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Lourdes – A special place



Last Thursday, five plane loads of pilgrims travelled to Lourdes as part of our annual Diocesan pilgrimage which takes place from September 7th to 12th and is being led by Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

When speaking about Lourdes, Pope Francis reminds us:

“Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others.”

Pope Benedict once said that the thin veil that separates heaven and earth is a little more transparent in Lourdes. Let us pray that we may remember that our lives are not just about us. They are part of God’s providential plan, part of a story that stretches infinitely beyond what we can immediately grasp...for people of faith, there are no coincidences, only aspects of God’s providence that we have not yet fully understood.

We are all familiar with the story of Saint Bernadette in Lourdes but perhaps a little less so with dozen or so years she later spent in Nevers where she worked in the infirmary as a member of the Daughters of Charity of Nevers. In the convent garden in Nevers, there is a statue of Our Lady of the Waters where St Bernadette would often go to pray. She said: “It is she who reminds me most of the lady I saw.”

Speaking in Lourdes in 2019, Archbishop Emeritus Diarmuid Martin said the following:

“It is here in the quiet and prayerfulness of the [Lourdes] Sanctuary and especially of this Grotto that we come in touch with the true message of Lourdes and that message touches and changes our hearts.”

Let us pray to Our Lady of Lourdes and to Saint Bernadette that they will touch the hearts of all who are sick both in mind and in body that they may experience the healing grace of God’s love.

Deacon Gerard Reilly

Gerard is a Permanent Deacon of the Diocese working in the Malahide-Portmarnock grouping of parishes.

St. Mary’s – IMPORTANT NOTICE

The work in St. Mary’s is taking longer than anticipated. The Church will not re-open until Thursday September 14th (for the 10:00am Mass.) Apologies.

Masses in St. Patrick’s Mon – Sat 10:00am

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00noon

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

When someone dies

Our website has information about bereavement and provides a guide to some of the practical concerns you may have when someone close to you dies. It answers questions you may have on accessing money, getting help with funeral expenses, dealing with your loved one's estate, and other practical issues you may be worried about.

Bereavement can be overwhelming and you may be going through many different emotions. Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. You will find a list of organisations that can support you and your family on our website.

Booklets: Bereavement - a practical guide (pdf), is a booklet from the Citizens Information Board which is available on our website or by contacting Lucan CIC

Chiropody, podiatry and foot care services

What is chiropody and podiatry?

If you have problems with your feet or lower limbs, a chiropodist is a health professional that can examine, diagnose and treat any diseases or abnormalities your feet may have.

Chiropodists can also help alleviate painful symptoms and improve mobility.

Chiropodists are also often known as podiatrists. If you need chiropody services, you may be referred to a chiropodist by your GP or local public health nurse. You can also contact chiropodists directly.

How to get chiropody services in Ireland

The availability of chiropody services from the Health Service Executive (HSE) can depend on the area you live in. Chiropody services may be provided by the Local Health Office or by voluntary organisations on behalf of the HSE. Contact your GP, public health nurse or Local Health Office for information on chiropody services in your area.

Can I get chiropody services?

If chiropody is available in your area from the HSE, you will usually get priority if you have:

A medical card and are aged 66 and over

A Health Amendment Act card

An illness such as diabetes or arthritis

A disability

Chiropody treatment card

In some areas you can apply for a chiropody treatment card if you have a medical card, and you are:

Aged over 65 years or

Living with Diabetes

You can check if this is available in your area and get an application form from your Local Health Office.

Lucan Health Centre - 01 7784450

Rosse Court Health Centre - 01 4647760

Cherry Orchard Hospital - 01 6206000

Tax relief and chiropody services

You may be able to claim tax relief on medical expenses if you pay for chiropody services. You can also claim tax relief on doctor visits and prescription drugs. Read more about tax relief for medical expenses on our website.

Chiropodist and podiatrist organisations

There are currently 3 separate professional bodies representing chiropodists:

The Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists of Ireland.

Irish Chiropodists/Podiatrists Organisation Ltd

Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists.

You can ask them to check whether your chiropodist is registered as a member.

CORU, the Health and Social Care Professionals Council, is the organisation that will register and regulate podiatrists.



Lucan U3A is reopening after the holidays on **Monday the 11th September**. We are a small group of people with up to 40 members and have room

at this time to have a few more members.

You are welcome to come and find out more about us at our meetings between 2–4 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month.

To All Road Users.....

In a week that has sadly seen multiple deaths on our country's road, I am not surprised as the poor / dangerous driving that is evident around Lucan on a daily basis.



Drivers' manners are long gone, speed limits are constantly ignored and drivers think its okay to drive as close to the person in front to put them under pressure.

