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Sunday 20th October 2024

Cats and Cacti!

I re-potted some cacti that I have in my house two weeks ago, before the coldness of winter brought their growth to dormancy. I wanted to give the plants time to root comfortably in the bigger pots before halted by the cold. I am surprised, two weeks on, how much they have grown in that time as their growth is usually very slow! It looks like they are happy with the new space and new source of nourishment!

The same analogy may be applied to us and to all that we do. We sometimes wait for the space of a weekend away or some special time for refreshment to occur or go to inspiring seminars to gain a different perspective. However, the time or space needed to refresh or seek new ideas might be found in the small space in which we might be currently. Perhaps, we could adapt the attitude and cunning of a cat (I love cats!) where they can find opportunity in the tiniest of physical spaces and emerge, almost like magic, from the tightest of places, in which there was just the right space! It's about making that space at the right time as waiting might provide it too late for benefit.

Most people's lives are very busy. We complain about busyness, but is it not wonderful to have the ability to be busy and deal with it well, for the most part! Busyness is a response to the many opportunities available to us, our families and children. In the middle of the busyness, we can find and make that little space that can allow growth, ideas, fun and friendships to grow and be enjoyed. Sometimes taking five minutes in the right physical, mental or spiritual space can be just what is needed to have the energy to get on with the rest of the day or week. A five-minute walk down a corridor or the same time away from technology is sometimes enough to find a suitably creative solution with which we can emerge like the cat. Working with what we have rather than longing for what we can't have right now is the more fertile territory.

Let's adopt the attitude of the cat and make the very best of the spaces that we have, to pop out in a new place in our heads and hearts, even if we are feeling as thorny as the cacti! The cactus, and cacti moments, are perfectly manageable when handled the right way!



Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

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 and 2pm to 4 pm

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

The National Advocacy Service (NAS) for People with Disabilities

provides an independent, confidential and free, representative advocacy service that works exclusively for the person using the service and adheres to the highest professional standards.

National telephone number: 0818 07 3000

Email: info@advocacy.ie



FIREWORKS

Fireworks include items which burn and explode to produce noise or a visual effect for entertainment. Sparklers, bangers, fountains and rockets are all fireworks.

Most fireworks can only be bought and used by professional, licenced operators. Only the least dangerous fireworks can be sold to the general public.

Fireworks are dangerous. You need a licence to import them to Ireland and the way they are stored and sold is regulated by laws on explosives.

Categories of fireworks

Fireworks are divided into 4 categories. The least dangerous is Category F1 and the most dangerous is Category F4.

Category F1 fireworks

Category F1 fireworks can be bought and used by the general public. These are called very low hazard fireworks.

F1 fireworks:

Pose the least danger

Make very little noise

Are for use in a limited space (including indoors) Examples include party poppers, ground spinners, Christmas crackers and some sparklers. Importers of these fireworks must have a licence (except for Christmas crackers).

Category F1 fireworks can be dangerous and their use should be supervised. F1 fireworks cannot be sold to anyone under the age of 12.

Bangers are not in Category F1 and it is illegal for the general public to import, possess or use them.

More dangerous fireworks

Fireworks in other categories are more dangerous and can only be used by professional operators in organised displays, not by the general public.

These fireworks include rockets, roman candles and aerial wheels. If you want to organise a display of these types of fireworks, you must use a professional fireworks operator.

What are the penalties for having a firework?

Category F1 fireworks can be bought and used by the general public. Apart from Christmas crackers, a licence is needed to import F1 fireworks.

It is illegal to import, hold, sell or use any other fireworks without a licence.

It is an offence to:

Light an unlicensed firework

Throw a lit firework at a person or property, except for low-hazard (F1) fireworks

Have an unlicensed firework

Have an unlicensed firework with the intention of selling it or giving it to someone else

These offences are specified in Section 80 of the Explosives Act 1875, as amended by the Section 68 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006.

These are arrestable offences. The Gardaí can arrest you without a warrant if they suspect you of having committed an offence under this Act (see 'Fireworks and Garda powers' below).

If you are found guilty of any of the above offences:

On summary conviction (in the District Court), you are liable to a class C fine or to a prison sentence of up to 6 months, or to both

On conviction on indictment (in the Circuit Court), you are liable to a maximum fine of €10,000 or to a prison sentence of up to 5 years, or to both

More information is on our website.

Lucan Red Cross Christmas Old Folk's Party

Our Annual Old Folks Party will be held on the 1st December in the SPA HOTEL Lucan.



If you would like to attend as a new member, you have to be 66 years of age, collect your pension in the Lucan area to be eligible to attend.

You can contact Bernadette Cummins on 0861597606 between the hours of 6pm to 7pm or contact Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm/7pm for your name to go on the list for the party.

Closing date for new members wishing to attend is the 8th November. Any names we receive after the closing date will be put on the list for next year.

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of



Friday 25th October
at 8pm in

Lucan Sarsfields GAA

Table of 4 - €40

Come support your local community
Radio

Prizes and Raffle on the night

THE UNDERGROUND SESSIONS'S BIG BAND BASH FUNDRAISER GIG for LIFFEY SOUND 96.4 FM 100% Original Pure Rock & Roll!!!

