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Editorial

I hope you like the front cover ! What a diversity of "ART" we have in our wonderful villages. Without doubt we have some incredible painters and sculpters among us, past and present. We also have a vibrant community of published illustrators (thanks to "Cairns" for our cover, and read about Jill Calder's Coorie Doon later), craft makers, dancers, musicians, singers, photographers, authors, film makers, poets and theatre producers. And that's just in this issue !

Check out the amazing community projects such as the Tryptych and Youth Film Project, and look out for sweet treat sculptures made by our local school kids for Largo Arts Week. Why not join in yourself by going along to the Camera Club, Art Society, dance groups, theatre groups, Community Choir or jam sessions.

July sees the return of the Largo Arts Week, which has grown into a well respected and acclaimed showcase for all of the above. As usual this will be a summer highlight for our community and beyond. Hope to see you all there !

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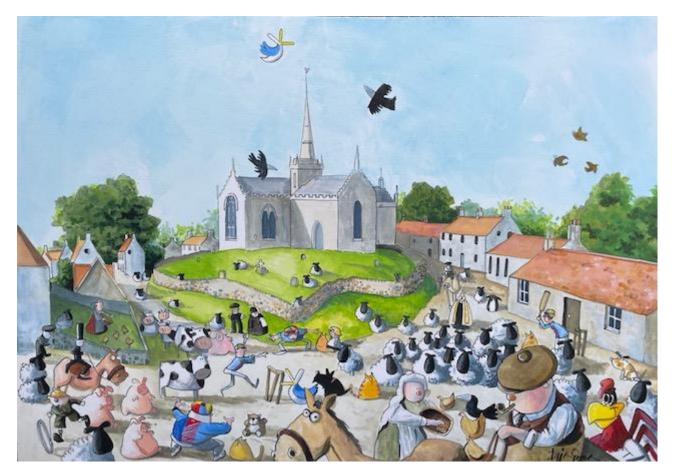
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Celebrate Creativity This Summer! Get ready for a vibrant celebration of art,

community, and fun at Largo Arts Week!

This year, we're shining a spotlight on the incredible talent of our local youth alongside a fantastic lineup of established artists and performers.

Following the success of last year's 'Fifie Fish' auction, we're thrilled to present our new charity event: the 'Lundie Seals' auction, raising vital funds for Prostate Cancer UK. Local artists have been busy decorating seals, and the stunning results will be unveiled during the festival!

Prepare for a delightful Sweet Treat Sculpture Trail, a collaboration between Largo Arts Week and Lundin Mill Primary & Nursery. See the amazing creations of local children as they bring their sugary visions to life in large-scale sculptures

across the villages. From towering custard creams to magnificent carrot cakes, it's a treat for all ages! Explore over 34 artist studios showcasing the work of 59 talented artists.



Enjoy live music every evening from a variety of bands and performers, plus captivating storytelling sessions.



Don't miss out! Full event details will be released in June. Stay up-to-date: Follow us on social media for regular news and sneak peeks!

www.largoartsweek.com

Come Along to the Largo Area Big Green Picnic & Parade – Sunday 15th June!



Get ready for a day of fun, food and fantastic community spirit as this year's Big Green Picnic & Parade returns to Lundin Links. With a seaside-

themed fancy dress parade organised by the Largo Area Community Council and a community picnic on Lundin Links Common, the event promises something for everyone.

Organised by the LACC and supported by LCT, but made by its many participants (that's you) the Big Green Picnic is a celebration of local life. Expect a lively parade, engaging stalls, and fun games all contributed by enthusiastic local groups and volunteers. Groups already confirmed include Largo Cricket Club, who'll be sharing plans for their new pavilion; Fife Carers Centre and Alzheimer Scotland offering useful resources; and community favourites like the Largo Parish Church, Horticultural Society, Peacehaven and East Fife RDA bringing crafts, strawberries, games and there is much more.

As always the overriding theme is community connection – so bring a picnic,

a blanket, and your friends and neighbours. It's also a great chance to celebrate everything happening across the Largo area.

Let's make the well-loved Big Picnic another great celebration to remember. Email priya@largoct.org.uk if you have any questions or just show up.

Largo Moves Towards Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Area

LCT is proud to support a new initiative to make our area more dementia-friendly. With more people living with dementia, we and other organisations such as Homelands and Peacehaven are working with Alzheimer Scotland and the Dementia Friends programme to help local businesses and groups create welcoming, supportive spaces for everyone.