The sets of lights between woodies and Eurospar are abused at every change of lights. Cars constantly breaking and going against the lights. Cars making right turns when no right turn signs are clearly visible. I am amazed no pedestrians have been killed.

Lights at those intersections change every 2 minutes. That's all. But people are not prepared to stop on a red light. In fact at some of the junctions they speed up on a red and it's only for the grace of god that a major accident has not happened.

It's not too much to ask that all road users and I am including cyclists who think it's alright to break red lights too, to stick to the rules of the road and avoid the devastation that we have seen in the last week.

Tracey Walsh

Hillcrest Residents Association

Residents are invited to another

Meet the Neighbours Coffee Morning

Thursday next, 14th September
at 11am, in the Lord Lucan

for a friendly chat and update on future plans for our neighbourhood.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wed 20th Sept: 10.30 to 12.30:

Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Looking forward to welcoming all our members back after the summer holidays.



New members are always welcome. Just call in for a tea/coffee and a chat!

Lucan Planning Council

Thanks again to everyone for the support shown to us in our door-to-door campaign. We are seeking to get the NTA to engage with us to solve the ever-growing traffic and bus problems in the Lucan area with our petition and support slip and we have solutions that work.

Lucan Planning Council will have a stand at Lucan Festival this Sunday 10th September to update you on what we are doing and for those who wish to support our petition and have missed us when we called. We have been calling door to door for the past number of months and will continue to do so. Concerns have also been expressed to us on a number of fronts about the village and we are raising these with SDCC on your behalf. Please visit our stand for more details.

Caitriona McClean, Secretary

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. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee/Tea break with some light refreshments at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

The Cyber Advice Project

My name is Miriam and I am a researcher with Cyber Skills in MTU. We are currently conducting interviews with older people in relation to their cyber security.

I am looking for people aged 65+ to take part in a 20 minute interview about how they use technology and how they find the experience of trying to be secure online. The first 100 participants will receive a one4all gift card worth €40 and there is no requirement that they use technology at all.

If you know anyone you think would like to take part please let us know on cyber-advice@cyberskills.ie or 0833527791. The interviews can take place over a phone call or we can try to arrange in person either.

The CyberAdvice project is funded by Science Foundation Ireland with support from the National Cyber Security Centre and is approved by the MTU Research Ethics Board

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



NOTICE

Unfortunately, the Church will remain

CLOSED until the 10am Mass on

Thursday 14th September

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection: The monthly collection due to take place at this weekend's Masses, has been cancelled.

Scripture Reflection: Resumes **Mon. September 18th** and every Monday Evening **7.30 – 8.30pm**, in the Bungalow.

JOIN US - You are Welcome to come any Monday. We reflect on the Gospel Reading of the following Sunday

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

*All welcome,
Sr Geraldine.*

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

Sr Geraldine.

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Sean Walsh*, Roselawn.
May he rest in peace.



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

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

Thank You – Esker Cemetery Mass

There was a wonderful turnout for the annual Esker Cemetery Mass. Thank you to all who donated to the collection which will be given to Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross. The amount was €5,000.00.

A big thank you also to Chadwicks of Lucan, for a loan of their trestles and planks for the Altar at the Mass.

Thank you to the Bernie and O'Sullivan families for their tireless work in putting together the altar, thank you to Mary our sacristan, Damien, our choir, our Ministers of the Eucharist, and our collectors.

Without the wonderful help we couldn't have our traditional honouring of our dead.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Masses:

Vigil Saturday: **No Vigil Mass**

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Meetings resume **THIS Monday 11th September** in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

Confessions:

Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass only.

 cross care

**Annual Crosscare Collection
At all Masses**

Sat 16th / Sun 17th September.

(Crosscare, the Diocesan social care agency)

This will replace the usual SHARE collection.

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

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.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after Saturday evening Mass.

Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

All are welcome

Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

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

All are most welcome.

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.



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

monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 11th September at 7:15pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

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



Led by Fr Philip Curran P.P.

April 22nd – 29th 2024. €995p.p.s.

Two nights in Assisi in a 3* hotel

Five nights in Montecatini, Tuscany in a 4* hotel

7 breakfasts, 6 dinners

All coaching and tours

Full time accompaniment

Flights with Aer Lingus

10 kg check-in bag included

Visits to the tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis in Assisi

The Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto

The major sights of Florence and Pisa

Visit the beautiful city of Lucca including the

tomb of Irish bishop Frediano

Full religious programme

All taxes included

Bookings are now taking place and there are a limited number of places still available.

The easiest way to book is by telephone: MYRIAM TOURS (057) 93 55050 (Mon to Fri 9am to 3pm).

You will need to have your passport to hand

Pay the non-refundable deposit of 300 euro per person by Debit Card

Alternatively, phone: (057) 93 55050 and request a booking form

Please note: The scheduled departure time of the outbound flight to Rome is 15:40 arriving in Fiumicino Airport, Rome at 19:45 local time.

