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Food for thought



George Carlin's (an American stand-up comic) Views on Ageing. At age 102. Do you realise that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions. 'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. 'How old are you?' 'I'm going to be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're going to be 16! And then the greatest day of your life..... You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You become 21.... Yessss! But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He turned; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong?

What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92'. Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning – learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever, never let the brain be idle.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, and hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER; Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Not a bad philosophy.

Philip Curran, St. Mary's Lucan

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

www.citizensinformation.ie

The old 0761 numbers will remain operational in tandem with 0818 until **31 December 2021**. However, from 1 January 2022, **only the 0818 numbers will connect you to the relevant service.**



COVID-19 has changed the service we offer to the public. Our drop-in service is not currently available, but we are taking phone calls, answering emails, and providing a call back service. Call us on **0818 07 5090**, leave a message with your name and number and an Information Officer will return your call within 2 working days. Or you can email your query to us at dcscis@citinfo.ie and someone will reply.

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

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over twenty years. MABS Clondalkin phone 0818 07 2270 or email clondalkin@mabs.ie

School Leavers: Information for school leavers is available on the following link. This includes information on "At what age can I?"
Checklist: school leavers (citizensinformation.ie)

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The HAP scheme

The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a form of social housing support for people who have a long-term housing need. HAP is available in all local authority areas and will eventually replace long-term Rent Supplement.

The scheme is administered by the local authorities, who pay the landlords directly. The rent being charged for the accommodation must be within the limits for the household type in that local authority's area – see 'HAP rent limits' below. Tenants pay a weekly HAP rent contribution to the local authority, based on their income and ability to pay. Under the HAP scheme you can take up full-time employment and keep your housing support.

There is detailed information about HAP on hap.ie, including booklets for landlords (pdf) and tenants (pdf), along with a general information leaflet (pdf).

HAP and COVID-19

If you are a HAP tenant and you do not experience any change in your financial circumstances as a result of COVID-19, HAP payments will continue to be made to your landlord and your differential rent will continue to be collected.

If you are a HAP tenant and you do experience a change in financial circumstances during the pandemic, you should contact the DSP and apply for the relevant income supports at MyWelfare.ie, for example, the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment. Then you should contact your local authority and any differential rent arrears that accumulate will be re-assessed and rectified, as appropriate, by your local authority. This will not affect your HAP payment to your landlord.

Read more about HAP and COVID-19 and Renting and COVID-19.

Who can get the HAP payment?

You must be on the local authority's housing list – which means that you qualify for social housing support. See our document on applying for local authority/social housing for details of assessment for social housing support. You cannot transfer from any other form of social housing to HAP. However, you may be asked to transfer from Rent Supplement to HAP – see 'How to apply' below.

How the HAP scheme works

Under HAP you must find your own private rented accommodation within the HAP rent limits - the local authority will not source it for you. You cannot be discriminated against when renting because you are getting certain payments, including HAP, so landlords cannot state when advertising accommodation that HAP is not accepted.

The local authority pays the landlord and you make a weekly rent contribution to the local authority, see 'When you are a HAP tenant' below. However, you will not be a local authority tenant. The rental agreement will be between yourself and the private landlord and your tenancy will be covered by residential tenancies legislation. This means that you will have certain rights and obligations, as will your landlord. Your tenancy must be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.

You may be entitled to claim HAP if you are sharing accommodation with your landlord. If you are renting a self-contained flat or apartment in your landlord's home, the residential tenancies legislation applies to your tenancy and your landlord must register with the RTB. However, if you are renting a room in your landlord's home, your tenancy is not covered by the legislation and your landlord

More information is available on our website on HAP including what to do if you have been approved for HAP and still wish to be considered for housing provided by the Local Authority or a Housing Agency.

Palmerstown Camera Club

Last week in Palmerstown Camera Club was the judging for the first club competition for the year. And we got to see a great range of images from all levels.



Two of the winners on the evening were Orla Brady with her image titled Night sky, which took first place in the Novice projected image category, and Ita Lawlor with her image titled Darragh, in the Novice Mono category.



On the 6th of Oct the FREE 6 – week beginners photography course just kicked off (to paid-up members of the club) on Wed 7-8 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

secpcc@gmail.com

Next week's speakers to the club will be married couple Robert and Sharon Prenton Jones, they are a UK based couple who specialize in studio work.

<https://www.prentonjonesphotography.co.uk/>

ACRE project

Acre Project,
Maynooth Road,
Celbridge

Plant Sale & Volunteer Request

**Our Autumn Plant sale is on
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th October.**

We'll have lots of bedding plants, primroses, violas, cyclamen, polyanthus, pansies etc. as well as planters, hanging baskets and window boxes.

So if you want some colour for your garden, call in from 10am to 5pm.

