5th /6th November**

Many thanks for all your donations



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding

its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 14th November at 7:15pm**

in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Anniversaries

CLERKIN (PADDY)

3rd Anniversary - 7th November

Will those who think of him today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Lovingly remembered by Gerard and extended family

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.
St. Bernadette pray for us.



FARMER (MADGE)

1st Anniversary - 9th November

It's not the same with you no longer here

We all miss you so much

In waves it comes

The tears and pain we feel

From losing you dear Mam

So catch the kisses we are sending you every day.

Love Linda, Mick, David, Diane, Helen and your grandchildren and great-grandchildren

FARMER (MADGE)

1st Anniversary - 9th November

An agreement made

A shake of our hands

A knowing look exchanged

This will be my last chapter of my story you said

Yours my dear has many more

Chapters to be filled

Those were your words to me

And four months later you were dead

So no more stress, pain,

Sleepless nights and strain

God now has you in his loving arms again

Now with my dad, family and friends

Till someday it is my turn

For my story to end

And be with you again.

Your heartbroken daughter, Helen

FARMER (MARGARET - MADGE)

1st Anniversary - 9th November

One year ago on this sad day

You closed your eyes and went away

A mother who was kind and loving

But all the laughs and chats

We had along the way

Help us get through each day

Love and miss you Mam.

Your loving daughters Linda, Helen, Diane, sons Michael, David, sons-in-law, daughters-in law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren



Recovery Meeting Reopened

Do you have?

Anxiety

Panic

Anger

Depression



**Recovery Self -Help Method Ireland
CAN HELP YOU!**

Local Meeting:

St. Mary's Parish Centre Lucan

Thursday 7.30 p.m.

Tel: 00353 062 60 775 /

www.recoveryireland.ie

0872563193

Morning Soirees in St. Mary's Parish



Irish Conversation

Wednesdays: 10.30am to

11.30am: Tea and coffee for

like-minded people who want to

engage in conversation as Gaeilge.

Whether you know the basics or you are

advanced, all are welcome to join and take part



Photography - In the Parish

Bungalow

Fridays 10.3am to 11.30am:

Whether you are experienced or

just like taking photos bring along your camera

and get tips on how to capture the perfect image,

while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE

**Older People Need
Your Support!**

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Letter sent from Lucan Planning Council for the attention of Active Travel, SDCC:

A Chara,

I am writing to put forward a number of suggestions that are aimed at making active travel more practical and possible in the Lucan area. People arriving on foot or by wheelchair into the Lucan Village Green area via the Leixlip Rd have difficulty crossing over to the bridge, and have no access to the Village Green from the AIB side. In contrast there are two entries to the park from the far side and there are traffic lights which facilitate crossing the road.

Suggested solution:

1. There is already a lip in the road to facilitate wheelchairs and buggies, please provide a crossing here. We understand the Government are piloting crossings without flashing lights in Limerick and Dublin. Please consider piloting in this location.

2. Please also consider providing a bridge access to the park from the river side. This would provide the possibility of entering the park from the AIB side and exiting one of the existing exits, and a pedestrian flow would be achieved. The park is underutilized because it is not enroute to the rest of the village, and people do not include a visit while in the village for that reason. People approaching from the Methodist Church side would be able to access the shops via the park also via this proposed bridge. This would add to the aesthetics of the area also and be attractive to visitors too.

The traffic flow past the shops is an impediment to active travel, and if the flow were reversed and the road were made two ways at the Methodist Church this would be solved. A reversal of the flow would mean pedestrian access to the shops and by car to the medical centre and other businesses, and importantly also those parking would not hold up the traffic flow causing serious congestion as is currently the case.

3. Please consider piloting a speed limit of 30kms from St Mary's church to St Catherine's Park, and from the Lucan Bridge in both directions to St Mary's and through the Main St.