Therefore, we will arrive quite late in Assisi.

Acknowledgement



GERARD (GERRY) FALLON

Sheila, Stephen and family wish to extend our great appreciation for all the family, friends and neighbours who supported us during this difficult, sad time.

Those who called to the Funeral home, the Mass in St. Mary's Church and for the abundance of Mass and condolence cards that came in the post.

The Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be offered for all.

Gerry's Month's Mind Mass will be held on Sunday 17th September at 12pm Mass in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversaries



PAM MEENAN

10th Anniversary- 9th September

A silent thought, a quiet prayer
For a special person in God's care.
Love always, John, Anna, Claire and family

SHANE AND ALAN CAREY

2nd Anniversary 7th/13th September

Late Ballydowd.

Forever Young

Much loved sons, brothers and uncles.
Loved and missed so much.
Two years without you both
Has felt like an eternity
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Shane and Alan
Your memories and love is our keepsake
From that we will never part
God has you both in his keeping
We have you in our hearts
Missing you both so much
*Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters,
nieces, nephews, grand nephews and nieces xxx*



SHANE CAREY

Remembering you Dad is easy
We do it every day
Missing you is the heartache
That never goes away
Love you forever, Nicole, Keisha and Jen xxx

ALAN CAREY

We miss you uncle Al
Your hugs, your laughs
And your great music
Look after Dad for us
We love you so much, Keisha and Nicole xxxxxx

Esker Active Retirement Association

Join us as Secretary on our Esker Active Retirement Association Committee

Are you recently retired and looking for a fulfilling way to spend your newfound free time? Look no further! We invite you, on a voluntary basis, to become an essential part of our vibrant Active Retirement Committee.

Why join us?

Stay Connected: Retirement does not mean stepping back; it's about embracing new opportunities and connections. Joining our friendly Club and proactive Committee keeps you socially engaged.

Become our Secretary and be a vital part of our Esker Active Retirement Committee. Let's make your retirement years even more fulfilling and exciting together.

Please contact Brendan at: 086-3147487 or at: quinn_brendan@hotmail.com
Closing date: 20th September 2023.

Liffey Valley Park Alliance

The Alliance is delighted that South Dublin Council has completed the purchase of Lucan House and land. The purchase also includes 60 acres of land across the Liffey River in Coldblow. Since its establishment, the Alliance which includes Lucan Planning Council and all the Liffey Valley districts from Chapelizod to Clane, has been lobbying for the conservation of the Valley's landscapes. When opened to the public it will be a delightful public amenity that locals and visitors can enjoy. It will also link into Lucan Demesne Park, providing a greenway direct to Leixlip.

This Sunday the Alliance will have a stand at Lucan Festival on the Village Green. With the support of Lucan Planning Council we are bringing back the birds which have been a big attraction at previous festivals. We are looking forward to meeting many of our loyal supporters and attracting some new members.

Irene Nugent, Secretary



All in festive mood this weekend!

Birdie is going to take it all in - from Buffalo and Dinosaurs, to the little animals at the petting farm, and of course we'll cheer on our little Ducks

as they warm up for their race.

If its entertainment you want, look no further than Saturday afternoon in the grounds of Lucan House, and all through the Village on Sunday afternoon. Fun for all guaranteed.....



This lad was keeping an eye on preparations in the Village, this week!

Lucan House - According to media reports, South Dublin County Council have purchased Lucan House, for the mouth-watering sum of €15 million, and intend to keep the estate as a tourist facility.



Sounds a lot, but it must be remembered that the Italians have pumped money into the structure, and had they not purchased it many years ago, we could be looking at a shopping centre or housing on this site.

Telephone Kiosks to go! -We see that the four phone booths alongside the Griffeen (opposite Centra), are to be removed shortly. A sign of the times with everybody and anybody have access to a mobile phone. Time was when such a facility was the lifeline for a village.



Wonder what they'll do with them!

August Ramblings 2023

Firstly, welcome back to all the Lucan Newsletter Team. We trust you had a quiet sojourn in a heart's place with a smidgen of adventure.

As the seasons rush us to the year's fall, the trees remind us of their Autumn pallet to come.

Lucan Demesne has now twin bronze sculptures with 2 verses of poem "Little by Little" – the second one set at lower walkway near an ancient oak "Lady with Bustle" who leans over the river (maybe mesmerized by time and Anna Livia).

On high wires in St. Catherines, twittering swallows gave Farewell and Bienvenu for another year.

3 Tennis Courts being prepared in St. Catherines Park near car parks – all to be set for Wimbledon season.



It appears that the very sad Glenview House property has been acquired by a UK development company who specialize in nursing home projects – D.V. a reincarnation perhaps to an era of loving care.

