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Where the old Railway ran – will it ever return?

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Editorial

The long-awaited re-opening of the Levenmouth Rail Link will hopefully re-energise what used to be a very popular spot for a summer holiday, particularly favoured by folk from the somewhat damper Glasgow and West of Scotland. What attracted them then, in the days before the era of the package holiday, tempting people to venture to pastures new abroad, will hopefully attract them again now — beautiful beaches, bracing sea air, and access to the 183 km Fife Coastal Path which runs from Kincardine to Newburgh, linking the Forth and Tay estuaries, and parts of which follow the track of the long-defunct railway. The Path is divided into easily managed sections, taking walkers through a great variety of scenery, and a multitude of wild-life. The town of Leven itself offers a variety of shops selling coffee, fish and chips, ice-cream etc! And don't forget the Fife Heritage Railway, which continues to attract many visitors. Let us appreciate what is on our doorstep, take care of it for future generations and provide a warm welcome to those who come from further afield to join us in doing just that!

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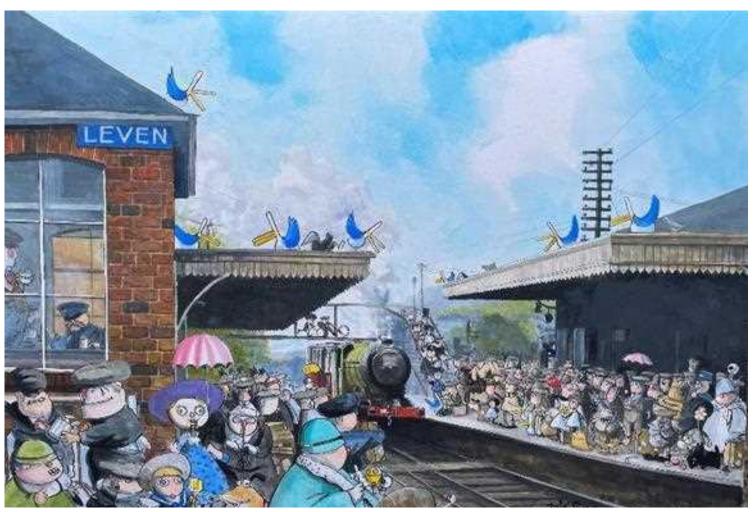
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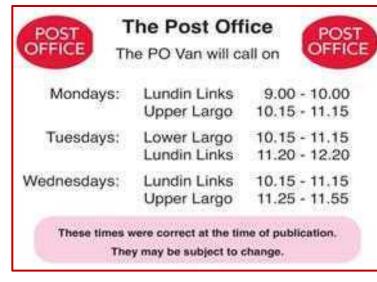
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Largo's Railway Years

When the railway network first reached Leven in 1854, plans were quickly drawn up to extend the line further eastwards. The East of Fife Railway extension to Lundin Links, Largo and Kilconquhar opened for traffic on 11 August 1857. The most difficult and costly element of this extension was the construction of the imposing four-arch viaduct over the Keil Burn at Lower Largo. According to newspaper reports, the day when the first passenger train ran over the line was an occasion of "high spirits" and "general rejoicing". The engine and coaches had been decorated with evergreens. Banners were displayed at the stations - one of which read "Wha wad hae thocht it?". And what a sight it must have been at first to see the 'iron horse' passing over the new viaduct, high above the harbour and spinning mill at Lower Largo.

Not only did the new rail link carry visitors seeking to take the sea air but it carried all manner of goods, from livestock to cotton cake and even seaweed for use as fertiliser. The line extended further east in 1863, opening up even greater movement of agricultural and fisheries produce. The railway also supported a range of jobs for local people. Census records show that occupations in the villages included station manager, station agent, signalman, porter, clerk, surface man, plate layer, fencer, fireman and gate keeper. The railway became an integral part of local life and steam trains a familiar sight and sound.

The original humble station buildings were upgraded as train usage increased. Largo station was upgraded in 1894 and Lundin Links in 1905. The latter work included a booking office, a general waiting room and a ladies' waiting room. The platform was greatly lengthened. The station master and his family were given an improved dwelling house. Meanwhile, the station at Largo was often awarded prizes for 'best kept' station over the years. Beautiful flower beds, a sundial and even a shell-covered model of the Flying Scotsman graced its garden at one time.

The combined movement of visitors coming to Largo from Edinburgh and Glasgow, and local people travelling in the reverse direction on day trips, saw record-breaking passenger numbers at the two local stations in April 1929. However, the heyday of the railway in Largo could not last. As car ownership grew and foreign holidays became affordable, passenger numbers waned. After over a century, the railway line through Largo and Lundin Links was axed as part of the efficiency-seeking 'Beeching cuts'. The last passenger train ran on 5th September 1965. Goods services were withdrawn on 18th July 1966. The line was officially closed on 18th December that year. A few years later the station buildings were demolished. The sense of loss lingered long. While Leven was reconnected to the railway network earlier this year, Largo will have to be content with relics from its railway heritage, such as the viaduct, the 'Railway Inn' and our lovely

stretch of the Fife coastal path.

those interested can read more about local history at lundinlinks.weebly.com

Twinning

LACC was delighted to receive a delegation from the town of Villennes-sur-Seine in May led by their mayor Jean-

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the second stage of the twinning process between the two towns. A series of commemorative events, both formal and informal, was organised



including the planting of an oak tree in the grounds of Lundin Mill primary school — "as the tree grows, so will the friendship grow between the two communities." Also included were visits to the Fife Energy Park, a whisky distillery, a tour of the East Neuk and a visit to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club in St Andrews.

On Saturday 18th of May, the day started with a parade through Lower Largo led by Methil & District Pipe Band – a resounding success with a large turnout from the Largo area joining the parade. Children were encouraged to come in

French/Scottish themed fancy dress. The following meal at the Crusoe Hotel was attended by MP Wendy Chamberlain, MSP Jenny Gilruth, Provost Jim Leishman and local councillors; the deputy French Consul for Scotland was also in attendance, and all gave speeches to commemorate the occasion. A ceilidh was held in the Durham Hall that evening.