This would make walking and cycling in the village safer. We make this suggestion because of your survey findings that 30% of people consider cycling unsafe. A maximum speed limit of 30kms could help discourage those crossing the Lucan Bridge to avoid the toll bridge, and keeping this traffic out of the village would make it more attractive for local access. We recognise there is a

need for an alternative crossing of the river, and we put forward a suggestion below. The proposed reduction in speed limit is a short-term solution to help until such time as an alternative route is provided but it is not sufficient in the medium term and the urgent need for an alternative crossing is well recognised.

4. Alternative route for traffic crossing Lucan Bridge:

A new orbital road is urgently needed because of capacity on the M50, congestion in Lucan village and the development of both housing and industry, and the layout of the road junctions make another orbital road viable as most is already in place from N11 to N4 and to Intel. It just needs another 8 kms from Intel to N2 at Blanchardstown. The most suitable route is beside Intel because the main interchange on the N4 is in line with Intel with a dual carriageway in place to this Industrial site and the next 8Kms is open land in orbital fashion to the N2 and from there the road is more than adequate with a few adjustments. The advantages make this a no brainer in terms of costs and the solution is needed now.

5. Please review the footpath width in Lucan village. We have been asked to make representation to SDCC on this as the path is too narrow in places. Specifically, opposite Circle K has been raised in this regard.

We commend SDCC for establishing the Active Travel section, and we would like to meet you for an exchange of views and to elaborate on some of the suggestions made.

Very Best Regards,

Caitríona McClean, Lucan Planning Council.

St Mary's Camera Soirée



10th Exhibition of Photographs

**St. Mary's Parish Centre
Sunday 13th November 2022**

10.00 to 13.30

Society for Old Lucan wins Heritage Council award for South Dublin

At an online award ceremony last week the Heritage Council gave the Society for Old Lucan the award for the best Heritage Week event in South Dublin. The event which ran on the evening of the 19th of August mixed history and natural heritage.

Attendees were told the history of the site, the folk history relating to the site, listened to bats hunting in the grave yard using a bat locator on loan from Four Woodlands Group in Rathcoole, and were thought how to make faded headstones legible using night-time photography.

The event turned out to roaring success attended by Lucanians young and old, not only in age but in tenure as not only did we have families who recently moved to Lucan and were eager to learn about their new home, we also had a lifelong Lucanian with 3 generations of her family buried at St. Finian's.



Hi vis vests and photography at night at St. Finian's

There was something for everyone and attendees were treated to tales of the crypt from Johnny Cully, regaled on the history of the St. Finian's site and Father McCartan by Darren Tully, shown the architectural features of the site by Elaine Hurley, introduced to the residents of St. Finian's graveyard by Helen Farrell, brought hunting to for bats by Helen Farrelly, brought hunting to for bats by Leslie Jenkins Blairsdale with the bat detector kindly loaned to use by Annie from the Four Woodlands Group in Rathcoole, and were thought the techniques used to make faded grave stones visible for transcription and photography at night by Paul Butler.

Sadly, like all good things, this event came to an end shortly after 10pm. But we do have some superb photos by our attendees to remember the

available to view on our Facebook page. This event has given SOL ideas for other night-time events for 22/23. If you'd like to attend one of these follow our Facebook page or sign up to our newsletter to be notified of when they are on. [Thanks also go to Mick, Alfie, and Niamh who all volunteered time to help at this event, and to Mary and Brendan who are regularly litter-picking the site.]

by Darren Tully

Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. 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

secpcc@mail.com

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition "Light", and we have two of the winning images Advanced "Light as a feather" by Brenda Hartley, and Image of the month "Pippa" by Angela Dennis.





Big Congratulations to our local Tidy Towns Group, on achieving another great result in the annual competition – a bronze medal and 10 marks improvement on last year!

It was wet, wet, wet for Halloween! Still a few little people managed to get out early for Trick or Treating.

It's gas to see the Christmas lights going up in the shopping centres the next day – as if they switch off Halloween, and switch on the next big event.



Lucan Senior Citizens



Putting on the style!