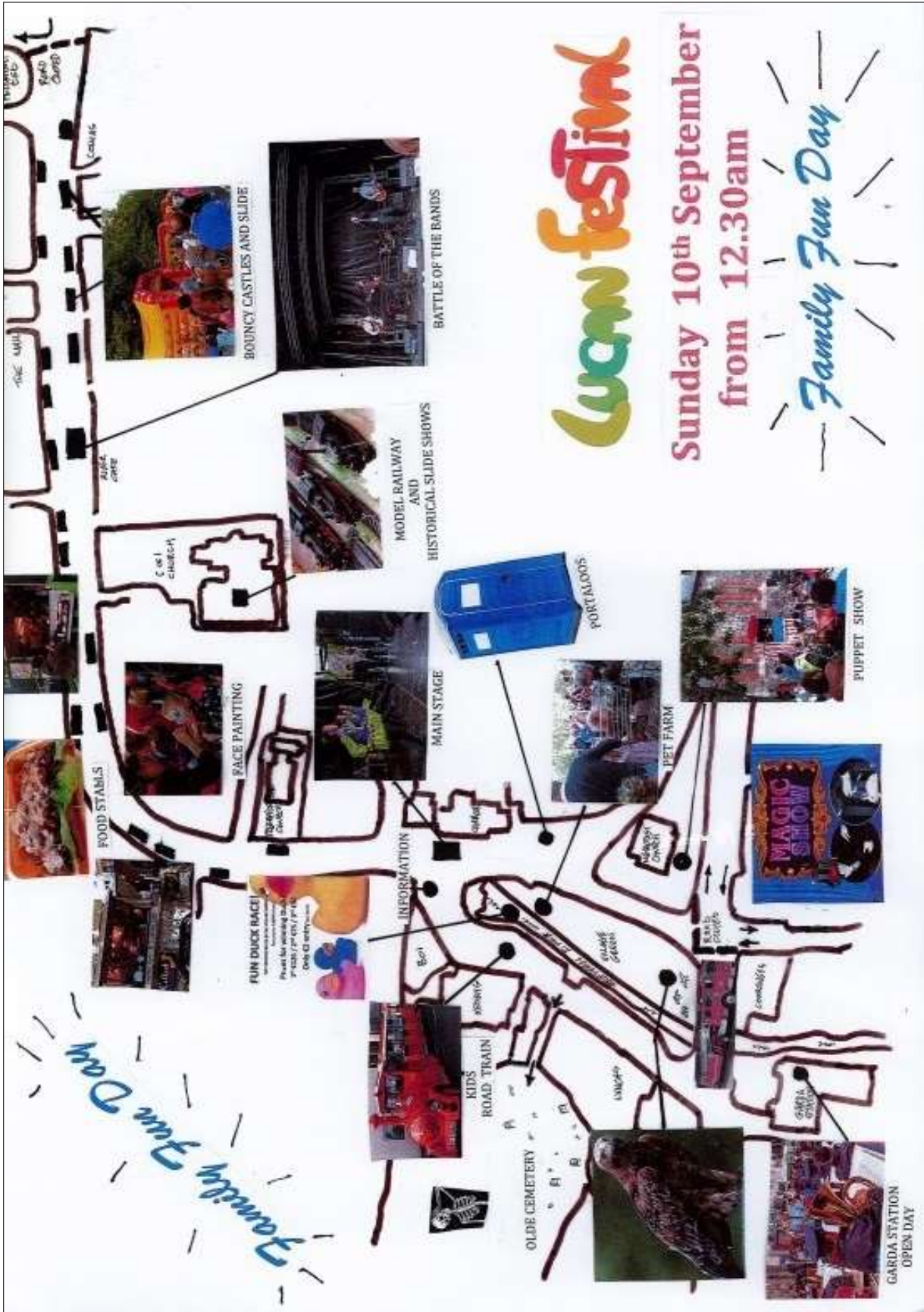
Joseph O'Connor's beautiful and timely poem "Blackbird in Dun Laoghaire", dedicated to his sister Sinead is such a heartfelt commemoration of his little sister.

As John O'Donoghue wrote: "May the invisible cloak of love mind our lives And may the protection of our ancestors be with us".

Brida L.C.

NOTE: The above item was held over from last week's issue, due to pressure of space. Many thanks to the contributor.

Family Fun Day



Luan Festival

Sunday 10th September
from 12.30am

Family Fun Day

GARDA STATION
OPEN DAY



SCHOOL NEWS



Third Year Student Hockey Success

Congratulations to 3rd Year student Ellen Birnie on being selected for the Leinster South U16 Interpro panel. Best of luck in your matches Ellen!

Lucan Community College

Welcome Back to School!