Your support is much appreciated.



We are looking for help with opening and closing the ACRE for evening classes. This involves a small group of volunteers who opt-in on a weekly basis when it suits them to open the gates and our main building usually between around 7pm and 7.30pm and call in again to close up around 8.30pm to 9pm. There is no need to commit to doing the same day every week as we opt-in when it suits us when the rota for the coming week is shared via Whatsapp.

If you are interested in helping with this please contact me.

We also are gathering names of people who might help with our Christmas tree sale which is a major fundraising event for the ACRE Project. This is spread over three weekends usually starting later in November.

If you're interested please let me know.

James: 0872390475

Parish Notes



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

New Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: **9am**, 10.30am, **12 noon**
and 7pm.

Notice: If you have a Sunday Mass booked please ring Sacristy to confirm time. Phone 01 6281487.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Capacity: Our capacity for each Mass has increased to **300** while this is great news we need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. We must continue to wear face coverings in the church and use the hand sanitizer on the way in.

We ask people to disperse throughout the Church when they come to Mass and to leave a space between themselves and the next person/household.

At each Mass, the priests will ask for extra volunteers, on the day, to help the Stewards sanitise the seats etc.

All Masses will continue to be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com

November Altar List of the Dead:

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the Dead are available in the main Church Porch. Envelopes may be returned in the letterbox of the Parish Centre or in the sacristy



Private Prayer: The Church is open daily for private prayer on weekdays from 10.30am to 6pm (funerals permitting) and on Sundays after the 12.15pm Mass to 6pm. Please enter by the Main Porch Door and exit by the side door (near the Nuns' Chapel).

Praying with Scripture: Praying with scripture has recommenced via zoom. If interested please contact Cheryl Murphy at 086 8343754 to register.

Baptisms: Dates are bookable online to the end of November. Dates will be added as the need arises. If you need to cancel a booking contact: secretary@lucanparish.com

Visits to the housebound: If the housebound person has been fully vaccinated and at least two weeks have elapsed since the second dose, either Fr. Tom or Fr Philip and/or any ministers of the Eucharist who are also fully vaccinated can call once again. As a precaution we will wear face coverings and ask those to whom we are calling to do the same.

If you are housebound and are not already on the list you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday Morning 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Frank Archbold**, Meadowview Grove, to the family and friends of **Fintan Duffy**, Beech Park, to the family and friends of **Ronnie (Veronica) Ryan**, The Orchard and to the wife, family and friends of **Arthur (Jimmie) Smith**, Shackleton and formerly Dodsboro Cottages.
May they rest in peace.

Apostolic Work Annual Exhibition and Raffle

Due to Covid 19 Pandemic we will **NOT** be holding the above event this year.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a Mass Box please contact

Mary Christal at 01 6282510

The Mass Box contains everything a priest needs to celebrate Mass. Sponsorship of a Mass Box is a wonderful way to remember a deceased family member.

The named person will be prayed for at daily Mass by the recipient priest on the Missions.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan
Rosary: 5.45pm,
Holy Mass: 6.15pm



11th October

Mass also live at lucanparish.com

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday 7pm, Sunday: 9am, and 12 noon.
10.30am Family Mass – live streamed only This online 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.

Summary of measures until 17th October

Capacity will be 50%, accommodating a maximum of 300 people. Admission continues on a first come basis.

Church opening times 9.15 a.m. Monday-Saturday inclusive

The facility of the Church car park for participation at **Sunday Mass** will remain available.

Mass can be accessed over the usual Church media channels

10.30am Family Mass will continue online only until Sunday 17th October

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday at 10am.

Confessions:

Confessions can be requested after Mass.

View the following on www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Mass Readings for the week

Morning Prayer – Lauds

Evening Prayer – Vespers

Take five at 10 - Reflections–Weekdays: 10am

Taizé – Watch and Pray

Lucan Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship: 11am.

Reserve a place for church services: You can either register via our simple online booking form or give us a call on 0858231123. There will be 2 spaces available for anyone who drops in. But these will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

You will need a face covering (unless exempt) and your own Bible.

Services will be streamed online and available on Youtube?

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Congregation capacity increase:

Our capacity at each Mass has increased. While this is great news, we need to remember that Covid is still very much with us. With this in mind, we need to be diligent in continuing with the wearing of face coverings and hand sanitising upon entering the church. Let us all endeavour to keep everyone safe by following the guidelines from the competent authority.