Our Senior Citizens enjoyed their Halloween Party in St. Mary's Parish Centre with fun and games for all.

Birthday Greetings!

Happy 6th Birthday
to **Róisín**



in Melbourne, who celebrates her big day on 7th November.

From all her friends in Lucan



The Festive Table Display

TABLE QUIZ	
in aid of	
NAGARHOPE IRELAND	
giving a future to children in Nepal	
Venue:	
	
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club	
Friday 18th November 2022 @ 8pm	
Table of 4 - €40	
	
087 2189960 / 087 9225103	



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Debs for Leaving Cert Class '22: A big thank you to the Parents' Association and the Red Cow staff who organised a wonderful night of celebration for our Class of 2022 in September. Students were delighted to see their teachers and tutors on the night and share their college/work/further training plans as well as passing on sincere words of thanks for the support over the last six years.

Music department: The choir and music students across all years are currently preparing to audition for the DDLETB Festival of Music. This is a night of performances from students from all over the DDL community. The choir is currently preparing a medley of Billy Joel tunes.

Diversity Team: The Diversity team has kicked off the year with a competition sponsored by Lucan CCs Parents Association. The theme is connected to the value 'care' in our school ethos. 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students can enter a piece of art, a poster, a story, song or poem that reflects how care and being inclusive is reflected in our community at LCC. Entries to be submitted in J2 by Thursday 27th October and the winners will be announced on Friday 28th October. There will be a number of vouchers for Liffey Valley for the lucky winners!

One Good School: Jigsaw's One Good School Assembly was held in Croke Park on Wednesday 19th of October. Representatives of our One Good School Team, Ms Walsh, Millie Morrison, and Ruby Crocker Dunne, were delighted with the opportunity to attend.

One Good School aims to develop a shared responsibility for the mental health and wellbeing of young people across the whole school community. The event celebrated the great work that has been done so far in participating schools. The theme for the event was 'Sharing learning and looking forward'.

There were many influential speakers, including former President of Ireland, Dr. Mary McAleese. She shared her story of how one good adult positively influenced her life when she was a student. There was a very interesting panel discussion where attendees heard from parents,

students, teachers and school leaders about their experience of the One Good School Initiative. Sport

Kickboxing Success for Lucan Community College Siblings: In October, Amy Wade (4th Year) and Ryan Wade (2nd Year) competed at the WAKO World championships in Italy. An amazing experience for both to represent their country and compete at the highest level. Congratulations from all in Lucan Community College!

Basketball: Mr MacGrianra and the U16 & U19 boys began their 2022 basketball campaign last week when the teams played Celbridge CC in a very successful day of Basketball - the U16s beat Celbridge 25-24 and the U19s beat Celbridge by 38-20. Players of the Game included Kevin Matthews, Daniel Carberry and Ethan Fennell. The U16s & U19 Girls basketball teams, along with their coaches Ms Quirke and Ms Dowling, ventured out last week against Holy Family Rathcoole. Well done to our U19s on a great win and hard luck to our U16s who were beaten after a gallant effort.

Rugby: Rugby is back in action in Lucan Community College with Junior and Senior Rugby teams taking part in a Blitz competition. Well done to the Senior team who took part in a Blitz in Cill Dara RFC last week. The team finished 3rd overall - well done to all involved! Junior Camogie returns

Ms Bolger and Ms Sexton have been busy training the Junior Camogie team for their first outing against Maynooth Post Primary in October. The girls battled really hard but unfortunately the result didn't go our way on this occasion. And a special shout-out to Reka Kiss Kallo for an outstanding performance.

New Girls Hockey Team: Mr Branagan and Ms Geraghty have had a busy term organising girls' hockey training before their first league game against Skerries in October. The girls displayed great team spirit and resilience both on and off the pitch. Sincere thanks to Weston Hockey, and David Williamson of Glenanne Hockey for their support in getting the team up and running.