Performing on the night:

Arcadian Shadows, Stalked by Story, Arcane Montane & The Seventh Shroud.

Date: Saturday 26th October.

Venue: Upstairs, Courtneys of Lucan

Time: doors open at 6.30pm til late.

First band on at 7pm.

Tickets available to purchase on eventbrite - €12
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1045392215257?aff=oddtcreator>

***If unable to attend, please feel free to make a donation, we appreciate all donations.**

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 21st we are having our international morning with Anne. Canada is her chosen country, she is all set with her blue and white colours.

Tea hostesses are Mary Duffy and Abigail O'Callaghan.



On Tuesday last we had a lovely morning teaching TY student how to crochet a cot blanket, all 37 students were very willing to learn and by the time they finished at lunchtime they were all able to continue on their own. The ICA ladies enjoyed their time with the students and enjoyed a lovely lunch afterwards provided by Ms Bligh, much appreciated.

In ICA we are all busy preparing for our **Arts, Crafts and Produce Fair** which will take place on weekend of **16th /17th November**. Put dates in your calendar.

Pauline

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 23rd October: **Pink Day**

in St Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.

Hope you can wear something Pink – even a scarf! Craft items on Sale & Raffle.

All proceeds to Breast Cancer Research

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Tai Chi: Our BeActive Tai Chi continues this week on Thursday for anyone over 55.

Baby and Toddler Group: We are delighted to announce we are starting a much-requested Ballyowen Baby and Toddler Group. It will start on Monday 4th of November 11am to 12.30. *All are welcome*

Irish Dancing: Any children interested in Irish dancing there are 2 classes at the centre Monday at 4.30 and Wednesday at 5.30.

Booking A Room: Booking a room just got easier you can now book online through the Sportskey website

Keep an eye on our socials as we have some exciting news about a date in December!!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection

at all masses **next Saturday/ Sunday 26th/27th October.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

The Rosary: For the month of October, a public Rosary will be said each evening Monday to Friday at 5pm at the grotto, for the special intentions of parishioners.

If the weather is bad the Rosary will be said inside the Church. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on

Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

All welcome. Sr Geraldine.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Sr. Geraldine through the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world

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.

Baptisms in St. Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference,
Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie

Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St. Paul

Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul, including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos Island and more.

Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Spiritual Director: Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR and Fr Sean Davidson.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage.

Cost: €2040 (Land-ONLY).

Please contact Angela at +353-89-2107277 or stpaul2024@proton.me for more information and to receive the full schedule.

Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

Bayside Alpha are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 7 week film series 'Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues', starting on **Sunday the 27th of October at 7:30pm.**

To join this free course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Mass Times:

9am, 10.30am, 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

*for all our departed relatives and friends
will take place on
Friday, November 8th at 7.30pm.*

*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.

Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Communion for the Homebound: If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

All are welcome



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome to play for big prizes.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society: St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes.** We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Wednesday 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.

Anniversaries

Joyce O'Brien

9th Anniversary

A silent thought

A quiet prayer

For someone in God's care.

Always missed by the Family



Jim O'Hara

12th Anniversary, 19th October

As you were, you will always be forever in our memory.

Deeply missed by your wife Chrissie, daughters Therese, Ann, Gemma, Louise & Michelle, your grandchildren and great grandchildren

Please Note – There is no charge for any In Memoriam Notices.

Living with Loss 2024

A Bereavement Information Evening for the Public

Local Bereavement Network - Dublin North
Supported by Wolf-Heinze Foundations

Living with Loss: A Bereavement Information Evening for the Public. This is a FREE event hosted by the Dublin North Bereavement Network. It is taking place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. For those unable to attend the event in person, this event will be live streamed via Zoom.

Whether you are attending in person or online, please book your place via the following link, or by using the QR code in the attached poster.

Living with Loss: A Bereavement Information Evening for the Public Tickets, **Thu 24 Oct 2024 at 19:00**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/living-with-loss-a-bereavement-information-evening-for-the-public-tickets-1013828988797?aff=oddtcreator>

NAGARHOPE

Nagarhope's recent Churchgate Collection at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's totalled €2386.

Our sincere thanks to all those who so generously donated to the collection, supporting Nagarhope's work in Nepal. Thanks to both churches for allowing this collection. Thanks also to our loyal collectors at both churches. Thanks to the newsletter for their continued support.

Niamh Clandillon



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.

**Lucan Parish
PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES**

**MYRIAM
Tours**

Tour organizers: MYRIAM, Licensed by the Irish Aviation Authority. TA 0776

MAY 11 - 15, 2025
Led by Fr Philip Curran
€795 per person sharing in double/twin room.
Full board in 4-star hotel in Lourdes

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TO BOOK: Please call us on 057 9355050 and we can take your booking and payment (debit card only) over the phone. Or email us on: info@myriam.ie for a payment link or more information.

- Aer Lingus flights Dublin to Toulouse
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Full time accompaniment
- Coach transfers in Lourdes to/from airport
- Trip to Bartres
- Organisation of a full religious programme

Call us on 057 93 55050 or email us at infor@myriam.ie

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

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

All Welcome!