Free training is available, and LCT can support you to put the learning into practice. Whether it's making small changes to how you welcome customers or adjusting your layout, these simple steps can make a big difference. We've already seen young people at Lundin Mill Primary take part in Dementia Friends Awareness sessions – and now we're turning to local businesses to get involved too.

Becoming dementia-friendly is a way to show you care, strengthen community ties, and be part of a more inclusive Largo. To get started, contact Shirley Heeps at sheeps@alzscot.org or visit www.dementiafriendsscotland.org.

Historical Largo – George Hunter

George Leslie Hunter (1877-1931) was a Scottish painter - one of the four Scottish Colourists whose pioneering work was characterised by the bold use of colour and loose brushwork. In the early to mid-1920s Hunter frequently visited Largo, producing a huge number of sketches and paintings of local scenes. Among the best known of his Largo artworks are scenes of small pleasure boats in Largo Harbour. Variations on this theme include assorted boats, captured at various tide states, with different weather conditions – from grey skies and foaming seas to more tranquil blue backdrops.

Largo Pier was another favourite subject. Sometimes it was shown as deserted, sometimes bustling with the crowds that came to see the entertainment at the seasonal pier pavilion. Hunter even depicted the pier in a greatly damaged state, after it was virtually cut in two during the harsh winter of 1925-26. In another harbour scenario, he portrayed the small ferry boat arriving at the pier loaded with visitors, while others gathered on the pier end, awaiting the return trip.

At least ten versions of 'Drum Lodge' on Drummochy Road were produced by George Leslie Hunter. These works are often described vaguely as 'Fifeshire Landscape' or even incorrectly as 'Cottages, Ceres' but to those who know Largo, the actual location is unmistakable. Another specific building he captured more than once was the house known as 'Dunkirk' at Mill Wynd, as well as the old flour mill itself further down the same lane. Largo viaduct, various sections of Lower Largo's Main Street, close-ups of individual people with just a hint of Largo scenery in the background...the list of local Hunter works goes on. The artist often visited for extended periods over the summer months, residing in the Belmont Hotel, once situated by Largo Station.

The beach at Lower Largo was another favourite choice for Hunter. Often the square edifice of the 1920s Crusoe Hotel acted as a focal point, surrounded by vividly coloured rocks, sand and drying fishing nets. People were included in some of these scenes – perhaps reclining on the warm sand, leaning against hauled out boats or paddling in the water.

Did those people a century ago realise the significance of the man with the easel or sketch book, working en plein air around Largo? Today many of us will appreciate why Largo became a favourite haunt and great inspiration to the genius that was George Leslie Hunter.



Rena Stewart's Lundin to London Links



Lundin Links has a new heroine: Rena Stewart. Rena (1923-2023) was born in Lundin Links, served as a Bletchley Park Girl, translated Hitler's will and blazed a trail for women at the

BBC World Service. Her biography, The Story of Rena Stewart, has just been published . It tells the tale of a determined but fun-loving woman who lived in London for most of her life but never forgot her roots.

Rena spoke fondly of her childhood in Lundin Links, and of holidays in Glen Lyon.



She studied languages at St Andrews university then volunteered for war service. She was posted to Bletchley Park, where she

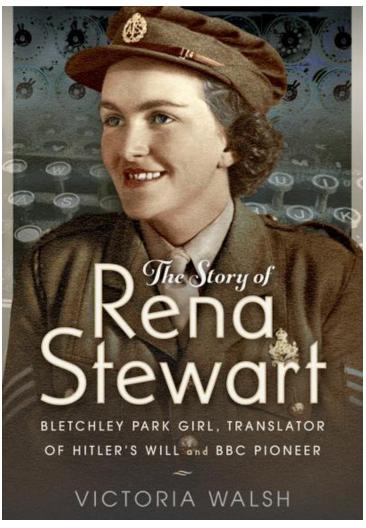
worked on German secret messages. After the war, she was sent to Germany to translate the statements of captured Nazi officers. There, she and her friend Margery also translated Hitler's will.

Rena went on to a long career at the World Service, working her way up from the bottom and battling sexism, to become the first female leader in the newsroom. And at every step of the way she had a ball, even teaching Scottish dancing until she was 90.



When she died, she was conveyed from London to Lundin, where she now rests in peace.

The book's author, Victoria Walsh, is giving a talk about Rena at the Lundin Golf Club on Thursday 10 July (6.30 for 7pm). Tickets (available from the club) are £3, including a glass of Prosecco. The book (published by Pen and Sword) is available from all good bookshops, or on the night.