As a follow-up to the visit, links are being established between the primary schools in each community, the Lundin Golf Club, the Lundin

Links Sports Club and the Lundin Links Bowling Club. It is hoped that future exchange visits can be arranged between these groups and that our friendship and bonds between the two communities will continue to flourish and grow.

Matt Allan, Chair, LACC

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Let's Create a Dementia Friendly Community



It's vital that people living with dementia feel recognised, valued and supported in their local community.

By learning just a little bit more about dementia, and making some simple but practical changes, you can make a big difference.

A dementia friendly community is made up of anyone who wants to come together to make their local area more welcoming for people living with dementia - everyone from

shop assistants, public service workers, faith groups, businesses, police, fire and ambulance staff; to bus drivers, school pupils, local clubs and societies, and community leaders. Dementia Friends Scotland is an Alzheimer Scotland initiative to raise awareness of dementia and reduce the stigma that surrounds the condition. Individuals living with dementia, their family members and friends can become afraid to go out into the world and thus face social isolation. This may happen because of a loss of confidence or fear that something 'bad' will happen. Raising awareness of dementia in the local community and providing training to individuals and businesses can allow people living with dementia, their families and friends to venture outside secure in the knowledge that they will be safe, cared for and understood.

Largo Area: Becoming Dementia Friendly.

During our recent community planning process, supporting those affected by dementia emerged as a key priority.

Did you know?

- Over 90,000 people in Scotland live with dementia.
- 1 in 3 people will develop dementia in their lifetime.

Dementia is everyone's business.

Let's learn more and create a supportive community together.

Become a Dementia Friend

In-person training in The Largo Area

- Paxton Centre, Lundin Links, Saturday 5th October 10am-11am
- Simpson Institute, Upper Largo Thursday 17th October 2pm-3pm
- Durham Hall, Lower Largo Thursday 31st October 6,30pm-7,30pm

Or learn more at: https://www.dementiafriendsscotland.org

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COVERING LUNDIN LINKS AND THE LARGOS

Editor's Note: In the 1950s, although Largo and Lundin Links were in the catchment area for Buckhaven High school, a small group attended Waid Academy, travelling to Anstruther on the 8:25 am train from Largo, returning on the train which reached Largo at 4:30 pm. A contribution published in the Waid Academy Magazine of July 1955 follows.'

On the footplate

It was one of the really hot days last June, and I had my head out of the carriage window in an endeavour to keep cool. The train was slowing down as it approached Elie station, where it always stops for water, causing a delay of several minutes. As we stopped, the fireman jumped out of the cab, and climbed on to the tender. The driver climbed down after him, and when he had handed the water pipe up and turned on the water, he sauntered along the platform, cap in hand, and started chatting to me.

"It's awfu' hot the day", he said, "you're jolly lucky in that cool carriage – here's me roastin' on the engine!"

"Well, let's change places!", I joked.

"So you want a hurl on the engine? Ah well, come on up!" As he seemed to be in earnest, I immediately jumped out of the carriage and strolled with him along to the engine.

"Jump up!" shouted the driver, "I'll need tae turn aff the watter!" I stood in the cabin, gazing at all the wheels and dials for some minutes, but soon the driver and his mate were both on the footplate, and the driver beckoned to me to sit on the right-hand seat, obviously the fireman's.

As the guard waved his flag, the driver glancing quickly at the starting signal,

gave a short blast on the whistle, and, as he tugged on the regulator, the locomotive sprang to life with a loud hiss.



climb the fairly long hill out of Elie, and we did not get up much speed until after Kilconquhar – in fact it was not until we rounded the curve just after Kilconquhar West signal box that the loco really "got into her stride".

The sweating fireman was constantly feeding the fire, now glowing a bright orange. The cabin was vibrating violently. The powerful class B1 4-6-0 rocked along the straight three and a half mile stretch between Kilconquhar and Largo at a good 55 m.p.h. as I learned later. The roar in the cabin was deafening and it was impossible to speak. It certainly was hot, but the perpetual drafts made up for this. All too soon the driver closed the throttle, and the fireman, putting down his shovel, lifted from its hook the tablet which would be exchanged at Largo.



As the train shuddered to a standstill in Largo station, I shouted to the driver that I got

off there, and I was soon down on the platform. Hardly had I time to thank him for my thrilling experience when the guard waved his flag, and, pulling the regulator, the driver once more started the train on the next stage of its journey.

Railway Memories

Your photograph of the train crossing the viaduct in your Spring edition brought back so many memories. My parents' house with the dormer windows in Burnbrae Terrace is in the background.

During the summer, my father commuted to Edinburgh by train. On his return, my mother would see the train stop at the signal outside the house and



put the kettle on. If she missed the signal, she knew that the train was on its way because the house shook as it passed. My younger sister remembers joining him to attend school in Edinburgh. She also remembers railway outings on the train to the Lammas Fair in St Andrews. Carriages had separate compartments, with two bench seats facing each other - no corridor, no toilets. My mother used to open the window as we passed through Kirkcaldy so that we could clear our lungs by breathing in the linseed oil smell from the linoleum factory. My parents bought their house in 1960. Our front room window looked out to the caravan site and the gas works, with its adjoining showroom. It was a short walk down the lane to Mrs Forté's chip shop, then over the bridge to the Rio Cafe. On the way down the lane, we would stop under the viaduct and whisper messages to each

other that resonated under the arch. (Try it - it still works).

We first came to Largo on the train in 1950. It was a day trip from Edinburgh to visit my father's aunt who took a cottage

in Main Street, but we had to stay the night, because we missed the train home. For many years after that, we would come over to Lundin Links on the train, carrying our luggage up the hill from the station to the Elmwood Hotel in Links Road. The hotel overlooked the tennis

courts and the bowling green. (No squash court then, but there was a putting green). After we moved to Burnbrae Terrace, there was always a panic to catch the train back to Edinburgh from Lower Largo station. You could see the smoke from the engine as it came round the bay from Elie, and we would pant our way up the lane behind Main Street. Thankfully there was a pause at the station because the single-track line meant that trains had to wait there until the one coming in the opposite direction could pass.