Irish Conversation!

Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am

in Room 4, St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to engage in conversation as Gaeilge.



All are welcome to join in for the cupán tae and cúpla focail.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. There is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs but there is no charge for your first meeting.

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

Thank You

I wish to thank all those who were so kind to me during my recent illness.

The many of you who prayed for me. In particular the members of Lucan Knock Pilgrimage Group. Also my many friends in St. Patrick's Parish and my wonderful neighbours and friends.

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

Sincerely, J.P. Costello

Esker Active Retirement Association

A great time was enjoyed by our members and friends in Antrim. We were so lucky with the weather, we were even able to stroll on the beach in Ballycastle on Wednesday, it was positively balmy. Tuesday at Giant's Causeway was more windy, but very enjoyable.

We're back to normal Wednesday 23rd, meeting up in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan, at 1.30. Do join us for usual bowls, scrabble and card games.

The Big Dig!

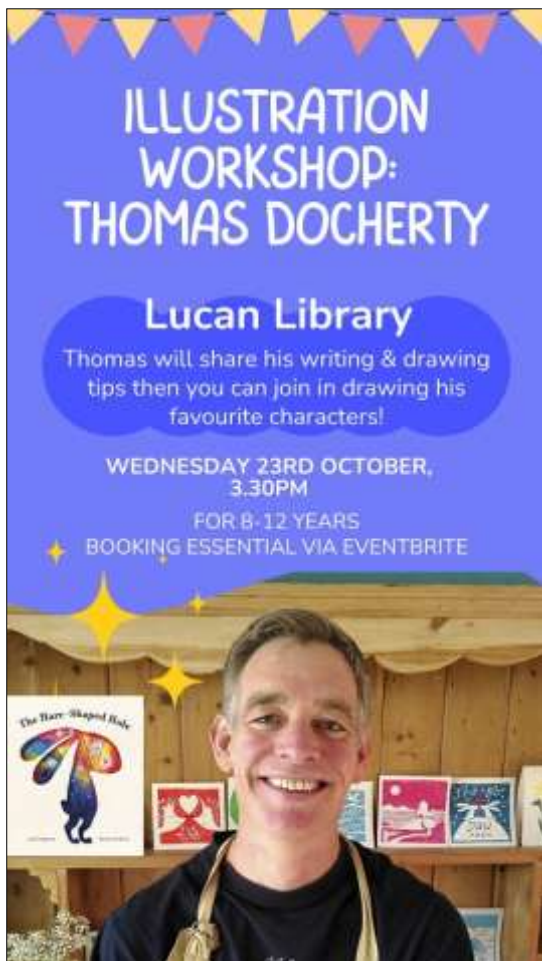
As work continues on the Village Green, we spotted an Archaeologist down in a trench parallel to the River Griffeen – clearing the clay from some flat stones! Wonder what it could be.....



Whatever it is, it's a long time since it saw daylight!

Congratulations to all the Junior Cert Students who received their results last week – great to see such happy students!





CHOOOL NEWS



Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2025

Scoil Mhuire girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2025. Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.smgnslucan.com. You can also email the school for an application form. The email address is application 2025@smgnslucan.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, and a current household utility bill (proof of address).

The closing date for applications will be Friday, 15th November 2024.



St Thomas JNS, Esker, Lucan
We are now open for applications for
Junior Infants September 2025

Please visit our website at
www.stthomasjns.com

To complete an application form.

Closing Date is 12 December 2024



People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan

in
Canon Despard Centre
Chapel Hill, Lucan

Sunday 27th Oct
Monday 28th Oct
11am - 5pm



Please come along.
Support local Artists and Crafters.
Enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust
(Supporting Homelessness)

Fees for both days for

Artists 6ft Stand €60,

Crafters 6ft table €60 and 4ft table €40

St. Mary's BNS, Lucan

We are now receiving applications for
Junior Infants for September 2025

Application forms can be
downloaded from our school
website which is:

www.stmarysbnslucan.com

and the **closing date for applications is
Friday 15th November.**



Lucan Community College

Junior Cycle Results: Congratulations to the Junior Cycle class of 2024 who received their results on Wednesday 9th October. There was great excitement in the gym as students gathered with year head, tutors and support staff to open their results. Our students are now immersing themselves in a very active TY programme and trying new experiences and learning new skills that they will take into senior cycle and future life. While we celebrate the achievements of all of our students, special mention goes to some of our top achieving students including: Oluwamodupe Osinuga, Rachel Jez, Aisling Fleming, Sadhbh Lynch, Piotr Majchrzak, Naomi Darcy, Ben Ahuja, Ellen Birnie, Niclolas Lefter, Holly Murray and Daniel Inceu.



The percentage of Lucan CC students taking Higher Level subjects Irish, English and Maths continues to be well above the national average with our Engineering students achieving more than double the amount of Distinctions and Higher Merits than the national average and Graphics students achieving over four times the number of Distinctions than the national average. Student results surpassed the national average in a number of other subjects also.