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday 9:15am. Saturday 10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Private Prayer:

The Faustina Chapel is open for private prayer from 10am to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Daily Readings on website:

Under our Welcome menu you will find links for the Daily Mass Reading which updates every day as well as Sunday Mass Reading for the following Sunday's Mass. It is a great way to be able to read along during Mass if you so wish or take time to reflect on the passages during the week and see what message they have for you. One quick note is that if it is a Sunday and you want to see the Gospel for today then click on the Daily Mass Reading link as the Sunday listing will be for the following week.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

St Andrew's: Sunday 10am. **Wednesday:** 10am

St Mary's: Sunday: 11.30am. **Tuesday:** 10am

Calendar of Events:

October 17th:

Harvest Service - 10am

St Andrew's, Lucan

October 31st:

Harvest Service – 3pm

St Mary's, Leixlip.



Services are available on our parish Facebook pages: [St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

Deepest Sympathy

ARCHBOLD (FRANK)

On behalf of the Committee and members, I wish to send our condolences to Geraldine, Richard, Johanna, Louise and all their families on the death of Frank, Geraldine's husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Geraldine Archbold of Lucan Senior Citizens Committee, on the death of her husband Frank. May he rest in peace.

Lucan Newsletter Team



Anniversaries

LALLY (MAUREEN)

11th Anniversary - 8th October

God called your name so gently
That only you could hear
No-one heard the footsteps
Of the angel drawing near ...
Softly from the shadows,
There came a gently call
You closed your eyes and went to sleep ..
You quietly left us all.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter Debbie
son-in-law Peter and grandchildren - Niamh,
Karla and Áine xxx*

LALLY (MAUREEN)

11th Anniversary - 8th October

I often sit in my garden
And think of you a while
Remembering wonderful moments
My sadness becomes a smile
For sitting in my garden
Is my favorite place to be
For I know in my heart
You will be sitting next to me.

*From your loving daughter Joyce, son-in-law
Mark, grandsons Jonathan, Cíarán and Matthew
and great grandson Ollie xxxxx*



Anniversaries

LALLY (MAUREEN)

11th Anniversary - 8th October

There are no words to tell you Mam
What losing you has meant
But each day brings us memories
Of so many happy years we spent
You were a very special person
With kindness in your heart
And the love we had together
Grows stronger now we're apart
It broke my heart to lose you
But you didn't go alone
Part of me went with you
The day God took you home.

*Greatly loved and dearly missed, Alison, Andy,
Alisha, Ruth, Craig & Caden xxx*



McMANUS (PHILIP)

4th Anniversary - 10th October

Time passes
Memories stay
Never forgotten
Especially today.

*Sadly missed by your wife Mary, son Declan,
daughter-in-law Laura and granddaughter Molly*



PLEASE NOTE:

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

Community / Schools/ Local History

marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics

roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Fund Raising

annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries

catherinelucannewsletter@gmail.com



We're properly into Autumn now, with the darker mornings and evenings, and the leaves blowing all over the place. Lucan does look a stunning place at all times, but especially in the autumn sunshine – so

much so that *Deric* from Virgin Media did his morning weather forecast from Lucan Weir again last Tuesday morning. We'll have to start charging that TV station!!!

Great to see various groups beginning to make a comeback these times, the latest being St. Mary's Camera Soiree, who are looking forward to a proper meeting after all this time. We can hardly wait to hear news from more groups!

Property Tax Update: We're all busy valuing our properties these days, as we have to submit that figure at the beginning of November. It's not complicated if you are familiar with the internet, but spare a thought for those who don't have such access. A good percentage of older people are left in the dark, so to speak!

Flu Jabs: We Irish seem to be up for any jabs that are going these days! With a brilliant show for the Covid vaccines, we are now invited to take the Flu Vaccine, and those of us over 65 years, are getting an extra strong version this time!

STOP PRESS!

Lynch's Centra Lucan sold a 5+bonus number winner in the National Lottery Last night, Wednesday 06/10/21. The lucky winner won €565,390 with a quick pick ticket. **Congratulations to whoever it is!**

Griffeen Art Group

The group returns on
Tuesday 12th October
at 7.30 pm
in **The Town Hall,**
Lucan.

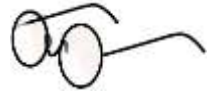


Paint & Cake

All welcome!

Noel 0872512775

My face in the mirror
isn't wrinkled or drawn;
My house isn't dirty,
the cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely,
and so does my lawn.
I think I might not
put my glasses back on!



SOL CALENDAR NOW ON SALE!

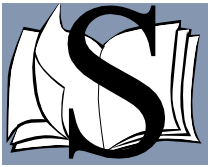
The SOL fundraising 2022 calendar is now available to purchase at **Lucan Library**. The price of the calendars is €10 each.



This raises much needed funds to help keep all our tour/ events free for all our members and also helps pay other costs like insurance etc for SOL

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress.

Charles Kettering



CHOOL NEWS

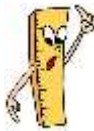


pencil holders using colouring pencils. The final stage involves adding a coat of varnish to protect the pencil holder and ensure that their final practical and elegant product looks good for the years ahead in Coláiste Phádraig!