Most of my memories of the railway involve steam trains, but latterly they introduced a diesel train. If you were lucky, you could get a seat in the compartment directly behind the driver to see the view down the length of the Forth Bridge as we crossed into Fife.

Alan D. Melvin

How Do You Create a Railway?

You get a small group of very determined people and pester everyone you can think of for five years!

The success of LMRC was based on having a clear strategy and being persistent enough to ignore the many setbacks. We started by defining our aim, which was NOT to build a railway but to help regenerate our community. - the line was simply the means. We then identified the key decision-makers- in this case MSPs and other elected representatives - and made sure our wish was kept in their focus. We wrote and distributed a booklet to all members in Fife Council, at Holyrood and at Westminster; we had regular personal contact with all Fife MSPs and kept them informed; we regularly nagged Network Rail, Transport Scotland, Scotrail and any other body we thought would help.

Our case was that reopening the line was the one project that would help rescue a community from 50 years of social and economic decline.

The bones of the campaign lay with the monthly Action Meetings - we're now at number 110 - which were/are open to anyone. They provided the emotional support and planning strategies we required to keep going. From there we gradually gained the support of the wider community including a 12,587-signature petition. We used local media including the East Fife Mail, the Courier and Kingdom FM along with frequent "Pop up" events on the High St, at fêtes and galas and generally spoke to anyone who

would listen. The response moved from amused derision to community support until that wonderful day in September 2019 when the then Transport Secretary told a delighted audience that the line would go ahead.

We'd finally reached the end of our line!

Cllr Eugene Clarke, Chair of the Levenmouth Rail Campaign (LMRC) 2014 until 2020 when the project was approved by the Scottish Government.



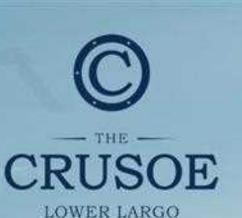
Largo Station in the 1950s

The railway then: -



and now:-

Fame at last! *The Times* included Leven Beach in a recent piece about 'Beaches that are within walking distance from a railway station,' alongside others such as Cromer and Whitby.



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Hello and Welcome!

A huge thank you to all our super Crusoe Kids for telling us what you've been up to recently. Don't forget, these are your pages, so speak to Mrs Gold at school if you want to share your stories with the local community. Hope it's not been too hard getting out of bed in time for school after the summer holidays!

The Railway Returns to Leven, by Lauren

It's been so many years since Leven lost its railway line. Closed to passengers in 1969. 2001 saw the last freight. But at last, we no longer have to wait. Opening to passengers again in June. Not long now, it seems so soon. We'll have days out in Edinburgh, in just a blink. Mum says dad can even have a drink! They've worked so hard to restore the line. To make sure that it will be ready in time. We will catch the train down by Leven pool. Hopefully, more days out when we're not in school. It will make life easier for tourists to see The beautiful East Neuk villages by the sea.



It's obvious to me, there can be no debate

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My trip to the Euros, by Isabella



This summer my Mum entered a competition in Lidl, and we won! The prize was a trip to the Euros to watch Scotland and be a team mascot on the pitch. Me and my sister couldn't decide

who would go, so we pulled bits of paper out of a hat. Annie won, but she let me go! I went to Germany with my Dad. We went on a plane from Edinburgh to Holland, and then we got a bus to Cologne for the match. We spent three days in Cologne. It was pouring rain at first and the city was full of Scotland fans in kilts singing, dancing and drinking beer. Everyone wanted to help us sing the national anthem when they found out why we were there. The second day was the day of the match, Scotland versus Switzerland. I spent all day at the stadium with the other mascots from Scotland and Switzerland, playing games and rehearsing what we had to do so that it would be perfect when we did it properly. Just before the match started, I walked

onto the pitch with the Scotland team. It was so loud, and it felt AMAZING! We all sang the national anthem with the crowd. I walked out with Che Adams. Some of the players



were shouting and encouraging each other but he was quite quiet. When we were in the tunnel, I said to him "Good luck, do your best." He said, "Thank you." I met so many new friends, it was amazing, and I'll remember it for the rest of my life.

The Big Dip, by Jaime



I went to the Leven Big
Dip on Sunday 28 July. I
was really excited to go.
It was a world record
attempt to have the
most people come
together in a big line
and dip into the cold

water at Leven beach. I thought it was a fun way to get donations for a charity called Megan's Space, a mental health charity for children and young adults. It was really successful because 500 people

came. Anyone could turn up and you didn't have to pay anything. They did ask if you could give



a donation — as little or as big as you wanted — to Megan's Space. If you wanted to go you had to get a wrist band so that they could count how many people went. They sold hoodies with the Leven Big Dip logo on it and green and blue Megan's Space t-shirts. I enjoyed going and had a lot of fun. There were a few jellyfish, but I don't think anyone got stung. I stayed in for a swim after the dip but came out after we saw a floating poo in the water! But overall, I enjoyed it a lot and found it really fun!

Puzzle Page

Countries with a 'Z' in their names

Can you find the	following countries in the
grid	to the right?

AZERBAIJAN	BELIZE
BRAZIL	CZECHREPUBLIC
KAZAKHSTAN	KYRGYZSTAN
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1 In this list of countries, there is one which is omitted, because its name is too long for the puzzle! Can you name it?

Brainteasers

- 2 In the list are several countries which used the CYRILLIC or ARABIC alphabets. In these languages 'Z' appears as a '3' or a '3'. Can you find two countries in the list (they use the LATIN alphabet, just as we do) which do NOT have the 'Z' in their names in the local language? Instead they use an 's' and a 'c'.
- 3 Can you find a word, in ENGLISH, which has three double letters in a row! (There is a hint below!)
- 4 In each group there is an odd one out. Which is it, and why?

Carolina, Georgia, Lucia, Virginia blunder, carp, flounder, skate Fife, Grampian, Highland, Lothian ales, care, wool, hall 5 Countdown. Use these numbers, with the signs + - x ÷ to make the number shown in bold.

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100	50	25	9	4	1	458
100	75	50	25	5	2	599

3.