Athletics: Congratulations to students who placed in the Cross-Country race in Phoenix Park - Grace Hughes, Ferdia McDonagh, Rachel Jez, Clodagh Conway, Reka Kiss Kallo and Eve Clarke. Ferdia went on to enjoy more success with local club Lucan Harriers by winning a medal in the National XC Relay Championships last weekend!

St. Joseph's College

Halloween Dress Up Day: On Friday the students had a non-uniform day, this gave students and staff the opportunity to dress up in Halloween costumes. There was some very scary costumes and a great effort made by all Students and Staff. The students' council organised the non-uniform day and collected €2 which will be given to Aobheann's Pink Tie Charity. Well done to everyone involved it was a great way to end the term and it was great to raise money for such a worthy cause.



In House exams: Our in house exams will take place on the third week of November, the exam timetable and all procedures for the in house exams are available on our school app and website.



Chocolate Garden of Ireland: On Friday a group of 70 Transition year students travelled to Co. Wicklow to the Chocolate Garden of Ireland Factory. The students completed a chocolate making workshop where they got to design their very own chocolate figuring. Prior to the workshop students got to taste various types of chocolate and given demonstrations on how various chocolates are made. It was a fantastic day which was enjoyed by the students and teachers.

Parents CAO Talk: As you may be aware the CAO application process for 3rd level Universities and Colleges in Ireland opens on November 4th. The guidance Teacher will be giving a presentation to 6th Year students on November 8th when they return after the midterm break,

explaining how the process works and outlining the important deadlines and dates that they need to be aware of. This can be a stressful time for the students and it is important that we can support them during this process. Therefore, I have also arranged to give the same talk to parents and guardians on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm. This meeting will take place via Zoom and a link will be sent out via the school app on the day of the meeting.

Sport: There are a number of scheduled matches to take place on the week of the 7th of November. The week begins with our senior soccer team who face St Joseph's College Rush in the Leinster cup. Our senior Gaelic Team are playing on Tuesday and our junior camogie team are playing on Thursday. We wish all the players and management the best of luck in the weeks ahead.

St Joseph's College, Lucan
presents



Thurs 1st – Sun 4th December 2022 - 8pm Nightly
Adults €20, Students and Seniors €12
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Guys & Dolls – TY Musical 2022

Guys & Dolls has certainly arrived in St. Joseph's College! We are delighted to hear the songs & dialogue on our corridors and observe the scenes of the well-known Broadway Musical in our Sport hall, as we prepare for the return to the stage after a two-year absence! Guys & Dolls will take place from Thursday 1st November – Sunday 4th December 2022, nightly at 8.00pm. This will be our 31st Annual Musical at St. Joseph's and we would love to see past-pupils, families, neighbours and friends of St. Joseph's return to the delight of the stage & our performing TY students once again! Tickets can be purchased online with the link to Eventbrite on our website or simply call to the school office! We will have a colourful programme each night, wonderful raffle prizes and guarantee of a brilliant production! Hope to see you then!

Series of Parenting Talks at Lucan Library

Monday 14th November, 7pm

First Aid for Babies and Young Children



First Aid for Everyone are first aid experts who provide advice and training to groups and individuals. This talk will cover baby and child CPR, choking, the recovery

position, temperature management, burns along with time for Q&A. This is an in-person event taking place at Lucan Library.

Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/baby-and-child-first-aid-tickets-445147015707>

Tuesday 15th November, 11am

Speech Sound Disorders with Jennifer Grundulis, Senior Speech and Language

Therapist (please note this is an ONLINE event)



Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/speech-sound-disorders-online-event-tickets-445373583377>

Wednesday 16th November, 7pm

Little Lámh Workshop

Lámh The Little Lámh Workshop is an introductory workshop for families, friends and professionals who are interested in learning a small number of signs. This workshop will give a foundation on how to use Lámh signs at home and in school. Participants will receive a book with some practical advice and illustrations of the 26 signs. This in-person workshop takes place at Lucan Library.