Year Head Ms McKelvey, tutors and support staff along with the school management team offered congratulations to the students and thanks to all staff members and parents who support them so far on their educational journey. Ms McKelvey congratulated students saying that they can be very proud of themselves. Ms McKelvey and link Deputy Principal Mr McGowan wished them well as they celebrate with friends and family. The Principal Ms Birnie stated how proud she is of the students for the great foundation they have built over the last three years to provide a solid base for their learning in senior cycle. A very proud day for Lucan CC!

Fundraiser for Jigsaw: As part of our new Pastoral Care programme in Lucan Community College each week we focus on an important issue. Last week our focus was Wellbeing: Mental Health. On Thursday the 10th of October our students had a non-uniform day, and our staff had a coffee morning to raise funds for Jigsaw, a mental health charity. Thanks to everyone who has donated so far raising over €2,000. Huge thanks to Ms Walsh and Ms McManus for all of their work organising this event.

John Lonergan visits Lucan Community College: On Wednesday the 9th of October our 5th year students had an excellent, engaging talk from John Lonergan, former governor of Mount Joy prison, who spoke passionately about mental health, wellbeing, life choices and being careful not to follow the crowd. Students listened attentively and John praised them for their engagement and warm welcome. Thanks very much to Miss Clarke for organising.

New German Assistant: A huge welcome Hannes Schille our German assistant for the year who joined us on October 1st from Leipzig and will be working with our German department and students to help with in their study of the German language.

TY Citizenship: A healthy bunch of apples were harvested from the apple tree in our community fruit garden planted by Ms. Mc Carthy's TY Citizenship Class two years ago as part of our journey with World Wise Global Schools. Ms Walsh's TY cookery class used these apples to create a very tasty apple crumble.

Boys Soccer: Leinster Senior Boys Cup 1st round Lucan CC 3-0 Marion College. The lads had a brilliant win against last year's beaten Leinster finalists Marion College. Lucan blitzed Marion College from the start and were 3-0 up after 20 mins from goals from Dylan Healy, Darren Smyth and Sam Kennedy. Lucan could have increased their lead on multiple occasions but saw out the game comfortably to advance to the 2nd round. Leinster Junior Boys Cup Preliminary round Lucan CC 1-0 St. Olivers Drogheda The U17 Boys Soccer team beat St Olivers Drogheda 1-0 on Friday the 11th of October in the Leinster Junior Cup. Lucan dominated the game and were very unlucky not to win by more. The goal scorer was Christopher Odidison in TY and the man of the match was Oran O'Connor in Fifth year. The team will now play St. Kevins Finglas in the first round next. Lucan CC 6 - 2 St Michaels College The U15 Boys Soccer team beat St Michaels College 6-2 in the U15 Leinster Boys Cup.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Junior Cycle Results: Congratulations to our students who received their Junior Cycle results last Wednesday. Overall, the results were excellent this year with the vast majority of students extremely happy with their grades. Distinctions (90-100%) were achieved across virtually all subjects, in many cases exceeding the national average. Our students demonstrated excellence and high achievement across a wide range of subjects, which was testament to their application, dedication and commitment to their studies over the past three years. All students that worked with the Learning Support team all passed their Junior Cycle exams so well done to them also. Congratulations to all of our students on reaching a significant milestone in their education journey.



Transition Year: Our 74 TY students, accompanied by Mr. Keane, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Murtagh and Mr. O' Carroll, enjoyed an eventful and action-packed 2 days of activities in Carlingford Adventure Centre this week, always one of the highlights of the Transition Year Calendar. They set off at 11am on Monday 7th Oct with the excitement palpable on the bus! They arrived at the centre at lunchtime. The students had some lunch together in the centre canteen before splitting into two groups, with the 1st group heading out for their 1st set of activities at SkyPark, which is the largest aerial adventure Course in Ireland. Here they took part in "Ziptopia", a series of ziplines and obstacles high above the ground.

The 2nd group went Kayaking on Carlingford Lough, with fantastic views of Slieve Foy as well as the spectacular Mourne Mountains. The majority of students picked up the paddling and steering skills pretty quickly, despite numerous capsizes into the cold water! In the evening they got to cook delicious s'mores (toasted marshmallows) by the campfire.

After settling down in the centre for a good night's sleep, the students enjoyed a healthy breakfast before one group did laser tag while the other went kayaking, then in the evening one did ziplining and the other did laser tag.

While the bus was full of noise and singing on Monday's journey to Carlingford, the return journey on Wednesday was quieter with exhausted and subdued students (and teachers!) on board. We commend the students on their excellent behaviour and impeccable manners throughout the adventure trip.

Basketball: Our u16 basketball team defeated Colaiste Pobail Setanta 60-35 last Thursday to claim their 1st group stage win of their Easter League campaign in what was their 3rd game. Lucan opened up a 26-6 lead by the end of the 1st 1-4 with Lewis Ajinakou and Hasan Al Maini scoring 12 points apiece. Lewis added another 14 points in the 2nd 1-4 as Lucan stretched their lead to 44-17 by half-time. Lucan eased to victory in the final 1-4 with Lewis adding another 11 points in a phenomenal individual display in which he amassed 37 points.