We were delighted to welcome back our students to Lucan Community College last week. Our new First Year students in particular have been settling in to Post Primary school life brilliantly with thanks to the support of Year Head Mr Carey and his team of tutors and of course our Fifth Year Gluais team who have been mentoring the First Year students. Second and Fifth Year students have shown great leadership to the younger students also. Our TY students got their year off to a great start with a trip to Causey Farm where they enjoyed the sunshine and tried their hand at some farm activities. Our Third and Sixth Year students have been settling in well and are ready to take on the challenges of the coming year with the continued support of their teachers. Evening Study will commence on September 11th (Application forms available from Mr Foley). We wish all of our students at Lucan Community College great success as they commence the new academic year!



Kickboxing Siblings get to the European Finals

Ryan Wade (Third Year) and Amy Wade (Fifth Year) were recently selected to represent Ireland at the 2023 WAKO European Championships, in Istanbul, Turkey. These Championships will take place from the 25th of August until the 3rd of September 2023. This is a fantastic achievement by these young athletes and is the result of many years of hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to both students for their success and a special mention to Amy who won a Bronze Medal!



Transition Year Trip to Causey Farm

Transition Years, along with their Year Head Ms Clarke, TY Coordinator Ms Higgins and the Tutor team, enjoyed an outing to Causey Farm yesterday to kickstart the year. Many thanks to their Year Head Ms Clarke and TY Coordinator Ms Higgins for organising a great day out.

Adult Education Classes

Lucan Community College

is looking forward to welcoming everyone back for Adult Education Classes with a **10 week** Autumn term on

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS,
starting on 19th & 21st September

Enrolment Online or on 12th & 14th September
in the school.

Interested in learning a new language or hobby and making new friends in the community? Lucan Community College evening classes are back this September for 10-week courses in...

Yoga, Pilates, Guitar, Italian, Spanish, French, Irish, Crochet, Knitting, Drawing, Watercolours & Acrylics, Tai Chi, Gardening, Fitness and Art Portfolio Preparation

All information is available on our website lucancc.ie

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Leaving Cert results: Congratulations to all of our Leaving Cert students who received their exam results on Friday 24th August. The results were issued directly to students through the State Examinations Commission's candidate self-service online Student portal at 10am. The school management and teachers were very happy with the grades as there were a high number of H1s achieved in the vast majority of subjects.

Five of our students attained over 600 points with three of them achieving the maximum of 625 points, while well over 50% of our LC students attained over 400 points. Of course, it was not all about the high achievers on Results Day.

The Learning Support Department are especially proud of the achievements of the students who they worked with over the years. Every student that availed of Learning Support passed their Leaving Cert in style this year so well done to each and every one of the students involved. The class of 2023 can finally breathe a well-earned sigh of relief easy now and reflect on a job well done!

The first round of CAO offers were made available to applicants online from 2pm on Wednesday 30th August. Successful applicants also received an email notification of the offer. Students had until 3pm on Tuesday 5th September to accept their offer.

The 2nd round of offers will be available online from Monday 11th September at 2pm.

School news: Mr. Brady, principal of Coláiste Phádraig since 2014, retired just last week after nine years at the CBS. Mr. Brady did a fantastic job in improving the infrastructure and appearance of the school in the belief that our students and staff deserved nothing but the best. He rightly believed that a very clean, bright, modern and pleasant physical environment would help set the stage for a positive, respectful, inspirational and motivational work and learning environment. Our school's infrastructure undoubtedly compares favourably with any of the best schools in the country right now.

The new school building contains eight bright, spacious, air-conditioned and well-equipped classrooms, plus a beautiful new library and an extremely well-designed ASD classroom. It is a wonderful addition to the school and a magnificent legacy for Mr. Brady to leave us. No expense has been spared in the past nine years providing our students with improved amenities and supports, all designed to allow each and every student fulfil his potential.

The current unprecedented demand for places in the school speaks volumes and is testament to the fantastic work Mr. Brady has done over the past 9 years. He will hopefully be back for our Open Night, to be held on Thursday 5th October 2023, when the new building will be officially opened. There was a lot of work done on the school over the summer months. The floors were all washed and polished, the windows were cleaned, the pitches were all reseeded, the oratory was painted and new blinds put up, the CCTV system around the school was updated and personalised ID cards were given to students that will be very useful in the years ahead, both in and around the school. The Home Economics room is still a work in progress and it is expected to be completed by December. The subject will be added to the options band for 5th yrs in Sept 2024.