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Admissions 2022: A reminder that Enrolment application forms for new 1st yr students beginning in Sept 2022 are currently available from the school office. Completed forms must be returned to the school by **Friday October 22nd 2021**.

1st yr news: Our 1st yr students are now in week five of their “Subject Taster” module which involves them trying out all six subject options available for a week each. The subjects involved are: Metalwork, Wood Technology, French, German, Technical Graphics and Visual Art. Making the decision to study unfamiliar subjects can be daunting at times for our young students so the taster module allows them to experience in class the type of learning and skills involved in these subject areas. The students will then choose the two subjects that appeal to them the most, which allows them to make informed decisions based on their aptitudes and interests.



In **Wood Technology** the 1st yr students are making pencil holders which is a brief introduction to the practical side of the subject at Junior Cycle. The students are learning basic marking out skills to mark out their piece before then using a hand plane to shape the wood to the desired design. They are also being introduced to the pillar drill to drill three holes in the wood to hold the pencils, as well as the Pyrography Machine, which allows them to burn in their name, favourite football team, their favourite hobby or other interesting designs into the wood. The students are free to add some colour to their



In **Graphics**, the students are engaging in grid drawings which helps to develop their problem solving and visualisation skills. They are given a picture on the board which is divided with grid lines, they then have to take it step by step to replicate the drawing on their sheet using only a ruler and pencil, with no measurements needed.

In **Metalwork**, the students are making a “Pac-Man” keyring. To do this, they are learning how to use their bench tools as well as the pillar drill. The students are taught how to use the standard marking-out, measuring and gauging equipment in the correct manner. They are learning the basic skills of using the manual and power operated hand drills, as well as a selection of suitable drilling speeds and feeds. As in all practical subjects, safety rules are an essential part of the subject so the students are learning the basic Health and Safety rules that must be followed, such as the correct use and storage of all materials, tools and equipment used in the classroom, personal protection (using protective ware) and the control of dust and fumes.

In **Visual Art** class the students have completed self-portraits based on work by the renowned artist Andy Warhol, a leading figure in a visual art movement in the early 1960s known as Pop Art. The students used a photograph taken by their art teacher Ms. Ryan to aid the drawing process and their finished portraits were of a very high standard. They displayed vibrant colours and tone and were so realistic that it was hard to distinguish them from their photographs! The students got the opportunity to sample a variety of mediums such as watercolours, fine liners and pastels which they thoroughly enjoyed.

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Coláiste Phádraig CBS *cont'd*



They also got the opportunity to look over portfolios of work completed by other Art students from the different year groups which gave them some insights into what is involved in studying Visual Art at Junior Cycle. Ms. Ryan has been very impressed so far anyway with the enthusiasm, natural talent and creativity of our 1st yrs.

In **French**, the 1st yrs have been enjoying an introduction to les Salutations (greetings), les numéros (numbers) and la langue de classe (classroom commands). Students are also exploring the geography of France (towns, cities, mountains) and discovering more about French Culture such as foods, drinks, famous brands, companies and people. The classes also get the chance to listen and sing along to “Ramenez la coupe á la maison”, a well-known song about the French national team winning the Coupe de Monde de football (World Cup) in 2018. The students have also been invited to contribute to a French collage that will be on display in the 1st yr area at the end of the Tasters.

The French Department are also delighted to welcome the new French language assistant Mademoiselle Clémentine Yanna. Clémentine is from a small town called Chateau-Thierry in Northern France, approximately one hour’s drive from Paris. She will be supporting the French teachers and students in all year groups, especially with their spoken French. Bienvenue á Coláiste Phádraig Clémentine et bonne chance!

In **German class**, the 1st yrs are being introduced to the basics in the language, covering short conversations, numbers, alphabet, countries and common verbs, as well as learning a little about German culture and traditions.

Scoil Mhuire GNS Lucan Enrolment 2022

During the **month of October** Scoil Mhuire Girls National School are taking names of girls living in St. Mary’s Parish for Junior Infants 2022.

Please email the school for an application form. The school email address is smgns.lucan@gmail.com

You will need to provide with the completed application form:

A scanned photocopy of your daughter’s **Birth Certificate**

Your daughter’s **PPS Number**

A **current household utility bill** (*proof of address*).