Our senior team put themselves in a strong position with their 2nd group stage win from 3 games as they defeated Setanta 84-50. Lucan dominated the opening 1-4 to establish a commanding 28-9 lead with Alseny Bah (13), Lewis Ajinakou (9) and Aaron McCormack (6) getting the scores. Lewis added another 14 points in the 2nd 1-4 with Aaron (6), Alseny (3) and Joel Mananga (2) also getting scores as Lucan increased their lead to 55-25 by half time. By the end of the 3rd 1-4 the lead was a massive 40 points thanks to scores from Lewis (4), Joel (6), Alseny (7) and Aaron (2). Lucan secured a well-deserved win despite losing the final 1-4.

Golf: 5 students represented the school at the Leinster Schools Junior Golf qualifier on Thursday the 10th October at Forrest Little Golf Club in Swords. Our team, Aidan Doyle, Conor Martin, Jack Henry, Aaron Farrell and James Dillon all played solid golf on the day but the format of the event (net scores rather than gross stableford) allowed for some very good scores, with some of the competitors shooting well over 40pts. Consequently, none of the lads were able to advance to the final leg of the tournament, but a good day was had by all regardless.

Soccer: Our u15 soccer team advanced to the 1st round proper of the Leinster Minor Cup last Friday after a dramatic 5-4 victory against Kilkenny CBS. Scorers: Bobby Guy, Alex Clare (2), James Dillon, Jamie Dempsey

St. Joseph's College

French Language trip: Last week fifth and sixth year French language students spent four days in the south of France. Students took in the sights of the Monaco, Nicer and Cannes. During the morning and the day students were in French language classes with local teachers working on their grammar and vocabulary. In the afternoons students then explored Monaco by tram, explored the shops and had a walking tour around the city. In Nice the students visited the oceanographic museum and local markets. The teachers on the trip wanted to thank the students for the exceptional behaviour for the duration of the trip and were delighted with how the students immersed themselves into the local French culture for the four days. A massive thanks to Ms. Banks for organising a brilliant trip.



Junior cycle results: There was great excitement amongst our TYs last week as they received their Junior Cycle results. The students spent the morning bowling before coming back to the school for pizzas. The students then received their results in the assembly hall ad a group together. The results of the entire year group were exceptional and all teachers and staff are exceptionally proud of all the results achieved by our students.



Sixth year Art trip: Sixth year Art students visited Newgrange and Knowth last Thursday as part of their Visual Studies Course. Students visited exhibitions in the Visitor Centre and were brought on guided tours of Knowth and Newgrange.

Goal jersey day: Friday in St. Joseph's was all about Goal Jersey Day. All staff and students were encouraged to wear their favourite jersey to school and then take part in the Skipathon in the sports hall. All was in aid of student wellbeing and also to raise funds for Goal. Well done to everybody and thank you to Ms. Forde for organising the event.

Under 17 soccer: On Monday our under 17 soccer team had a fantastic win in their cup game against Old Bawn Community School. Our girls won 4-2 in the end now advance to the last 32 of Leinster.

ICA Crocheting with Joey's TY Students:

We were delighted to welcome back eight of the ICA Ladies to spend the day with 37 of our TY students on Tuesday, 15th October 2024. Now a long tradition in St. Joseph's, the students learn the craft of

crocheting and are set the task of completing their blanket in 10 weeks' time (Christmas Eve!). The day is always a very enjoyable one as our students share their stories with the ICA ladies and receive many words of wisdom in return! Thank you to Pauline, Miriam, Ann, Anne, Patricia, Marie, Fiona, Carmel and our own Linda Ennis for looking after the students so well! The craft of crocheting is in safe hands!

School Musical

St Joseph's College Transition Year students present
ALL SHOOK UP School Edition
Through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW)
Thursday, 28 th November 2024 – Sunday, December 1 st 2024

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €9,800. The Numbers were **4, 7, 18, 19.**



The lucky dip prizes go to Linda Murphy, C&K Boylan, Sean & Sandra McCaffrey, Greg O'Neill and Leah Richie

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €10,200. The draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD.

Camogie

Best of luck to our Minor A Camogie team who play in the county final this Sunday the 20th of October against Cuala. The match is in Abbotstown and will throw in at 12:30. All support welcome. Thank you to the Springfield Hotel for their sponsorship of jerseys and support for the team.

Best of luck to our U14's who no progress to the final after winning their semi-final against Castleknock.

Our U15 team had a great win over Castleknock in the Division 2 shield final. Well done girls!

Our Junior C's had a great semi-final win over Erin Go Bragh over the weekend. Final details to be confirmed.

Hurling

Hard luck to our Senior, Junior A and Junior B hurlers who all bowed out of championship over the weekend at the semi-final stage. A big year for hurling in the club but unfortunately it wasn't to be for 2024.



Ladies Football

Unfortunately, it wasn't to be for our Minor Ladies who lost out in the county final to Ballinteer on Saturday. Hard luck girls.