Place six coins in a row, with three tails on the left, three heads on the right.





In THREE moves, can you make them alternate tails and heads?

A MOVE consists of flipping (NOT swapping) two adjacent coins.

(Hint) It has to do with counting money.

Solutions on page 31

Dover sole with tomato and cucumber

A late summer dish, and since Dover is the end of a line for a train station it matches Leven as our new station is also the end of the line. Both places are next to the sea where Dover sole is available! If not available now, ask for Coley.

Dover sole is possibly, along with turbot, the king of fish, prized for its firm texture

and great flavour often called "black" sole in Scotland. It is traditionally served whole, skinned, dusted with flour and



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cooked in butter with a squeeze of lemon.

– Sole Meuniere - but for this recipe ask your fishmonger to fillet it for you. – Keep the bones for fish stock!

A lovely summer dish as tomatoes and cucumbers are both in season in greenhouses all over the country! I love the freshness of this and the unexpected crunch after the unctuousness of the fish and tomato.

Christopher Trotter

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INGREDIENTS

½ Cucumber

3 ripe tomatoes blanched, skinned, quartered, and de-seeded

3 Dover soles, filleted

A little plain flour for dusting

1 tblsp chopped chives

1 tblsp chopped chervil

1 tblsp olive oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

30g butter

1 tsp lemon juice

METHOD

- Peel and cut the cucumber lengthwise into quarters and remove and discard the seeds, cut into small chunks.
- Dice the tomatoes into similar size chunks and mix with the herbs.
- Take a frying pan and heat with a little oil, lightly dust the sole fillets in flour and cook on both sides until lightly browned, set aside and keep hot.
- Add the butter to the pan and as it melts add the cucumber chunks, cook for a few minutes as the butter turns lightly brown. Throw in the tomatoes, herbs and lemon juice. Season lightly.
- Serve the fish on 4 hot plates with the buttery tomato and cucumber scattered over

Big Picnic Success & Building Community Together in Largo

What an incredible day we had at the Big Picnic on June 9th! The sunshine, music and fun made it a truly unforgettable experience. A massive thank you to the Largo Area Resilience Group for their organisation and especially to each and every one of you who came out and made the day so special.



We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and contributions from our amazing local groups and individuals:

- Largo Area Mums & Toddlers and The Hatti Group: Your colourful play area was a hit with the little ones!
- Andrew Steed Magical Storyteller: Your captivating tales transported us to another world.
- Open Sea Band: Your uplifting music created the perfect party atmosphere.
- Lower Largo Friendship Group: Your potted sports kept everyone active and engaged.
- Ukrainian Community: Your delicious food was a true highlight.
- Kirkton of Largo: Your home-baking was mouthwatering.
- Messy Church: Your kids' activities were a joy to watch.
- Paxton Centre: Your crafts, sweets, guizzes, and raffle added to the fun.
- Friends of Largo Bay: Your dedication to conservation is inspiring.
- Riding for the Disabled: Amazing projects and activities.
- Lundin Sports Club: Your open doors, activities, and refreshments were much appreciated.
- The Bowling Club: Your ice cream, bar, and warm welcome were a delight.
- Hatti Group: Your face-painting brought smiles to many faces.
- Upper Largo Horticultural Society: Your plant sale was a success.
- William Morrison: Your River Leven bench poems project is a wonderful initiative.
- Donald Low: Your impressive kite added a touch of magic to the sky.

And to everyone else who contributed in countless ways: thank you! It was heartwarming to see our community come together in such a joyful celebration.

Building a Stronger Community Together

Largo Communities Together (LCT) as a development trust is proud to be a part of this thriving community. As many of you know, we are an unincorporated group of volunteers working to strengthen our community and promote collaboration.



Inspired by the success of community development trusts across Scotland, we have formed several subgroups and projects focusing on key areas for instance:

- Resilience: Building our capacity to adapt and thrive in the face of challenges.
- Assets and Access: Building a picture of pathways and access points across the Largo Area
- Friends of Largo Bay: Protecting and enhancing our beautiful coastline.
- Community Council Collaboration: Working with our Community Council on the Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan to shape the future of our area.

We believe that by working together, we can achieve great things for Largo. We welcome your ideas, energy, and involvement. Please reach out if you'd like to learn more or get involved in our work

LCT and LACC

Many people have asked us what the differences are between the Largo Communities Together (LCT) and the Largo Area Community Council (LACC) are. They play distinct yet collaborative roles in enhancing our community. LCT is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and development trust which focuses on delivering tangible projects and initiatives to benefit the community. LACC (who meet monthly) are the official representative body, advocate for residents' interests and provide a platform for local voices. This partnership is exemplified in our joint efforts to develop the Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan, which we hope will support a thriving Largo Area community. LCT's subgroups, for example Friends of Largo Bay and the assets and access group, work tirelessly on environmental protection, accessibility and community resilience and pathways projects complementing LACC's advocacy for local issues. We are also developing other projects in line with our community action plan findings which we will be reviewing in November.

Drop us a line on Priya@largoct.org.uk to find out about getting involved.

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Friends of Largo Bay Update



We had a fantastic turnout for our beach clean on July 20th, removing a staggering 43kg of rubbish from the beach! A huge thank

you to all our dedicated volunteers. During volunteer week we also highlighted a few of our core volunteers on social media as we are a grassroots community group who rely on the passion and generosity of local people! As Marine Conservation Society Sea Champions, we contribute our data to the National Stats and the Beachwatch Report, influencing policy decisions on plastics and litter across the UK. We also organised an inland litter pick on the same day, collaborating with Peacehaven and Lundie Mill Primary School. We look forward to more such initiatives throughout the year, as it's crucial for everyone to feel ownership of our beautiful beach and area and not everyone can easily access the beach - something that we hope will

On June 26th, a group of 14 volunteers

wheelchairs and path upgrades at some

change with the arrival of the beach

braved the elements to identify seaweeds on Massney Braes.

point in the future.



The data collected will contribute to the wider understanding of the impact of global warming and acidification on our seas. This research is carried out by the Natural History Museum and Marine Conservation Society.