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Kirkton of Largo Primary School -Memories and Local Trails

Largo Heritage Group are still gathering stories, moments, and memories associated with Kirkton of Largo for our exhibition which is planned for the 13th and 14th of September in The Simpson Institute, please put it in your diary and If you have any tales, photos, or special recollections, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Gail on gail@largoct.org.uk

Heritage Trails



There are now two Heritage Trails for you to enjoy in our area. One follows a route from Lower Largo Harbour, along The Main Street to The Temple Car Park, then, if you carry on north

through The Serpentine to Upper Largo you can join Trail two around this historic village.

The information is all on your smart phone. Either click the QR code below or click this link and follow the instructions. https://levenmouthdiscoverytrails.co.uk/t rails/upper-largo-heritage-trail/ https://levenmouthdiscoverytrails.co.uk/t rails/crusoes-footsteps/

The Heritage Group are also planning to have a stall at The Big Picnic so please feel free to come for a chat and maybe bring along something from the past and share its story.

Youth Film Project

We are excited to share that we have engaged two fantastic filmmakers from the local area to help lead our Largo Youth Film Project. They will be supporting workshops and sessions happening this summer.

We are currently working out the final details, but they will soon be at schools and also inviting young people from across the Largo area to submit their own short films or ideas.

Contact priva@largoct.org.uk to find out more.

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Largo Bay Art Society

Largo Bay, an inspiration for artists since renowned portraitist, David Martin painted the Harbour in 1775, also inspired a group of local artists to found Largo Bay Art Society in 1993.



A first exhibition took place in 1994, and the spirit which enlivened the founder members is carried on in our

present club where we welcome new members, share good practice, learn new skills and enjoy lively demonstrations by local artists. All levels of skill are appreciated and every medium is explored.



2024 marked the 30th Anniversary of that first LBAS Exhibition and to celebrate this milestone our members

contributed items of their work to form a 30th Anniversary commemorative book, photographed by members of the Upper Largo Camera Club, leading to the creation of a professional record of this exciting event. LBAS went on to enjoy an enormously successful and fun exhibition in 2024, where our Anniversary Book was also extremely popular. We also invited young artists from the local nurseries and primary schools to hang some of their work based on the theme of celebration. As a club we are always looking to engage with others and to encourage new talent. To this end, during Largo Arts Week this year we are sharing our love of sketching with the community and visitors by holding free drawing classes in Largo Parish Church.



This year the 31st Annual Exhibition will be held at the Aurrie Mor. It will be open to the

public from Saturday 2nd until Friday 8th August. It will be exciting to be in this wonderful old building in the heart of Lower Largo.

Please visit

largobayartsociety.weebly.com to view our current programme and events. You can also follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/largobayarts and Instagram at @instagram/largobayart.

Largo and Newburn Horticultural Society

Currently we are preparing for the Big Picnic on 15th June which will offer locally grown plants. Our Annual Flower Show in the Simpson Institute is scheduled for Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th of September. Schedules for the show will be available locally from mid-May.

Please follow our Facebook Page and Website for the latest updates of our activities.

Largo Bay Community Triptych

Art in all its forms can be a powerful tool. Art can provide memories of a time and place; it can evoke emotional responses or just be pleasingly decorative.

One recent example of art in the community was Beach of Dreams, a UKwide coastal arts festival that was celebrated in Fife during the month of May. Among the events was a procession of silk flags, each made by participating communities. Largo Communities' silk flag bore the motif of the starfish (the logo of Friends of Largo Bay) along with seagrass and mussels, two of the species we are working on restoring here. The aim of the festival was twofold: to encourage coastal communities to explore their unique heritage and cultures through art and to recognise their responsibility to the environment.

These aims also provided the inspiration for the Largo Bay Community Triptych. The Triptych will take the form of three textile panels, hung side by side, collectively depicting Largo Bay. Imagine being out in the Bay, looking back to the land. The natural features of the sea, shoreline and Largo Law would be clearly visible and these three areas will be represented across the three panels using fabric and stitch. Against this backdrop, will be a celebration of the flora and fauna to be found in the habitats, from cetaceans to crustaceans; from birds to wildflowers and all in the form of collaged circular 'tiles' placed in the appropriate zones.

After due consideration, the circle was considered the most fitting shape as it best represents the circular nature of life itself.