Football

Well done to the Minor A Footballers who had a great win on Sunday against Cuala in their Quarter Final. Semi-final fixtures to be confirmed.

Our U12 football teams finished up their first football league over the weekend. All five of the teams were extremely competitive in their competitions with our Division 2 team winning their league! The boys improved as the season

progressed and are looking forward to playing U13 football next year. Well done all!

Social

The Cúpla Focal club is back next Monday the 9th of September. These classes are free of charge and will run every Monday from 8-9pm. (Voluntary donations to Nagarhope welcome). This is a great opportunity to practice and learn to speak Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com for more information

25 Card Draw

Date: Friday until 9th May 2025

Time: 8.00pm Sharp

Prize: 1st €50 (if 12 or more players),

2nd prize if 3 or more tables

Entry: €5 per player

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar)

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Lucan Library October Events

Halloween Magic Show & Face Painting with Genie Mackers

Thursday 31st October, 2 pm

All Welcome – Please feel free to wear your Halloween Costume!



Creative Writing for 8-12 yrs with

Maeve Devoy. Friday 1st November, 12 noon.

Booking via Eventbrite.

Toddler Time with Little Turtles:

Thursday 31st October, 10am. Booking essential from Thursday 24th October at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-turtles-toddler-time-tickets-1025409546557>

Arts and Crafts for Under 6s with Méabh:

Tuesday 29th October 3.30pm. Booking essential from Tuesday 22nd October at

3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-crafts-tickets-1010397234327>

Parent & Baby Reflexology

Wednesday 23rd October, 10am - 10.30am with Anne O'Connor. Please bring a towel. Only one parent per baby. Booking Essential.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Cailíní F9 – Peil: Bhí maidin fuar ach den scoth againn amuigh i mbaile bhrígn. Bhí na cailíní ar fheabhas ar fad ag imirt go cróga agus iad ag troid ar aghaidh le chéile. Bhí scileanna iontacha le feiceáil agus iad ag feabhsú an t-am ar fad. Bhí go leor deiseanna againn an sliotar a ardú agus chuireamar an-chuid brú ar na foirne eile ag an am chéanna. Chanamar breithlá sona do Abbie ag an deireadh agus bhíomar sona sásta inár snoodies. Beidh orainn snoodies NGÓ a fháil dos na laethanta fuaire seo!!!!

Buachaillí F12 – Peil: Páirc fhliuch agus sleamhain ar maidin don chluiche deireanach sa pheil do na Buachaillí Faoi 12 in aghaidh Fingal Ravens. Thosaigh na leaids go maith ag scóráil pointí breátha, agus ní raibh an t-ádh leo go raibh siad taobh thiar ag leath ama 3-3 in aghaidh 1-6 tar éis dóibh formhór na seilbhe a bheith acu. Bhí an dara leath cosúil leis an gcéad cheann, le NGÓ arís i gceannas ar an bpáirc, ach ba dheacair na scóranna a aimsiú. Arís bhí scóranna breátha tógtha, agus an dá fhoireann ag lorg an bhua. Sna nóiméid dheireanacha bhuaíl NGÓ an trasnán le hiarracht mhaith, agus tháinig feadóg an réiteora díreach agus iad ag cuardach cúl eile, an scór deiridh ná NGÓ 3-12 Fingal 5-8, bhí an cluiche caillte le beagán, ach críoch iontach dá gcuid cluichí F12 ar an iomlán. Maith iad!

Buachaillí F9 – Peil: Maidin iontach peile ag Páirc an Phiarsaigh, é fuar agus gaofar dár mbuachaillí F9 in aghaidh Chromghlinne. Sárphasáil láimhe, obair foirne agus scóranna den scoth, go háirithe thar an trasnán. Tá na buachaillí ag obair go dian ag traenáil agus tá tairbhe ag baint leis, is léir. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí, tá sé ar fheabhas an dul chun cinn a fheiceáil.



Buachaillí F13 – Iomáint: Lá nimhneach fuar a bhí ann inniu i bPáirc Naomh Cairtriona ach níor chuir sé sin bac leis na buachaillí F13 ina gcluiche iománafochta i gcoinne Clanna Gael Fontenoy. D'imir siad go hiontach ó thús go deireadh an chluiche. Ag leath ama an scór a bhí ann ná NGÓ 4-4, Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1-2. Sa dara leath thosaigh an bháisteach agus d'éirigh an ghaoth an-láidir, ach níor ghéill na buachaillí. Bhí an lámh in uachtar acu ar na cuairteoirí. An scór ag an deireadh ná NGÓ 7-6, Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1-7. Éacht Iontach!



Peil na mBan: Na Gaeil Óga 5-6 Croí Ró Naofa 2-7. Bhí cluiche iontach ag Foireann na mBan ar an nDomhnach i gcoinne Croí Ró Naofa sa Chorn. Thosaigh na mná go láidir agus lean siad an troid sin go dtí deireadh an chluiche. Rinne na cosantóirí sár jab agus ní raibh Croí Ró Naofa in ann an chosaint a bhriseadh síos. Ón gcúl báire suas go lár páirce agus na tosaithe bhí fuinneamh ann agus na scóranna ag teacht go héasca dos na Gaeil. Bhíodar chun tosaigh ag leath ama leis an scór: 2:04 NGÓ - 1:03 CRN. Níor stop na mná sa dara leath - suas síos na páirce leo agus taispéantas den scoth á thabhairt. Bhí an comh-imir le feiscint agus smacht iomlán acu ar an gcluiche, ag cinntiú an mbua. Imreoidh na mná an cluiche deireanach don mbliain Dé Domhnaigh i bpáirc Bushy. Bí linn chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh.





LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Parkrun Alphabet Complete!

(by Lucan Harrier Fanchea Gibson)

For those uninitiated in parkrun challenges (yes it's a thing!), one of the more common ones is called the parkrun alphabet. This means doing a parkrun whose name begins with every letter of the alphabet...except x as there's no parkrun whose name starts with x!!

Since 2013, I was happily plodding around doing parkruns in various spots while on holidays or away with friends with no regard whatsoever for what the name of the local parkruns were or what one I should do best for my alphabet. This led to serious misses along the way including doing Golden Harvest parkrun in Johannesburg three times when there was loads of other parkruns nearby and let's face it with Griffeen on my doorstep I didn't need a G! Also when in Brisbane I did Stones Corner and Minnippi parkruns, rather than Zillmere parkrun – a rare and wonderful parkrun beginning with the letter Z. Rookie mistakes!

I started to look at the alphabet challenge and focused my efforts on relevant parkruns. Most letters can be got in Ireland but J, Y and Z must be got out of the country. J is the controversial one as I did Johnstown Castle parkrun in my home town of Wexford but a temporary change of course which became permanent resulted in all Johnstown Castle parkruns being rebranded as Wexford Racecourse parkrun. John in Wexford is well-used to fielding indignant J-related parkrun questions!

While some look upon my parkrun tourism as an obsession, I rather look at it as a way of seeing parts of the world I wouldn't have seen otherwise. It also helps to have partners in crime also willing to head off to do 5k in another country (Ceara & Anita!) Specific holidays to take in particular letters included visits to Jersey island parkrun and a few days exploring that beautiful island, a return to a childhood haunt York for my Y and a trip to The Hague to get the infamous Z at Zuiderpark parkrun. Maybe I would have got to these places anyway but definitely the push of a parkrun letter helped get it

done. Other highlights have to be Nkomazi parkrun in South Africa near the Mozambique border where you ran through corn fields with little bare-foot, smiling kids, Progression parkrun in Mountjoy prison which is a very unique experience, Presint 18 parkrun in Kuala Lumpur in heat and humidity that can't be described, Vaxjosjon parkrun in Sweden with the Abba warm up, Somerdale Pavilion near Bristol and the infamous Curly Wurly course where you run in circles with no idea where you are on the route, Rheinpark in Germany with views of beautiful Koln cathedral and also Bushy parkrun in London – the original.

I was happy to finish off my last two letters in Ireland and after a trip to Illaunmanagh in Co. Clare, I completed my alphabet at University of Galway where my parents met and where I was with a group of Lucan Harriers fit4lifers who were doing Run Galway Bay 10k and Half Marathon so lots of celebrations were had!



Fanchea Gibson (left) completing her alphabet parkrun with Niamh Buckmaster, Lorraine Haverty and Ceara Kerrigan

Here's to the next challenge!

Report Cont'd next week...

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Quiet Streets: Traffic calming is a frequent concern you raise with me. I'm pleased my motion to implement a Quiet Streets Programme in the county was passed at this week's council meeting. This initiative will require funding, but I'm pleased to report that the council plans to include the proposal in the work programme for the Land Use, Planning, & Transport Committee. I will continue championing this idea, focusing on road safety, and promoting Quiet Streets as an additional tool for traffic management. I will keep you updated on progress.

Woodview Heights: I reported overgrown ivy at the entrance to Woodview Heights and the council confirmed this location is listed for hedge cutting.

AGP - residents reported locks missing on one of the lane way gates, following a visit from the housing officer, these will be replaced.

Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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Have your say: Have your say on the development of Proposed Sports Changing Rooms Pavilion at Griffeen Valley, Arthur Griffith Park. View and make your submissions at <http://consult.sdblincoco.ie> or in writing up to 5pm on 9th November.

Lucan Village Green: thank you to all who contacted me in relation to tree removal in the village green. I have contacted the Directorate in SDCC in this regard about destruction of trees which we as councillors understood were to be retained. I will update in due course.

The community grants programme which is available to community groups across the county will close on 31st October. If you are a club or group needing assistance with your application, please feel free to get in touch.

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Good news for C2 commuters: After successful engagement with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus and following the addition of four C1 buses to our area, I'm pleased to see that from October 21st, three new C2 buses will be added to the existing bus schedule: 7:13am, 3:46pm, 6:25pm. I will continue to work with the NTA to help improve transport services in our area.

Griffeen Community College Parkrun

Takeover: I was delighted to meet with the staff,

parents and pupils from Griffeen Community College on Saturday 12th October where they took over the weekly Griffeen Parkrun as part of their wellness week in school. Big thank you to all involved at this wonderful event and to the parent's association for organising lovely refreshments afterwards.

Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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C2 routes: From Monday 21st of October three new additional services will be introduced on Route C2. This is something I have been requesting for some time. These new services will operate at: 07.13 (Adamstown to Sandymount) 15.46 (Sandymount to Adamstown) 18.25 (Sandymount to Adamstown)

While additional services are welcome, the NTA also needs to allow operators to start routes at later points and provide additional surge at weekends.

Castle Road/Willsbrook Road: I am very happy to see the repainting of pedestrian crossing lines at the Castle Road/Willsbrook Junction which I requested be done to improve visibility. I have also requested that these markings be repainted outside the entrance to Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada/Coláiste Cois Life.

Policing meeting: Thanks to everyone who attended the Local Policing Forum meeting for Ronanstown Garda Station last Thursday. It was wonderful to see such an engaged attendance.

Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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Lucan Pool: Further slippage anticipated coming into the current November construction deadline. SDCC says it will check if Aura Leisure can do some of the set-up work earlier than scheduled to claw back the opening date in 2025. Search 'Lucan Pool Progress' on my website.

Lucan Village Works: This week I queried the Chief Executive on the village green works. I questioned why trees due for retention were cut down, sought a renewed commitment on replanting and stonework retention and highlighted growth on the bridge wall needing removal. Updates awaited. Search 'Lucan Village Works' for more detail.

Lucan House: SDCC confirmed consultation process will start this quarter. I asked - and CEO said he would consider - that the grounds be opened to the public for set times while the village works are underway. Search 'Lucan House'.

Cllr Joanna Tuffey - Labour

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The Village Green: The trees at the Green were removed to allow substantial changes. The removal of the trees and the works to date might seem stark but I urge residents to wait for the works be completed before casting their verdict. I believe the works so far that have opened up the view across the Village Green along with the changes that are to be made in the coming weeks and months will make it the hub of our lovely village. The changes will include:
Provision of an amphitheatre style space and a secondary space along the Griffeen River.
Replacement of the existing metal guard rail along the river. Rerouting of footpaths.
Construction of a metal frame bandstand structure capable of taking a temporary roof covering.
Associated earthworks and landscape and planting which will include new trees, flowering hedging and a wildflower meadow.

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Joint Committee on Drug Use: Next week the Joint Committee on Drug Use will publish its interim report. As chair of the committee, I hope the report is progressive and forward thinking that takes in the key recommendations of the Citizens Assembly.

Cllr Trevor Gilligan Fianna Fail

Peace Commissioner. 085 714 505

I am disappointed that longstanding, mature trees have been removed from the green in Lucan village. Whilst all Cllrs supported this plan, SDCC could have done more to highlight the extent to which they intended to remove the trees. There was no emphasis to save these trees. The tree aspect of the plan should have been scrutinised in more detail, before getting passed and for this, I sincerely apologise. More effort should have been made to save the trees, before giving the green light to remove them. SDCC could have taken a more sensitive approach and taken into consideration the heritage values and historical connections the trees had for the village. Residents are up in arms at the removal of these trees and rightly so. I am happy to meet with residents to help protect the future of the village.

The Epic Origins of Hurling

History of hurling brought back to life

Sunday Independent (Ireland) 29 Sep 2024

Dermot Crowe

‘It was a common tradition in the district of Lisbrack, Co Longford, that the greatest man in the parish was the man who drove the ball the furthest with a hurley. He was the hero and the finest girl in the parish was his prize.’

— *Storyteller from the 19th century*

Striking the sliotar farthest is no longer a mark of greatness, we can safely assume, in Lisbrack, as was the case going by this account contained in *The Epic Origins of Hurling*, a copy of which arrived through the post during the past week. There is much in the way of fascinating detail on the ancient game to be discovered within the book’s covers, from early reference in the mythology of Cúchulainn through the ages to where it stands today.”

‘**The Epic Origins of Hurling**’ is available exclusively online in hardback at Amazon. For more

information, visit www.epichurling.com



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Reports and Ads. etc may also

be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary’s Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The pressure is on. Final decisions on the entries for the Soire's next exhibition must be taken by next weekend to allow time for printing, mounting and framing of the photographs.



This week the members submitted a great range of photos. Anna got a photo of the Northern Lights over Lucan last Thursday as well as a nice photo from Achill.



Donal and Paddy were down in Avondale and submitted photos of the new "Beyond the Trees" experience in Avondale Forest Park. Avondale House was built between 1777 and 1779. In 1795 Sir John Parnell inherited the house from his cousin and in 1867 Charles Stewart Parnell inherited the house and estate when he turned 21. It remained in the ownership of the Parnell family until 1891.

At the last minute a photo came in from Irene of the ruins of the Franciscan Abbey, known as Grey



Abbey, in Kildare village. The abbey was founded in 1260 and was suppressed in 1539. Three abbeys in and around Kildare town were established in the 13th century. They were known as the Grey, the Black and the White Abbeys reflecting the colours of the habits worn by the monks.

Stay safe until next week!