Football: Congratulations to past-pupil Daire Newcombe who was part of the Dublin Senior Football team that defeated Kerry in the 2023 All-Ireland Final. Daire played the vast majority of the games throughout the season and he is an extremely valued and respected member of the panel. Well done also to Mr. Lyons on his role in Dublin's success as one of three selectors and it was great to see him and Daire celebrating on the pitch together at full time. There was a further school connection when the Dublin management team and panel went to the Mansion House with



the Sam Maguire for the traditional celebratory meal. The newly appointed Lord Mayor of Dublin turned out to be Daithí de Róiste, also a past-pupil of Coláiste Phádraig! The Lord Mayor was thrilled and honoured to meet and greet his former English

teacher in his beautiful new home and it made the whole occasion extra special and meaningful for Mr. Lyons. He even extended an invitation to Mr. Lyons to arrange a private visit for a group of our students to the Mansion House at some stage during the year. It is safe to say that we will be taking him up on his generous offer! Daire also plans to bring the Sam Maguire to the school in the coming days so we look forward to seeing him and congratulating him in person.

St. Joseph's College

Schools Back: We were delighted over the last week to welcome back all of our wonderful students. It was great to see all the excited faces returning to school and the enthusiasm for the year ahead. A special mention to our First Years who have settled in so well in their first week. We were also delighted to welcome back our wonderful staff and we wish them all the best for the year ahead. We would like to thank all of the builders who worked tirelessly over the 12 week summer break to complete phase two of our building project. We are delighted with our new surroundings and are very excited for the opening of phase one in November.

Leaving Certificate Results: Huge Congratulations to our Leaving Certificate Students on their amazing results. Their commitment and hard work of the students and the staff definitely paid off. We are so proud of each and every one of you. We wish you all the best for the future as you embark on the next stage of your lives.

Debs: On Thursday the 7th of September our class of 2022 will have their DEBs dance, this will take place in Dunboyne Castle and we hope they thoroughly enjoy the occasion.

are straight into the a team building day where they visited causey farm. They enjoyed multiple activities and even had time to make some homemade brown bread.

Best of Luck: Best wishes to Jennifer Guest, 5th Year student, who will be competing in the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Poznan, Poland from 7th - 10th September! Jennifer is one of 12 Salmon Leap Canoe Club athletes competing and first time for an All Female K4 from the club!

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Castletown House & Parklands

Meet the Keeper of Collections

Sunday, 10 September at 2pm

Join the Keeper of Collections, David Hartley, as he guides you through the rooms of Castletown discussing recent acquisitions and loans that are housed here.

Hear about how artworks sold in the 1960's auction have made their way back to Castletown and also learn about some of the loan collections displayed here. Booking essential.

Email castletown@opw.ie

Culture Night

Friday, 22 September

We have a jam packed Culture Night to enjoy!

Meet the archivist, Nicola Kelly, and journey back to the past through the letters and documents housed at Castletown. The OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre will host a behind the scenes tour. Find out more about the collections in our care and explore over 400 years of Kildare history! Places are limited, so please book early.

Limited availability. Booking essential.

Email: omarc@mu.ie Time: 5pm.

Sex, drugs and rock n' roll - the 1960s has a reputation for parties. We journey further back to the past and scratch the surface of a history that would make the 1960s blush!

Limited availability. Tour time 6pm.

Booking essential.

Email: castletown@opw.ie to book your slot



Transition Year: Our transition year students had inductions to the Transition Year programme on a number of days last week and this week they

Adult Education Service

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2023.



These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification. The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners,
Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets),
Wellbeing,
Working with Microsoft Word,
Improving English and Communication Skills,
Digital Presentation,
Reception & Frontline Office Skills,
Medical Terminology, Payroll

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Want to be a leader in your community or organisation?

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan are running a fully funded 3 hour once a week programme, is now recruiting for October. This is a limited opportunity with a small number of places available. Get in touch to register your interest

Topics covered include:

Dare to Lead: A model of Personal and Professional Empowerment, Leadership Styles, Public Speaking.

Women's Voices: Feminist Analyses, The Personal Is Political: Invisible Power, Visible Exclusion, Community Structures, Voting Awareness, Local Government Structures, Making Women Visible. PLUS: Incredible Inspirational guest speakers!

Contact us: by phone/text or what's app on 089 611 2018/083 860 7847
or email lucan@womenscollective.ie

Storm Names for 2023 - 2024

Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands got their heads together once again to name the storms for the upcoming year. 21 names in total, and 7 have been chosen by Met Éireann, all dedicated to people in the world of science.



The Irish Selection:

Storm Agnes had been named after the Irish astronomer and science writer **Agnes Mary Clarke**, who died in 1907.

Storm Fergus, is in honour of scientist **Fergus O'Rourke**, who contributed to myrmecology and medical entomology before his death in 2010.

Storm Jocelyn, is in honour of **Jocelyn Bell Burnell**, an astrophysicist from Northern Ireland who discovered the first pulsating radio stars in 1967.

Storm Lilian, named after **Lilian Bland** (1878–1971), an Anglo-Irish journalist and pioneer aviator. She was the first woman in Ireland to build and fly an aircraft.