Largo Arts Week 2024

During Largo Arts Week, we hosted an information point at Temple Car Park from 10 am to 3 pm over the final weekend. Visitors had the opportunity to meet our volunteers, learn about our activities, and even borrow rock pooling equipment to explore the diverse marine life of Largo Bay.

We're passionate about continuing to collect and learn about the many species of Largo Bay. We're excited to announce a special publication around Christmas that will share more about the beautiful species in our area. This publication will also include interactive activities, making it a fun and educational resource for all ages.

We are also excited about collaborating on the Beach Wheelchair Project. We need volunteers to help organise this initiative and our other upcoming events, so please email us at largobay@largoct.org.uk if you'd like to learn more or get involved.

We welcome your support in our mission to protect, preserve, and make Largo Bay's beauty more accessible to all.

Largo Links Deliverers

Our Community Magazine is delivered to around 1600 households and many commercial premises. It could not be done without the fantastic efforts of many who pound the streets 'posting' each issue.

The group met at the Upper Largo Hotel for a couple of hours as a thank-you. They organised coffee & scones for about 40 people. This was on February 23rd 2024. As many as could make that date, from the Editorial and the Delivery Teams, came along. A good time was had by all. One of the staff took the group photo, which is shown on the right.

If you were there, can you recognize yourself? *Irene Kay*





I asked Iain Green if he would do a cartoon of this group (and Finn, with his ball) outside The Stables. He said that it was his 'busiest' drawing. It was a present from me to James on his 80th birthday.



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Upcoming Walks:

Saturday 28th September Saturday 26th October Saturday 23rd November Saturday 28th December

You'll find further details on Coastbusters - community walking group Facebook page.

If you're not on social media, get in touch with Yvonne Stephenson tel/email:

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- Saturday 10am-1pm

Upcoming Events:

Events are currently in the planning stages: there will be a Film Night on the evening of 27th September and hopefully also in December. We will celebrate Book Week (Scotland) 18-24 November— with events on the theme of Scotland's Stories. Book Bairns story reading sessions for primary school children will be held at 3.15pm every Tuesday (including school holidays). Just turn up and a book will be chosen to suit the age group attending.

The children's section in the Library is updated and refreshed every season and

an interactive activity is always available. We want to hear what you like to read and what you would like us to do for you in the Library. Bring your parents along and see what's going on.

As well as a huge selection of books to borrow, the Library offers:

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- Free Wi-Fi
- Space for community groups to hire (outwith library opening times) £10 per hour or, for regular groups, £2 donation per person attending.

Our local Library is a community resource, run by volunteers and relying on donations and funds raised at our events and by groups using our facilities. All proceeds go towards the running costs. Support us by coming along to our events, becoming a member (free) and borrowing books.

Information about events will be posted on the

website www.largolibraryfife.org.uk Email us at largolibraryfife@gmail.com. or pop in and see what is on offer.

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Readers write.....

Largo Cricket Club

Articles in the previous issue and last year claiming that the club was founded in 1983 is somewhat misleading, giving the impression that it had not been in existence before. On 12 Jan 1949 the Leven Mail announced that in Largo a band of enthusiasts had formed a cricket club and had been gifted a piece of land, "The Paddock", by Mr Makgill Crichton near the Church and Largo House.

The first Honorary Secretary was George

The first Honorary Secretary was George Donaldson (James Donaldson and Son, Timber Merchants) with the first game being played on 30 April 1949 against Wemyss & District.

Other local teams at that time were Henry Balfour and Windygates. Whilst still at school I was asked to play for Largo by the Buckhaven High School gym teacher Tom Pearson (who became Chairman of Selectors for Scottish Rugby).

I remember playing for Largo against St Andrews University whose team included M K Elgie who went on to play Test Cricket for South Africa. This being the time of apartheid he also played eight times for Scotland Rugby as a centre back when he was at St Andrews. He batted right-handed and bowled slow left-arm. My crowning glory was scoring a run off his bowling. He is now aged 91 years.

The club folded in the 50s due to the lack of sufficient players, exacerbated by the fact National Service was still ongoing until final discharge in 1963. *A Lawrie*

Spotted in Issue 15, p10

Puzzle Page refers to "thistles" on the three pence coin. This is in fact "sea thrift" and not thistles.

The beautiful pink sea thrift is currently in bloom along the coast and it is this species which featured on the thruppence.



Also known as "sea pink", sea thrift is probably the most iconic flower at the seaside. It grows on sand dunes, on shingle, on salt marshes and on rocky cliffs.

It can be found all around Scotland's coastline, particularly on the west coast, with magnificent blooms taking place in mid to late spring. Sea thrift forms dense tufts of grass like evergreen leaves at the base of the stem. Growing on the leafless stem are clusters of pink or lilac flowers with rounded petals.

Sea thrift grows in a compact spongy cushion, which evolved to protect the ground under the plant by preventing soil erosion. Helping to prevent plant dehydration via its roots. Large clumps of Sea thrift can be up to 100 years old! This species is highly salt tolerant enabling it to survive in these harsh habitats. In Britain, from 1937 to 1952, Sea Thrift was depicted on the back of the old three pence coin (thruppence).

Largo Parish Church



Stirred by the Storm is the title of a newly-published book. Written by two experienced Church of Scotland ministers, the book pulls no punches on the current challenges facing the Church of Scotland.

Drawing on their national and international experience of ministry, the Revs Ian Gilmour and Bill Clinkenbeard argue that although many individual congregations continue to thrive, the church as a whole

lacks vision. Written to stimulate discussion among thoughtful and concerned ministers, elders and church members, at the heart of their argument is the need for the church to reconnect with the people it is seeking to serve.

Inspired by the great German theologian and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who said that the church exists for the good of humanity, Ian and Bill believe that the church is at its best when congregations are at the heart of community life, providing care and support for people in need, and celebrating all that is good in the lives of local people.