St. Mary's Boys' National School

are now enrolling

Junior Infants for September 2022

The closing date for enrolment is Friday 19th November 2021



The application forms can be downloaded from the home page of our school website which is www.stmarysbnslucan.com

For more information

please contact 01-6281857

or email info@stmarysbnslucan.com

Lucan Community College

Farewell to Andrew Purcell – much respected Deputy Principal:

The staff, students, parent association nominee and chairperson of the board all turned out in force to wish Andrew Purcell farewell on Friday 1st October. Andrew moved to St Farnan's Post Primary School, Prosperous to take up the role of Principal from 4th October. The staff social committee made a number of presentations to Andrew in the form of a Principal's survival kit on Thursday as staff gathered to recall the wide and varied contributions that Andrew has made to the school during his 21 years here, 12 of them as Deputy Principal.



Andrew's final hours in Lucan CC included a guard of honour around the 3rd and 6th year students who applauded him warmly followed by a quick visit to every classroom in the school to say his goodbyes. A final presentation from staff and the board of management and many individual cards gifts from colleagues and students ensured that Andrew can begin his new role confident and proud that his approach to leadership and the skills and talents he has practised were very much appreciated in Lucan CC and with good wishes that the same will be true in his new school.



Historians of the future: "Local history brings history home, it touches your life, the life of your family, your neighborhood, your community." -- Thomas J. Noel, Denver author and historian. The history department would like to congratulate all 3rd year history classes for their amazing CBA's on local and family history. Great work as historians.

1st year 2022 applications: The application form for 1st year 2022 is now live on our website from 1st October. **Closing date is Friday 22nd October.** Application forms will also be distributed to feeder schools.



Ad Astra Scholarship for Lucan CC student: It was great to see David (class of 2021) return to his alma mater this week so school principal Ms Birnie could present him with his plaque to mark his award of a UCD Ad Astra scholarship. "The UCD Ad Astra Academic scholarship programme seeks to recruit exceptional, high-achieving students and provide them with additional support and unique opportunities as they study for a degree at UCD. These students will have a proven record of academic excellence and a desire to continue to achieve at the highest level". [<https://www.ucd.ie/adastraacademy/academic/scholarships/>]. Many teachers in the school took the opportunity to congratulate David on this fantastic achievement. David's former year head Elaine Brady told us "It is such a joy to hear more good news from David. I am delighted that he received an Ad Astra Academic Award from UCD. David is an inspiration to us all - his passion and commitment to learning and engaging with initiatives are to be admired. He is an excellent role model for our school community, and we wish him luck with his future endeavours."

German Exchange: Gute Reise to the Transition year and 5th year students as they begin their Virtual Exchange with Germany. This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the exchange with Gymnasium Münchberg! Our first ever virtual exchange started on Thursday with the Opening Ceremony. The ceremony included music and speeches from current and former students and staff of both schools. A lovely letter from President Michael D. Higgins was also read before students from Lucan Community College virtually, but no less warmly, welcomed the students from Gymnasium Münchberg. Look out for a further report on the exchange in next week's Newsletter.

Adamstown Community College

1st Year Admissions 2022/2023: Applications for incoming 1st years 2022 opens **Friday 1st October** and **closes Friday 22nd October 2021**. Hardcopy forms available at the school front office or apply online with the [online application form](#).

Virtual Open Evening: With restrictions still in place we were unable to open our doors to parents and students as we normally do. Instead our staff and students have been busy making subject information videos. Check them out on our school website. adamstowncc.ie

Parents: We would like to thank all of our 1st year parents/guardians who attended our first virtual Parents Coffee morning. You can find useful information on our website.

We are currently recruiting new members of the Parent's Council for the 2021-22 school year. If you would like more information or would like to contact the representatives of the Parents Council, contact the following e-mail: parentcouncil@adamstowncc.ie or briana.fitzsimons@adamstowncc.ie for more information.

Student Council: Our students have been busy voting for their elected student council members. Well done to the below students on their successful campaign!

Rachelle Okosun, Filip Tarach, Althea Princess Calderon, Hermaan Beleskin, Samson Olatunji, Lena Ahmad, Blessing Enabulele, RJ Valenzuela, Emmanuel Ogueri, Ananya Sathya, Sabina Kupkova, Vincent Tinubu, Elena Sevastian, Klara Pruteanu.



Transition Year: Our TY students went on their annual bonding trip to Carlingford, Co. Louth. Thank you to the Carlingford Adventure Centre for a great trip!

Social Club: Our students in the social club had a great bonding trip to the seaside in Bray, Co Wicklow.

TY Mentors: Our TY Mentors have been busy with their student leadership course, Foroige Leadership for Life, teaching them valuable life skills to help our first year students and for their personal development. The Mentors went on their bonding trip to Alive Outside, Kilruddery, Co Wicklow this week.



Extracurricular activities: Extracurricular clubs and sports are back at Adamstown CC and we're delighted with how active and involved our students have been. The [sports timetable](#) is available on our website.

Social Media: We're working hard to share our school news and activities with the local community. If you'd like to keep up to date with us please follow our Instagram and Twitter pages below.