Limited spaces - Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Friday 4th November at 7pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-lamh-workshop-tickets-445315730337>

Monday 28th November, 7pm

Support Self-Regulation with Jessica Kennedy

(please note this is an ONLINE event)



Jessica Kennedy is a Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist who is the Director of My OT & Me & Co-Founder

of Gabadoo. Jessica will discuss the importance of co-regulation with children, how to understand your child's sensory preferences and small changes to support your child being able to understand and manage their emotions and behaviour.

Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Monday 14th November at 7pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/supporting-self-regulation-tickets-453060655617>

The Making of The Blue Max Movie (Weston Aerodrome and elsewhere)

An illustrated talk by Tony Maher



Eight years after Emmet Dalton founded the Ardmore Studios in Bray, in 1958, a new Hollywood blockbuster World War I dogfight movie, 'The Blue Max' was filmed there. Starring George Peppard, Ursula Andress, and James Mason, this was a major coup for the burgeoning Irish film industry.

Tony Maher will give an illustrated talk on the landmark event that required two air forces built from scratch, and stunt pilots willing to risk it all. On **Tuesday 8th November** at 7pm.

You can book a place through Eventbrite at lucanlibrarydublin@eventbrite.ie

November is Science Month! Sat 19th Nov 11am - 12noon:

An hour long session of hands-on STEAM activities with library staff member Noel, suitable for ages 8-12 years. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Sat 12th Nov at 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturdays-tickets-445328939847>

Smartphone Help Sessions:

Do you need help to get full use from your Smartphone? Want to learn how to use apps such as Email, What's App, Facebook, BorrowBox etc? Lucan Library Staff are hosting sessions during Social Inclusion Week:

Mon 14th Nov. 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Wed 16th Nov. 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Contact library to book your place – ph. 01-6216422 / email lucan@sdblincoco.ie / ask at library desk.

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Lucan Tidy Towns, did us proud again this year, well done to everyone involved. Lucan are very lucky to have such a hard-working group of people keeping our village clean, vibrant, and welcoming. The very best of luck in the year ahead.

New Pedestrian Crossings update: The lights that have been installed and all civils works are now complete on both crossings on Esker Road/Haydens Lane. An order has been raised with the ESB for the connection and this is the final item before the lights are operational. ESB are prioritising residential connections at the moment, hence the delay in the final switch on of the lights. South Dublin County Council have confirmed to me that they will be continuing to the press the ESB for a connection and they will ensure that they are connected as early as possible.

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Foxhunter planning: I will be holding a webinar to discuss the current planning application on the Foxhunter site at 8pm on Monday 7 November. If you would like to attend, please email smoynihan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie.

BusConnects: The National Transport Authority has published its proposal for the Lucan to City Centre Corridor Scheme at <https://lucanscheme.ie>. Submissions can be made to An Bord Pleanála until 11 January 2023. If you would like to discuss, please get in touch.

Hermitage Park Playground: At the recent Area Committee meeting, I was pleased to get a commitment that all repair works for Hermitage Park Playground will be completed by the end of January.

Email newsletter: You can read the latest version of my email newsletter at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-latest-community-update-2/>. If you would like to subscribe, please email smoynihan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie.

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Adamstown New Bins/Update: At the South Dublin County Council October Area Committee, I was delighted to receive the positive news announcement in agreement to my motion and ongoing calls, for new improved public bins in the Adamstown area. There will be at least 3 new units for now – one near to the shops at Adamstown, another near Adamstown Community College and a third at the pedestrian entrance to Griffeen Valley Park at the Link Road gate.

Furthermore, the council have taken back into their control responsibility for collections of the bins located at the bus stops at Castlegate Way and Adamstown Avenue.

Train Station: At a meeting last week with the NTA I raised a concern at capacity on trains during peak hours, for Lucan commuters making journeys from Adamstown train station to the City Centre/Grand Canal Dock.

You said?