A CHURCH FAMILY AT THE HEART OF LARGO COMMUNITY

As evidenced during Largo Arts week when it ran a very successful café in the Durham Hall, Largo Parish Church showcased some of the ways it is engaged in and contributes towards community life. As well as enjoying some lovely home baking with their tea and coffee, visitors to the café had the chance to browse through the various stalls advertising the work of Christian Aid (did you know one of its founding members is a former minister of Largo, the Rev Douglas Lister?) Crossreach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland, Blythswood who organise the annual Christmas shoe-box appeal (last year Largo Church and Lundin Mill Primary filled over 200 shoe boxes), Home Start, the charity which provides practical care and support to many local families, and the Guild, which is supporting the Vine Trust providing medical care in Africa and South America.

COMMUNITY GARDEN BEHIND THE STABLES AT THE CHURCH

Have you visited the new community garden at Largo Parish Church?

Led by our children's and family worker, Fiona Ramsay, six raised beds have been created, each one being looked after by a different community group including the care home, Peacehaven. And alongside the raised beds, Fiona has plans to develop what is a beautiful and peaceful space into a meditative garden.

DURHAM HALL

When the former St David's church was sold — and great to see plans are afoot to develop it as a community resource — the money was set aside to renovate the Durham Hall. Architects have been commissioned and the work to renovate the exterior of the building is due to start in the coming weeks. Attention will then turn to the kitchen and toilets and the interior of the building so it too will be a building fit for purpose and available to the wider community for parties, meetings and events.

SUNDAY WORSHIP DIARY -10.30am in the Church unless otherwise stated

September

- 01 Celebration of the Lord's Supper in Largo Church 10.30am, Durham Hall 3.00pm
- **08** Morning Worship
- **15** A Pet Service led by **the** Reverend Jane Barron and Fiona Ramsay bring your dogs and cats and hamsters and rabbits and a BBQ in the Orchard following the Service
- 22 Morning Worship
- 29 Blythswood Service, Durham Hall 10.30am

October	November
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06 Harvest Thanksgiving Service **03** Morning Worship

13 Morning Worship **10** Remembrance Day Service in the Church

NB **10.45am**

20 Morning Worship **17** Morning Worship

27 Tear Fund Service, Durham Hall 10.30am 24 Morning Worship in the Durham Hall 10.30am

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church which has been meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings through the school holidays – and will return to its after-school Thursday afternoon slot during term time – has proved hugely popular. Dozens of children and families are now regularly engaged and enjoying a whole range of activities as well as something to eat.

A CHURCH AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

All of the above is just a snapshot of what your local congregation is doing to contribute to the health and well-being of the Largo community. Many more things are being planned — for example, good disabled access at the church, internet connectivity so we can live stream services — we would love you to become involved and help shape the life of your local church in the coming years.

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to find out about having your child baptised, or if you want to enquire about being married in the church, please contact Russell Barr at specification.cog. Russell is also available to support you in the event of a bereavement, and will be glad to help you arrange a funeral service.



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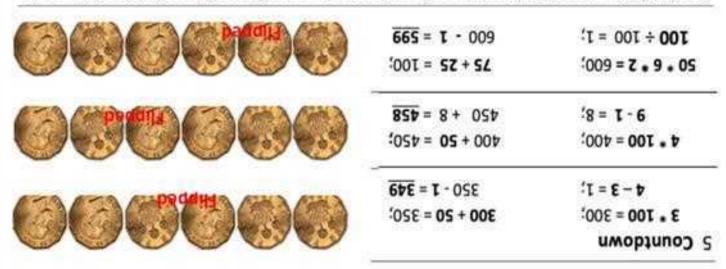
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Puzzle Solutions Page

Puzzler's Note: used this thruppeny coin on the puzzle page of Issue 15. I called the plant on the tail side Thistle. An alert reader wrote to tell me that it was really Sea Thrift. My apologies for misleading you, I used the 1944 version of the coin because that was my birth-year. I found it of interest that Thrift was used in World War II to remind people to spend money wisely.



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of them to make other words.

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3 BOOKKEEDER

Brainteasers

The theme for the next issue of Largo Links —out early December-will centre on our national Poet, Rabbie Burns. Do You have a tale to tell related to Burns that we could include in the next issue? Contact the editor: editorlargolinks@gmail.com

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Many years ago, we were en route to Oregon USA and broke our long journey there to stay at a friend's house in Cape Cod. Next door to them, the house wall was covered with fishing floats of all colours, netting and life belts. What a sight it was! We thought, we can do that as we have a blank wall on the outside of our house. So began our collection of seaside artifacts with a suitcase full of some, on our return from Cape Cod.

We have collected discarded floats on the beach and bits of rope, and Roy Shields has given us many pieces to add to our collection.

Perhaps the most unusual find was a life belt from a Greek ship named Bacchus (the God of wine, appropriately enough), registered in the port of Piraeus. Where did we find this? In a skip by the Great Western Road in Glasgow! How on earth did it get there!? Over the years we have replaced items that have blown off the wall in storms, that have been broken by being battered against the wall by the wind or just disintegrated with age. We're constantly adding to the collection and restoring some, we find fish plaques in shops here and abroad and paint them. It's become quite a hobby, and the wall fills up with them. We hope you enjoy looking at the wall as much as we like creating our colourful gable end.

Gerry and Alycia Best

Upper Largo Camera Club

The Camera Club includes a small group of friendly people interested in photography. The club aims to facilitate the development of its members' photographic skills.

We include local field trips, inhouse projects, constructive discussion on members' photographs and talks/advice on the use of their cameras.

Recent club projects were photographing on the theme of "Trees "and "Gardens"; we also had a talk on the subject of "Back to Basics".

We have produced photographs for Largo Links magazine

and photographs of "Upper Largo" to be used to decorate the Simpson Institute.

Meetings are normally at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in the Simpson Institute

If you would like to know more, contact Ian Macfarlane on 077525 96380 or at ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com

Home Appeal for Rescue Centre's Most Unwanted Dog

Bob is our longest serving resident at the Greyhound Rescue Fife centre (GRF); he needs a very special home. There have been a number of fund- and awareness-raising events for Greyhound Rescue Fife (GRF) by kindly Largo residents so we thought, in this edition, we would put out a special appeal for this exceptional dog.