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Political Notes

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Beware of Scam calls and Texts: Scam calls and texts are plaguing people's phones and tricking vulnerable individuals into giving away personal and financial information.

I really welcome that the Gardaí are focusing on this issue and I would welcome an advanced information campaign to ensure all members of society are aware of the dangers of scam calls and texts and how not to fall victim to these scammers. I raised this in the Dáil this week.

Afghanistan: Welcome news of 500 additional places for Afghans with family members in Ireland, in addition to the 670 visas already granted. We must do all we can to support the people of Afghanistan.

Autumn Newsletter: My autumn newsletter is being delivered to homes in Lucan this week, if you would like a copy by email please get in touch.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Data Centres: Last week People Before Profit tabled a bill around the banning the further use of Data Centres. Data Centres use enormous amounts of electricity. At the moment they use 11% of electricity output and this could treble in the next ten years. People Before profit have called for the ban on the further buildings of these centres given the energy supply concerns in the next few years. Dublin Mid-West has one of the highest concentrations of data centres in Ireland.

Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Bulbs Not Bonfire: South Dublin County Council 'Bulbs Not Bonfires' programme is now open for applications. I have campaigned for pollinating planting in our area as part of our Biodiversity plan and delighted to see that this year for the first time a mixture of pollinator friendly bulbs are available. Bags of bulbs include Crocus, Muscari, Alliums, Snowdrops & Daffodils. Community groups, environmental groups, resident associations, and schools can apply. Deadline 5pm on Friday 15th October to receive bulbs. Please send your application to envawareness@sdublincoco.ie or contact me directly.

Tandy's Lane Park: I attended the official opening of Tandy's Lane Park in Adamstown.

This new park is the first of three parks for the area. Its design caters for everyone and includes natural play areas, basketball court, full size pitch, and an area for pollinating plants while also retaining existing trees within the park.

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Cluain Rí Park: Since being elected, I have lobbied the Council to improve safety and increase usage of the park, including cutting back overgrowth, removing dumping and replacing entrance gates to the park. Following a motion I put forward, the Council will now bring forward options for further improvement of the park in October. This park has great potential and I hope we will see progress in increasing usage of it.

Peace Commissioner: I have recently been appointed as a Peace Commissioner. Peace Commissioners perform a variety of functions, including taking statutory declarations, and witnessing signatures on documents required by various authorities. If I can assist you as a Peace Commissioner, please let me know. Táim in ann an seirbhís a chur ar fáil as Gaeilge freisin.

Monthly e-newsletter: My latest e-newsletter can be accessed on my website at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-community-update-september-2021/>.

Lucan Drama

Vincent Casey, director of the One-Act play

Contractions by *Mike Bartlett* is preparing his cast for 5 upcoming One-Act Festivals which span the length and breadth of the country. A challenging but exciting time is ahead for cast and crew.



Contractions is a short, sharp shocker in which Emma, a recently-recruited young woman in an anonymous sales organisation is summoned for appraisal by an implacable woman known as The Manager.

Once again, Lucan Drama would like to thank Mr. Frank Colgan of Lucan Spa Hotel and his staff for their support and patience. The above play will be staged in the Lucan Spa in **October/November**, dates still to be finalised.

For more information on Lucan Drama find us on Facebook or e-mail lucandrama@gmail.com

Lucan Library

1920s Family Fun Quiz - A family team activity to test your knowledge on all things 1920s.

Monday 11th October, 7.30pm

Book one ticket per participating family. The quiz will take place through CrowdPurr. Sign-in details will be emailed to you nearer the date of the event. Suitable for about 8+ years with their parents/guardians. This is a Red Line Book Festival event.

All you need to participate is a PC, Mac or smart device and a broadband connection.

A valid email address is required to register for this event. The contact details (name, email address and phone number) you supply to South Dublin Libraries via Eventbrite will be used to contact you in relation to the event and on the day of the event for the duration of the event in case assistance is needed in accessing the CrowdPurr quiz.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/red-line-1920s-family-fun-quiz-tickets-170317854287?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Samuel Beckett, Ireland's modest Nobel Prize winner in Literature.

Wednesday 13th October, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Terence Killeen gives an overview of Samuel Beckett's life, influences, and some of his major works.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/samuel-beckett-irelands-modest-nobel-prize-winner-in-literature-tickets-171213101997>

About this Event: In the 1920's, a young aspiring literary genius attended Portora Royal School in Enniskillen and progressed to Trinity College Dublin (1923-27). He went on to become an internationally renowned playwright, poet and author. He was none other than Samuel Beckett. Terence Killeen, journalist, author and Joycean will give us an insight into the man, his life and his work.