Storm Kathleen is dedicated to two Kathleen's - **Kathleen Kay McNulty Mauchly Antonelli** (1921–2006), who was one of the developers of computer programming, and **Kathleen Lonsdale** (1903–1971), an Irish crystallographer who demonstrated the crystal structure of benzene.

Storm Nicholas, named after physicist **Nicholas Callan** (1799–1864), who invented the induction coil that was used in early telegraphy and is still used in some electronic devices today.

Storm Vincent, named after **Vincent Barry** (1908–1975), an organic chemist best known for leading the team that developed the anti-leprosy drug clofazimine.

Hopefully, we won't see too many of those storms. Only two arrived last season – Storm Antoni (*named by the UK*), and Storm Betty (*names by Met Éireann*) – only a few weeks back.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Adamstown – Raised Paths:

The condition of paths generally in Adamstown is giving rise to concern, with several locations with raised, loose, and missing cobble block. These represent serious trip hazards. I am currently raising this with the Council, to conduct a detailed survey of all areas within their charge.

Sarsfield Park – SF Door Survey:

With Sinn Féin colleagues I was in Sarsfield Park in July to conduct a consultation in respect of the Council's proposed 'Age-Friendly Housing Development'. This helped to inform our survey and submission to officials. I've since delivered a copy of the report to residents – thank you to all the residents for your input! For a copy, just get in touch.

Lucan Festival:

A marvellous week with lots of exciting events ahead of a brilliant weekend with planned fireworks and much more. Well done to the organisers and everyone participating!

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Family Carers:

It was great to catch up with our local Family Carers office and to get the chance to chat through their pre budget submission. Carers do incredible work up and down the country and their skills and sacrifices should be better recognised and rewarded. Caring with Confidence is a free 8 week course Family Carers Ireland are running on Tuesday mornings in NCL-North Clondalkin Library from next week - 12th September. Email Grainne Tynan at gtynan@familycarers.ie or call [01 2210510/086 0213749](tel:0122105100860213749).

What if you could know the unknowable, change the unchangeable, accept the unacceptable, forgive the unforgivable and believe the unbelievable?
Could the impossible become possible?

Cllr. Paul Gogarty

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

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Grass Cutting:

Grass cutting has been affected by a number of broken machines which the Council has had difficulties obtaining parts for. I've suggested hiring cutting equipment to catch up on the backlog as some staff have had to be reallocated elsewhere. This is separate to the overgrown hedging blocking footpaths and cycleways which needs doing also.

Airlie Park:

The last delay relates to certification of the all-weather pitch which is due imminently. All things going well, the new park should be available to the public in the coming weeks.

Lucan Pool:

SDCC are hopeful that Lucan pool may still be completed by 26th October. I'm still sceptical, especially as the footpath fence opposite the adjacent schools is scheduled to remain in situ for six weeks. Hopefully we are getting closer. I will pass on any updated information asap.

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Airlie House:

During the summer I contacted the Council to raised deterioration in the condition of Airlie House, which is a listed building in the Adamstown development. I was advised that on foot of a complaint from the Architectural Conservation Officer will contact representatives from Quintain as a matter of urgency to ascertain the current situation on site and take the appropriate action in accordance with Part IV of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Council Meeting:

The September Council meeting takes place on Monday 11 September from 3.30pm to 7. It can be viewed on line at <https://sdcc.public-tv/core/portal/home>



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



The club is deeply saddened by the passing of Sean Walsh

Sean was born in Lucan in 1937 and from an early age was very active in Lucan Sarsfields playing both hurling (his first love) and football with the club. It was all hands on deck in those days and from the age of 16 he also helped with club administration and other duties. In the early 70's he helped the club re invigorate its juvenile section setting up under 11 teams and managing one of the teams to win the South Dublin Championship, beating Kilmacud and Ballyboden on the way!

He subsequently became selector on the intermediate football team with his 3 sons, Eoin, Donal and Fergal playing on that team. Off the field he was Juvenile Chairman for years, amongst other offices and was a key driving force behind buying, developing and funding the 12th lock. He and his friend also set up the first Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic and he loved that day. He was both Club Person of the year and Honoured by the club with the Hall of Fame Award. In later years, he loved attending as many matches watching Lucan Sarsfields and his Grandchildren Luke, Colm and Dara play and meeting his friends at the matches. It was a huge part of his life. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Hurling: This weekend's action was round 4 of the adult hurling championship group stages. Despite clashing with a major cultural event in County Laois, Lucan managed to field four teams across the divisions, with our Junior B's perhaps fortunate to have a bye this weekend. Some of our players showed commendable commitment to sacrifice the attractions of Laois for a while to play a match, although the sight of EP wristbands only partly hidden by tape was perhaps an encouraging sign for the opposition!