Bob has been waiting for a home for well OVER 2 YEARS! He is only 4 years old and has spent all his life in a kennel.

Bob has never actually been raced and was a young adolescent when he arrived, initially full of joy and hope and would snuggle in for a cuddle and put his paw through the kennel bars to try to lure you back in for more affection.

But, over 2 years later, Bob is not thriving. Far from it. He is now sometimes an anxious boy and does not like to feel crowded. All the different walkers and volunteers have made him stressed and he needs to form a bond with just one or two people in a safe and calm environment. He is now so desperate to get out; he is also sometimes strong on the lead.

For these reasons, he would not do well in a home with young children or other small animals (although he does get on well with his fellow hounds). Instead, he needs to realise his potential in a quiet, experienced home where love is always on tap but is not overwhelming for him, particularly in the early settling-in days.



Bob is a very clever boy with an active mind. He loves zoomies, treats, toys and affection.

All the other dogs that came from the same race-ground at the same time over 2 years ago have found loving family homes, including Ollie who is now living the dream with his owners in Lower Largo.

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from Fife Voluntary Action's Communities Mental Health funding, our new Activities' Coordinator started recently. Her role is to develop and support activities in the centre. Target groups include disabled and elderly people, those with dementia, and their carers.



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Our Scrap Store is proving popular. It's open on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 noon. We are grateful to volunteer Joyce, for all her hard work in setting it up. Donations of surplus craft materials can be handed in during opening hours.

Reuse! Recycle! Repurpose!

Following a large donation of remnants, and a healthy stock of wool, we held

a very successful pop-up sale in July and raised nearly £600 in the first 4 days. Our thanks to everyone for donations and materials and to all our customers.

We received grant funding from the Community Recovery Fund and we've acquired planning permission for a large, wheelchair-accessible shed to support the activities of our volunteer gardening team. We're looking for more volunteers to join our team.

We are delighted to report that we will be celebrating Homelands' 10th birthday on 22 September in the Paxton Centre.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday / Sunday 17/ 18 August Pop-up shop.
- Thursday 24 October Swishing Evening.
- Saturday 2 November
 To Absent Friends supper, poetry & storytelling evening.





Volunteers' Week



During Volunteers' Week (June 3rd-9th), we celebrated the incredible individuals who make Largo Communities Together (LCT) and our associated projects thrive. Their dedication and passion are truly inspiring. Here are just a few of the amazing volunteers who shared their stories and insights:

- Jan Kerr: Championing equity and inclusion, particularly for those with disabilities.
- Carol Duff: Leading Friends of Largo Bay in protecting our precious coastline.
- **Jimmy Simpson:** Chairing the Pier Group.
- **Jill Miller:** Passionate about community engagement and finding ways to turn ideas into action.
- **Ellen Goodlad:** Bringing warmth and connection to our community through the Warm Welcome program..
- Lou Robb: Our Chair Facilitating collaboration and fostering community connections, while also championing seagrass conservation.
- Andy Duff: LCT trustee and chair of the Assets and Access group, supporting our land and property projects.
- Stan Green: Dedicated to giving back to the community and protecting our beautiful beach.
- The entire Team from Largo Links magazine: Eileen Reynolds, Greg Smith, James Kay, Alastair Brown, Alex Orr, Fiona McCaul, John Ross, Keren Scott-Bell, Tina Campbell, Jonathan Tippetts-Aylmer.

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Headrush, Upper Largo	01333 360 437	Women's Aid-Fife	0808 802 5555
Hillhouse Boarding Cattery Jane's at Nineteen	01333 320 266	Women's Aid-Scottish	0800 027 1234
Largo Library & Community Hub	01333 320 200		
Martha Watt Podiatry	07909 964 898	Council & Utilities Helpline Numb	
Mercury Motorsport	01333 320 158	Fife Council Environment Services	03451 550 000
Monturpie Guest House & Caravan Park		Fife Council Environment Services Fife Social Work	03451 550 022
Old Manor Hotel	01333 320 368		03451 551 503
Penny & Black	01333 320 415	Fife Housing Register Emergency Accommodation.	03451 550 033
Simpson Institute Bookings	01333 360 304	Fife Council (Roadworks/Emergencies)	
Studio Flamingo	07305 905 125	·	03451 550 099
The Finishing Touch	07939 413 425	Fife Rent issues	03451 550 044
The Green Room (Florists)	01333 317 051		03431 330 044
The Studio	01333 320 174	Utilities Helpline Numbers:	0000 000 0000
The Taxi Centre	01333 300 300	Electricity Emergency	0800 092 9290
Upper Largo Hotel	01333 360 347	National Gas Helpline	0800 111 999
Upper Largo Chandlery	01333 360 217	National Power Cut Helpline (from a	•
Vintage Barber, Lundin Links	07562 390 361	Scottish Power Scottish Water Emergencies	0800 027 0072 08000 788 788
Woodland Gardens Caravan and C		SEPA Floodline	0345 988 1188
	01333 360 319		
Medical and Mental Health Helpli	ne Numbers:	Politicians, Councillors, Churche MPs / MSPs	S
Age Scotland Helpline: Confidential s		Wendy Chamberlain, MP	01334 656 361
people, carers and families. Call free		·	01592 764 815
Breathing Space (low mood/anxiety		Jenny Gilruth, MSP	01392 704 613
Carers UK	0808 808 7777	Local Councillors:	04000 054 044
Childline UK	0800 1111	David Alexander	01333 351 014
Citizens Advice and Rights, Fife.	0345 1400 095	Eugene Clarke	07917 039 683
Community Police and Police Scotla	and 101	Colin Davidson Alistair Suttie	07864 619 335 07515 289 170
Continuing Care North East Fife	0746 888 7900	Alternative number for Councillors	03451 555 555
Cosy Kingdom: Telephone advice ser	vice for any	Alternative number for Councilors	Ext 44232
energy billing or supplier issues	01592 807 930	Local Churches	LX1 44202
Covid 19 Community Helpline	0800 952 0330	Local Churches:	01004 701 140
Deaths/Still Births Registrations	0345 155 0099	Largo Parish Church	01334 781 142
Dental Advice Helpline	01592 226 555	St Agatha's & St Giles RC	01333 423 809
East Neuk Emergency Planning Tea	am	St Margaret's Episcopal Church	01333 426 609
(ENCEPT)	0800 999 6543	Coastline Baptist Church	01333 312 041
Fire and Rescue	01333 424 719	(Pittenweem))	
Fife Covid 19 Helpline	0800 952 0330		
Gingerbread Lone parent Helpline	01592 725 210		
Levenmouth Police Station	0845 600 5702		
Layanmayth Faadhank	07066 500 054		