Prior to the commencement of operations (actually, before work begins). Can you imagine the person who wrote these words – a plain, ordinary, common, everyday person who has come on in the world and now wants to show that they are somebody by putting a gloss on their language. Seemingly many people have two English languages – one for the home and the other when representing a company or business and the business language usually has an extra syllable or two.

Examples:

For the company we purchase or acquire goods – at home we buy (eg. groceries).

We then dispose of these goods – we sell, get rid of.

You initiate a plan – you begin

You finalise an operation – you finish the job

You facilitate a person – you help someone

Would you say to a child, 'there's some money, go and purchase an ice cream.'?

Would you say to your kids, 'initiate the dinner before it gets cold'?

Or 'terminate your breakfast or you'll be late for school.'

And there are loads of other examples, coming mainly from Finance, Government., Legal sources and it spreads at times to the Joe and Josephine Soaps.

God be with the olden days, my late father, God rest him was a plain spoken man, he always called a spade a spade, except for the night he tripped on one outside the back door.

Thanks to a reader for sending us the above piece.



Camogie: The last few weeks for Camogie ladies have been outstanding, but this weekend was very special as Lucan secured the honours in four finals. We started on Saturday when our U15s beat Ballyboden in the Division 1 championship final at the Iveagh Grounds, then our U14s met Ballyboden taking the result and our U14s secured the Div 5 Championship beating Naomh Fionnbarra at the lock. Finally Na Fianna lost to our U13C Camogie team who also joined the winners ranks in the shield finals with a very decisive win. Congratulations to all.



**U15 Div 1 Camogie Championship Final
Lucan Sarsfields 2-17 v Ballyboden St Endas
1-05:**

The Iveagh Grounds had a lovely break in the weather on Saturday afternoon and although there was a little breeze to contend with it was down to who managed best. Lucan lost the toss and faced into the wind and although Lucan started well Boden delivered a goal against the run of play in the first 10 mins to undo all the good work. This left the supporters a little nervous until Emma Hickey netted to take the momentum back for Lucan who having lost a Feile final last year were determined to get a result. The team pushed on in the second half and Lucan worked some fine scores with some lovely interplay from defence to the forward line. Izzy Cuff's fielding was outstanding allowing her to work some lovely points from our puck-outs. Eva Collis also tidied up a lot of loose ball eventually working another scoring opportunity. As Lucan worked the scoreboard Boden had little option but to shoot for goals in the dying minutes, in this time our backs Abigail, Niamh & Zarah stood strong clearing their lines. A great team effort with a particularly strong performance from Saoirse Fitzgerald who was awarded Player of the game for her efforts.

Team: Abigail McSweeney, Aisling Nic Craith, Amelia McDonagh, Cara Ni Chofaigh, Anya Dunne, Caoimhe Nolan, Chloe O'Shea, Eabha Fox, Emma Hickey, Eva Collis, Isabel Cuffe, Reka Kiss Kallo, Lauren Shelly, Mia Goodwin, Niamh O'Brien, Laura O'Reilly, Rachel Johnston, Sadhbh Ni Bhuachalla, Saoirse Fitzgerald, Sarah Keirns, Zarah Casey Lancaster, Anna Lyons

**U14 Div 1 Camogie Championship Final
Lucan Sarsfields 5-17 v Ballyboden St Endas
1-10:**

Lucan Sarsfields carved their name into the Dublin Camogie U14 Div 1 Championship roll of honour for 2022 after defeating Ballyboden St



Endas in a worthy final contest in the National Games Development Centre Abbotstown Dublin. Having lost out last year in the semi-final stage of the Championship, and in their first final, Lucan Sarsfields hoped to secure a memorable win.

Played on Pitch 3 with a strong wind and excellent pitch conditions, Ballyboden St Endas won the toss and played with the wind. The opening period turned out to be compelling with both teams exchanging points. The tide turned with Lucan scoring two quick goals and keeping the score line ticking over with some excellent worked points. Even though Ballyboden St Endas scored a goal after the 20-minute mark, Lucan responded with 2 more goals to lead at half time on a score line of 4-7 to 1-7.