Fun-Believable Science Show

Saturday 16th October at 2.00pm

Laugh, learn and help Dr. Brain with experiments and demonstrations. Dr. Brain performs an engaging science show that appeals to all ages. Fun-Believable Science is a show with a 'wow' factor that will have your students buzzing. See Dr. Brain defy gravity, conduct an experiment on the entire audience, and involve students and teachers in demonstrations that are both fun and informative.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fun-believable-science-show-tickets-170146277095?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Comic Creation Workshop for Teens with Jaime Lawlor

Public · Hosted by South Dublin Libraries and Lucan Library

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 12:00pm – 1:00

A trained illustrator specialising in comics and character design, has created a workshop focused on Comic creation and visual storytelling.

During this workshop you will learn the basics of storytelling and constructing a comic. This will include the essential questions to ask yourself when creating your story, for example 'genre' and 'the hero's journey', and then how to start constructing your story outline and script. It will also touch on the important elements of visual storytelling including 'show don't tell', 'shape theory', 'colour theory' and more as well as how to create your characters and the worlds they live in. You will learn how to use panelling, explore character group dynamics, the infinite possibilities of stylistic expressions you can use to express and enhance your story and more. There will also be a short tutorial on how Jaime personally creates her comics full of tips to make creating your comic a little easier.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/comic-creation-workshop-for-teens-with-jaime-lawlor-tickets-178139890207>

The Last Halloween on Earth

Thursday 28th October, 12pm.

A creative adventure workshop to stop the Hallowe'en magic from taking over the world!

The Last Halloween on Earth - Everyone knows Halloween is the spookiest time of year! But this year, the magic bubbling

at the centre of the earth is going to spill into the cities and the streets, transforming the world as we know it. The students will have to find a way to stop the magic pouring out before they find themselves growing whiskers and tails.

Focused on fun and creativity, this workshop will explore the importance of character development, while challenging the students to solve the story's problem and save the day! For 9–12-year old.

If taking place online, an email with the Zoom link will be sent out shortly before the event starts. The workshop giver, Maeve, will have your email address for this purpose and to assist with connecting to the workshop if necessary. Limited places, so booking is essential.

On sale 14th of October @10am via Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-last-halloween-on-earth-tickets-179120262527>





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

What a good weekend for Lucan Sarsfields; Intermediate 2 camogie made it to the county final against Whitehall following a comprehensive win over Naomh Olaf, Senior Hurling, despite being level seven times against St Vincents, pushed on in the last couple of minutes to ensure they top the group, and now meet Craobh Chiaráin in the Championship Quarter Finals, all three junior teams also progress to the quarter finals following the draw for the A's and wins for the B's and C's.

Coming up this weekend, Junior 4 Camogie will contest the Championship final against St Annes, Senior Camogie play in a shield semi-final against Faughs. Senior Football will play the last group game against Plunketts, and the Inters and juniors also bring the group stages to their conclusions. In Juvenile camogie, Under 16A are into a championship semi-final v Ballyboden, Under 15A are into shield semi-final, Under 14A are into championship semi-final v Olafs, Under 13A are into championship semi-final v Kilmacud, and, Under 13B are into championship semi-final v Faughs. Other teams are still in the group stages. Please see our website for up-to-date fixtures and results.

The Dublin Masters are in the All Ireland football Semi Finals following the win against Clare, best of Luck to Tommy Brennan and the Over-40 boys in Blue



Well done to everyone who donated and took part in Run4Pieta earlier this year. The total raised was €3091.92. Making the presentation to Dee Hayden (Pieta) on behalf of the club are Lucan Sarsfields intermediate ladies footballers, Abby Shiels, Patricia Gordon and Orlaith McKelvey.

Irish Dancing School 'Scoil Rince Nolan Dunleavy' is coming to Lucan Sarsfields on Saturdays 11 to 12, Classes commence 9th of October. We would like to invite boys and girls to a complimentary class. For more information contact either Fidelma @ 087 9822954 or Letitia @ 087 6799106.

Congratulations to Aisling O'Toole, Intermediate camogie and her husband Daryl on the arrival of baby Hannah, and to Junior Hurling, Donnacha Hussey and his partner Nicola Whyte on the arrival of baby Áine, and to Senior Hurler Johnny McCaffrey and his wife Paula Jean on the arrival of Charlie. Congratulations to all the proud parents and grandparents.

Our condolences to County Vice-Chairman, Ken O'Sullivan and his family on the death of his father John. Our condolences also to Pascal Jackman (former player and life member) and family on the passing of his brother Joe who died in New York in July and was interred in Wexford last week. May they rest in peace.

A reminder to all our members and visitors that dog are not permitted on our premises. The only exceptions are Assistance Dogs.

The LDCU Academy takes place on Saturdays for boys and girls aged between 4 and 7. See our website for booking details.