07966 502 854

0808 2000 247

Levenmouth Foodbank

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

Largo Links Events Diary - Regular Events

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Church of Scotland Sundays	10:30am service in Largo Parish Church service will be in the Durham Hall
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie	Check times under occasional events
Community Council Third Mon ex July & Dec.	7pm – venues listed below & check website
Upper Largo Camera Club 2nd & 4th Monday	7:30pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Therapeutic Art Class Mondays	12 →2pm Paxton Centre, Homelands
Social Squash Mondays	6 → 7.30pm, Lundin Sports Club
(visitors welcome)	·
Social Table Tennis Mondays(visitors welcome)	7.30-9pm, Lundin Sports Club
PilatesMondays	6 → 7pm, Simpson Institute
YogaMondays	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
Lundin Links Karate Club . Mondays & Thursdays	
Evening Craft Group Mondays	•
Bridge Club Tuesdays (From Oct 1)	·
Carpet BowlsTuesdays (Oct to Mar)	
RollerCoastersTuesdays	
Community ChoirTuesdays	•
Book BairnsTuesdays (inc holidays)	•
Junior Tennis Coaching Tuesdays (inc holidays)	
Adult Beginners Tennis Coach. Tuesdays	·
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Arts Society Lectures Tuesdays (Sep to June)	
Board & Card Games Wednesdays	•
Scottish Country Dancing. Wednesdays (from Sep 1	
Dance Class	• • •
Largo Bay Art Society Wednesdays	•
Pilates Class Wednesdays	
YogaWednesdays	•
Largo Senior Sides Wednesdays	
Music Group Wednesdays	
Ladies Night Wednesdays (1st of mont	
Art ClubThursdays	2pm, Montrave Hall
Drop-in Coffee Morning Thursdays	10.15 → 11.30am, Simpson Institute
Messy Church Thursdays (term time)	3:30-5pm, Durham Hall
Lower Largo Friendship Thursdays	12noon-3pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative Thursdays (fortnightly)	11am → 1pm, New Gilston Village Hall
MindfulnessThursdays	6:30pm-8pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
SWI 3 rd Thursdays excl. July	7.30 pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Complementary Therapy Thursdays & Fridays	•
Art with Vicky Clarke Fridays	
	contact Vicky 07570 407965
Gardening Group Fridays	•
Inspire Theatre Workshop. Fridays (term time only)	
Junior Tennis Coaching Fridays	·
Cardio Tennis Fridays	6:15pm-7:15pm, Lundin Sports Club
(visitors welcome)	0.45
Largo Lions: P2 to S6 Fridays	
Largo Parents and Tots Saturdays	
Craft ClassSaturdays	10:30am-12noon. Paxton Centre, Homelands

Largo Links Events Diary - Occasional Events

September 2024

Qigong beginners class (for 4 weeks) Wednesday 4 10:30am-11:30am, Paxton Centre, Lundin Links.
Variety evening:music, poetry & song Saturday 14 7.00pm, Largo Parish Church
New Gilston & Woodside SWIThursday 19 7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston.
Homelands' 10 th Birthday celebration Sunday 22 Paxton Centre, Lundin Links.
Film Night at the LibraryFriday 27The Library, Lund7.00pm,in Links.
Coastbusters WalkSaturday 28 see page 23 for details.

October 2024

New Gilston & Woodside SWI		
95 th Birthday celebration	Saturday 5	. 1pm, (lunch) Shell Bay Caravan Park.
Dementia Friendly Event	Saturday 5	. 10am-11am, Paxton Centre, Lundin Links.
Dementia Friendly Event	Thursday 17	. 2pm-3pm, Simpson Institute, Upper Largo.
New Gilston & Woodside SWI	Thursday 17	. 7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston.
Swishing Evening	Thursday 24	. Paxton Centre, Lundin Links.
Coastbusters Walk	Saturday 26	. see page 23 for details.
Dementia Friendly Event	Thursday 31	. 6:30pm-7:30pm, Durham Hall, Lower Largo.

November 2024

To Absent Friends – supper, poetry	
& storytelling evening	Saturday 2 Paxton Centre, Lundin Links
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday 10 10:45am, Largo Parish Church
Book Week (Scotland)	Mon 18-Sun 24 The Library, Lundin Links
New Gilston & Woodside SWI	Thursday 21 7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston.
Wreath Making	Friday 22 Pratis Barns
Coastbusters Walk	Saturday 23 see page 23 for details.
Love at the Barns (wedding show)	Saturday 23 Pratis Barns
Wreath Making	Sunday 24 Pratis Barns
The Collective (Winter edition)	Sunday 24 Pratis Barns
Robinson Crusoe & the Pirates	
Panto	Wed 27-Sat 30 Montrave Hall, Lundin Links.

December 2024

Christmas Party Night	.Friday 6	Pratis	Barns
Christmas Party Night	.Saturday 7	Pratis	Barns
Christmas Lunch	.Sundav 8	Pratis	Barns

The theme for the next issue of Largo Links -out early Decemberwill centre on our national Poet, Rabbie Burns. Do You have a tale to tell related to Burns that we could include in the next issue?

Contact the editor: editorlargolinks@gmail.com

Notes		
Simpson Institutee	nquiries to: simpson.institute@gmail.com or phone 01333 360663	
Montrave Halle	nquiries to: montravehall@gmail.com	
Durham Hall & The Stables e	nquiries to: hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com	
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie C	Come along on the last Sunday of every month to join in with an informal	
ia	am collaboration of singers, musicians and poets of all abilities	



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