Playing with the wind in the second half, Lucan fired three unanswered points to further increase their lead and with the addition of a fifth goal halfway through the second half, Lucan were on their way to be crowned champions.

Lucan continued to score some excellent points till the final whistle was blown to deliver the title on a score line of 5-17 to 1-10.

Player of the Match: Eva Collis

Scorers for Lucan Sarsfields: Ellen Eakins 0-6 Juliette Hartford 0-2 Sadhbh Lynch 0-1 Reka Kiss Kallo 1-1 Kate Kennedy 2-0 Aoife Murphy 1-0 Eva Collis 1-7

Team: Kate Lynch, Tara Montgomery, Aisling Fleming, Caoileann Sharkey Cara Coffey, Ciara Hylands, Niamh O'Brien, Sadhbh Lynch, Juliette Hartford, Olivia Byrne, Reka Kiss Kallo, Eva Collis, Aoife Murphy, Ellen Eakins (Capt), Kate Kennedy, Orla Dunne, Chloe Newman, Millie Ryan, Sophie Carberry, Aoibhinn Murray, Kate O'Brien.

Annual Remembrance Mass: The Annual Club Mass to remember members and relatives of members, who have passed away during the last year, will take place on Thursday 17th November at 8pm in the Clubhouse.

AGM: Club AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Thursday 24th November at 9pm

Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €7,800. The Numbers were **11, 13, 18, 24.**

As it was a bank holiday we drew 6 lucky dip prizes which go to, Tony Rigney, Seaghan and Grainne O'Lanagain, Liam Kavanagh, Michael & Joan Molloy, May Burke, Paul Benson, Aoife Mahon, Jim Mulqueen, May Freeman and John Cosgrove

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€8,200.** The draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Edel Mooney.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Lá Stairiúil do chailíní

Na Gaeil Óga

Bhí lá stairiúil ag
cailíní Na Gaeil Óga
nuair a bhuaigh

foireann camógaíochta

F13 an chéad chluiche ceannais scéithe faoi aois riamh don chlub ar an Domhnach, 30 Deireadh Fómhair. Bhuaigh siad thar CLG Na Fianna (3-0 go 2-0) i gColáiste Phádraig, DCU.



D'imir siad in aghaidh fhoireann Na Fianna a bhí an-láidir. Lá tirim ach an-ghaothmhar a bhí ann. Shocraigh Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín néaróga na foirne agus an tslua le cúl iontach chun tús a chur le cúrsaí. Leanadh le dianobair ó Aoibhinn Ní hAilpín, Síofra Healy agus Tara Ní Chonellúir timpeall na cearnóige ag coinneáil cúl báire Na Fianna ar a barraicíní. Mar gheall ar obair dhíograiseach Noreen Igbeta agus Sally Champion bhí sé an-deacair don fhreasúra an liathróid a bhaint amach as a leath féin don chéad 20 nóiméad. Neartaigh Olivia Ní Nia neart na gcailíní nuair a chuaigh sí chun páirce. Níor bhris Na Fianna tríd go dtí líne cúil ach dhá uair agus lánchúlúlaí buanseasmhach Leah Nic Giolla Padráig ag coinneáil a gcuid iarrachtaí amach. Bhí marcáil Éabha de Búrca agus Sophie Ní Bheinéid thar cionn, chomh maith le feasacht iontach ar chluichí agus lúthchleasaíocht le feiceáil ón gcailíní ar fad. D'fhág cúl eile ó Shadhbh cailíní Na Gaeil Óga dhá chúl chun cinn ag leath ama. Sa dara leath thaispeáin na himreoirí lár páirce, Caitlín Ní Fheargail agus Ruby Ní Foghlú, a gcuid scileanna agus díograise le troid leanúnach timpeall lár na páirce. Bhí Anna Nesbitt agus Alva Ní Throitigh ag coinneáil cosantóirí Na Fianna ar a mbarricíní go leanúnach, go háirithe nuair a bhí ag éirí thar cionn leis na pocanna amach ó Caoimhe de Búrca. Thaispeáin Irina Ní Chonellúir agus Eve Ní Fhairceallaigh leibhéil