12th Lock Café is open from 6pm-8pm weekdays and Saturday 9am-2pm when training is taking place.

The Club Shop is open Thursdays 7-9pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club Lotto Jackpot €15,800

Ní raibh aon buaiteoir phota óir de €15,400 sa chrannchur a tharla ar an Déardaoin, ar an 30ú de mhí an Meán Fómhair. Tarraingíodh na huimhreacha seo a leanas: 1, 13, 14, 19. The Lucky Dip winners of €30 each: **SMEGS x 2, Ann Tobin, Miriam O'Connor, Avril Mullins.**

The Jackpot for the next draw, to be held on Thursday 7th October, is **€15,800**, and is sponsored by: **DJ Engineering Ltd.** The draw managed by

Mary Flannery, will be held in the Club house, at 9pm and live streamed on our Facebook page. Tickets can be purchased via the website, ClubForce APP or at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin.





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.

Buachaillí Faoi 9, Iomáint

Is cinnte go raibh an Fómhar tagtha chuig PNC maidin Dé Sathairn - ach fós bhí 19 imreoir againn le haghaidh ár gcluichí iomána i gcoinne Naomh Phádraig Bhaile Phámair. Chuaigh dhá chluiche ar aghaidh agus bhí scileanna iontacha ar thaispeáint ón dá fhoireann againne.

Ar an gcéad pháirc bhí cluiche iontach againn ina raibh scileanna agus tapúlacht á léiriú ag na himreoirí, le h-iománaíocht den scoth ar thalamh agus san aer. Rinne Sebastian Mac Cathmaoil agus Oisín Ó Murchú a gcuid fear a mharcaíl as an gcluiche agus ghlán Evan Foley a chuid línte go rialta le roinnt pocanna fada ghlórmhara síos chomh fada leis na tosaithe. D'imir Luke Ó hÍcí cluiche iontach agus bhí an mí-ádh air nár éirigh leis scór a fháil.

Ar an dara pháirc bhí imirt chrua ar thaispeáint - bhí James Ó Cuinneagáin i ngach áit agus é ag seoladh sliotar i ndiaidh sliotair suas go Ruairí Ó Fiach, a bhí ina bhagairt leanúnach i gcoinne cúlaithe Naomh Phádraig. Bhí cosaint den scoth

ar thaispeáint freisin ó Bobby Merrigan-Foy agus ó Zachary Mac Giolla Dhuibh.

Caithfear tagairt ar leith a dhéanamh d'Orin Crowe agus do Luke Ó Tuathail a d'imir le foirne Naomh Phádraig chun na huimhreacha a chothromú.

Autumn had definitely arrived in PNC on Saturday morning – but we still had 19 players turn up for our hurling games against St Patricks Palmerstown. Two games went ahead with some wonderful skills on display from both teams. On our first pitch – there was a fast flowing game, with great ground and air hurling.

Sebastian MacCathmaoil and Oisín O Murchú marked their men out of the game and Evan Foley sent the ball from the full back line right to the full forwards with some large pucks. Luke Ó hÍcí got stuck in with some great tackles and passes, and was unlucky not to score.

On our second pitch – there was some hard tackling on display – James Ó Cuinneagáin was everywhere and played the sliotar up to Ruairí Ó Fiach who was a constant threat to the St Patrick's goal. There was some excellent defending on display from Bobby Merrigan-Foy and Zachary MacGiollaDhuibh.

A special mention needs to go out to Orin Crowe and Luke O Tuathail who played with St Patricks teams to balance the numbers.



1958 – The Vesey Arms – Mrs. Doyle's Pub, now Kenny's

We came across this golden oldie in our archives, from the days when you'd only see men in any of the pubs in Lucan.

L-R: Tommy Giltrap from Chapel Hill, Rita Doyle, Jack White, and unknown.

There must have been a pool table on the premises as Jack is holding a cue stick.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

First the good news. The members of the St. Mary's Camera Soiree will be able to meet again indoors for the first time since March 2020. We will be meeting in the Coffee Dock in the Parish Centre next Friday morning, 15th October, at the usual time of 10.30am with windows open and everybody wearing masks!

I know from the enquiries that I have received from the members that they are excited about this return to some form of normality and I am confident that there will be a pretty full attendance. At our first gathering we will have to discuss plans for our next exhibition which we hope to be able to mount in the Parish Centre rather than on line and plans for the preparation and printing of our 2022 calendar.



Photographs submitted on the WhatsApp group this week have a distinctly autumnal flavour about them. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago the trees around Lucan are laden down with berries at the moment. So we have had photos of beautiful red berries in St. Catherine's Park and outside the Methodist Church in the village taken by Joe.



Conor who had been to Croatia submitted more of his photos and Willie got to Kilruddery House in County Wicklow.

Till next week stay safe!