Senior Hurling Championship:
Lucan Sarsfields 3-18 Whitehall Colmcille 1-21. O'Toole Park, Saturday 2/9/2023.

Intermediate Hurling Championship:
Commercials 0-22 Lucan Sarsfields 1-15. Rathcoole, Saturday 2/9/23.

Junior B Hurling Championship:
Na Fianna 1-14 Lucan Sarsfields 3-15. Mobhi Road, Sunday 3/9/23.

Junior G Hurling Championship:
Commercials 4-18 Lucan Sarsfields 1-6. Rathcoole, Sunday 3/9/23.

Football

JAC2 Championship 27/8/23, 11am, Rathcoole Park. Lucan 0-12 v 1-9 St Mary's

Coiste na nÓg / Juvenile

Well done to our U14c's who beat St. Judes in the Championship last weekend.



We have now reopened our Academy all children are welcome and the good news is that new members charge is only €20 for the rest of the year. Anyone interested in joining can contact Alan.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €3,000. The Numbers were 5, 14, 19, 25. The lucky dip prizes go to, Sinead Seeley, Cormac Gordon, Paul Quinn, Roisin Cleary. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,400. The draw is sponsored by Red Island Interiors, led by Diarmuid Dawson.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harriers 5 mile



Winners Peter Somba and Laura Buckley both Dunboyne AC, along with Colin O Gara and Maria Collins.

A thrilling finish to the Lucan 5km on Sunday (September 3) saw Peter Somba of Dunboyne AC catching Mick Clohisey of Raheny Shamrock AC with about 100 metres to go and then holding on for victory in a sprint for the line. Somba's time was 25 mins 5 secs, with Clohisey just one second behind. Third in 25:28 was David Scanlon of Rathfarnham WSAF AC in 25:28. Laura Buckley made it a Dunboyne double when she finished first woman in 30:35, with Aisling O'Connor of Rathfarnham WSAF AC second in 31:33 and Breda Smyth of host club Lucan Harriers third



and first W50 in 34:39. In a closely fought men's team competition, Lucan Harriers and Raheny Shamrock AC both finished on 50 points. With Cillian

Murphy 11th, Alex O'Brien 18th, and Will Byrne 21st, Lucan won on count-back. No such drama in the women's team competition where with Breda Smyth third, Ana Barbu fourth and Anne Whelan seventh, Lucan Harriers were comfortable winners ahead of Navan AC and Waterstown Warriors. A new Lucan-based club called Wolfpack RC was a close fourth. Other Dublin clubs represented included Donore Harriers, Civil Service AC, Crusaders AC, Love2Run AC, Sanctuary Runners, Polish Runners Club Ireland, Esker Running Group and Blackrock AC.

Article Courtesy of Lindie Dublin Athletics



Race Committee

Back L to R: Colin O Gara, Jer O Sullivan, Marie Collins, Gary Farrell

Middle: Edel Ennis, Vinny Murtagh

Front: Vicki Casserly, Jennifer Garland, Patricia Byrne and Sinead Murphy



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Buachaillí 2014 Peil

A chairde, bhí maidin álainn againn i Naomh Olaf!

Cluichí breátha sportúla agus bhí na leids go léir go hiontach.

Is iad go léir laochra na himeartha inniu!

Cailíní F8

Ar ais linn chun páirce maidin inné. Cluiche den scoth in aghaidh St Pats Palmerstown. Imreoirí iontacha idir an dá fhoireann. Ár gcéad lá ar ais agus muid chomh cróga agus láidir. Fuairéamar seans corn na mban Brendan Martin a fheiceáil chomh maith. Ar aghaidh linn le chéile

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week there was some hope that before the end of the Astronomical summer on 21st September we might get some good weather. Well, it has certainly come up trumps these past few days.

Paddy has been to Castletown House and its environs.

Castletown House was the first winged Palladian country house built in Ireland. It was constructed between 1722 and 1729 for William Connolly, the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons who was reputed to have been the wealthiest man in Ireland at the time of his death.



Donal has got as far as the Aran Islands and also submitted photos of owls and birds of prey picking up on Irene's phot last week.



Turning to the Aran Islands the islands' geology is mainly Karst limestone, related to the Burren in County Clare, not the granites of Connemara and one of Donal's photos shows the Karst landscape. Film buffs will know that the filming of "The Banshees of Inisherin" took place on Inishmore in August 2022 and will recall the 1934 fictional documentary, "Man of Aran" written and directed by Robert J. Flaherty

about life on the islands. Finally, John Millington Synge first came to the Aran Islands in 1898 looking for inspiration and to learn the Irish language. Synge's work, "Playboy of the Western World" was inspired by a story he heard while on the islands.

Until the next time stay safe!