arda aclaíochta agus Na Fianna ag cur léigear orthu sa dara leath. Thaispeáin Tara Ní Éabhróid misneach i rith an chluiche go léir agus í ag cosaint le diongbháilteacht neamhthrócaireach. Le ceannaireacht ó laoch na himeartha agus captaen Aoibhe Ní Léanacháin d'éirigh leis Na Gaeil Óga dul i ngleic lena gcéilithe comhraic go dtí go bhfuair siad an toradh a bhí tuillte acu.

Dúirt an cóitseálaí Annamarie Farrelly: “Bhí bliain iontach ag an ngrúpa cailíní seo, táimid an-bhródúil astu agus as an obair chrua a rinne siad agus as an diongbháilteacht ar fad a léirigh siad.” Dúirt Cathaoirleach na nÓg le Na Gaeil Óga,

Gerry O’Connell: “Táimid ag súil go mbeidh go leor laethanta iontacha mar seo againn amach anseo. Na Gaeil Óga abú!”

Na Gaeil Óga: Caoimhe de Búrca; Sophie Ní Bheinéid, Leah Nic Giolla Padráig, Síofra Ní Eilí; Irina Ní Chonchúir, Aoibhe Ní Léanacháin (c), Éabha de Búrca; Caitlín Ní Fhearghail, Ruby Ní Foghlú; Eve Ní Fhairceallaigh, Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín, Tara Ní Eabhóid; Tara Ní Chonchúir, Anna Nesbitt, Aoibhinn Ní hAilpín.

Ionadaithe: Sally Champion, Noreen

Igbeta, Olivia Ní Nia, Amelia Misiejuk, Alva Aonghusa.

Fotheideal grianghraf – Na Gaeil Óga (Líne chúil, C-D): Éabha de Búrca, Irina Ní Chonchúir, Noreen Igbeta, Tara Ní Eabhóid, Aoibhe Ní Léanacháin (c), Ruby Ní Foghlú, Sophie Ní Bheinéid, Aoibhinn Ní hAilpín, Síofra Ní Eilí, Sally Champion. **(An chéad líne, C-D):** Eve Ní Fhairceallaigh, Anna Nesbitt, Caitlín Ní Fhearghail, Tara Ní Chonchúir, Caoimhe de Búrca, Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín, Leah Nic Giolla Padráig, Alva Aonghusa, Olivia Ní Nia.



Leah Nic Giolla Padráig, Irina Ní Chonchúir, Anna Nesbitt, Eve Ní Fhairceallaigh

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well, we are nearly there. Preparations for the Group's 10th exhibition on Sunday 13th November in the Parish Centre are almost finalised. Elsewhere in the newsletter is our "advertisement" explaining that the photographs will be on view in the Parish Centre from 10.00 to 13.30 on that day. This is the first actual exhibition since November 2019 and we look forward to seeing all our old friends there. In the light of the success, in terms of viewing figures, of our two on-line exhibitions we hope to have a video of the 10th exhibition available on YouTube so that relations and friends who are not able to physically get to the exhibition can view it on line. If all goes according to plan the link to this video will be included in the group's notes in next weekend's Newsletter.



Now to this week's photographs. We had more Halloween photographs from Frances, Willie shared more of his photos taken in Portugal and Conor, Donal and Paddy all submitted photographs of fungi.

I'm not sure whether any of them are edible but they look spectacular. Apparently, there are something like 144,000 known species of organisms in the kingdom of fungi. There are also many fungus-like organisms that are not included in that kingdom. Fungi are essential to many household and industrial processes, notably the making of bread, wine, beer, and certain cheeses. Let us not forget that many of the

first series of antibiotics, including penicillin, derived from fungi.

Until next week stay safe!