For this adventurous project we need help: individuals, families, schools, playgoups and community groups. It is open to those with artistic or needlework skills and to those with none. Everyone is invited to explore with us - to either share or learn the skills needed to create the Triptych while developing fun and friendship within our special community. We already have a beautiful collection of flags, created by our young people during Science Saturday to display alongside the Triptych. Material packs with everything necessary to create the collage tiles will be made available during organised workshops to those who have registered interest with us. Some volunteers may wish to work on their own, while others may prefer to work collaboratively in our organised drop-in social sessions. At heart, the Triptych project is designed to celebrate community and connectivity alongside a shared responsibility for the environment we live, work and play in. The very construct of the Triptych can be seen as a metaphor for community: the weaving together of different components in an expression of collective identity and shared values.

To come and join us register your interest – in whatever capacity – please email: LargoBay@largoct.org.uk Carol E Duff and Morna Ramday

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Summer Recipe Crushed Roast Carrots with Cumin and Goats' Cheese



A simple little mezze idea, in which case it's good with Lebanese breads or as a first course with toast or oat cakes. A small pestle and mortar is useful for crushing spices.

Christopher Trotter

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Ingredients

750g carrots, cut in lengths evenly
½ tsp Hebridean Sea salt
4 tbsp. cold-pressed rapeseed oil, plus extra for dressing
2 tsp cumin seeds, dry toasted and crushed
100g crumbly goats' cheese
2 tbsp. sunflower seeds, dry toasted
1 tbsp. chopped oregano

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C, gas mark four.
- Toss the carrots in the oil with a little salt and roast for about 50 minutes until soft and lightly browned.
- Roughly mash them, seasoning with the roasted cumin and a little more salt if required.
- Spread onto a plate or into a bowl and sprinkle with the crumbled goats' cheese, sunflower seeds and herbs.

Largo Parish Church News From The Pews!



You might have heard about a number of Churches closing, and wondered what will happen here in Largo. There has been much discussion about the future of Churches and yes we in Largo Parish have had to look at this as part of the Fife Presbytery Plan.

The plan for this part of the east of Fife, is that there will be one Minister. To allow this to happen it will mean we will join with our friends from East Neuk Trinity and St Monans to form a new Parish Church which will be on three sites i.e Elie, St Monans and Largo.

A possible name for the new Church could be "Fife Coastal Trinity Parish Church of Scotland (Colinsburgh, Elie, Kilconquhar, Largo and St Monans)" but this has still to be approved.

A meeting of Church members took place on the 25th May when all Congregations had the opportunity to vote on the proposal. If approved by the Congregations, Presbytery and the Church of Scotland we could be thinking of forming the new Church and calling a Minister in January 2026 with the hope of having him or her in place by the Summer of that year.

In the meantime there is a lot of preparatory work to be done and this is underway. Joint Services have started and more are planned. We expect Sunday Morning Services to be held in future in all the places where regular church worship currently takes place. This might mean the times of services will have to be adjusted and we will see more members leading or taking part in Worship but there will continue to be Sunday Services in the church building.

We'll keep you up to date with new information as it becomes available.

During Largo Arts Week July 12th-20th we

will be running History Tours and free drawing workshops by Largo Bay Arts Society. There will be a Messy Church Thursday and colouring table available other days. Self-service tea, coffee and buscuits will be in The Stables with a Serenity Space and picnic area in the garden. We will also offer tea, coffee and home baking in the Durham Hall as a place of rest and calm.

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Warm Welcome Days Bring Comfort, Connection and Community Spirit to Upper Largo



The Warm Welcome Days held at the Simpson Institute in Upper Largo from November 2024 to March 2025 have been a heart-warming success. Offering not just

warmth, food and friendship, but a real sense of togetherness through the winter months.

Running weekly throughout the colder season, the sessions have brought people of all ages together for a friendly chat, a nourishing bowl of homemade soup, and a break from isolation.

The initiative has not only built stronger local connections but also attracted new volunteers while managing to keep our valued core volunteers, whose continued support has meant so much.

Thanks to generous backing from the Simpson Institute committee, support from the Upper Largo Hotel, and the many wonderful bread and soup makers (past and present), the days have grown into a much-loved fixture of local life.

Behind the scenes, there's also been a real focus on development. With food hygiene training already completed thanks to Fife Council and more training in the pipeline from Fife College with first aid and more, the team is feeling confident and optimistic about the future.

Planning has already begun for the 2025 season, and all signs point to an even bigger and better year ahead. Whether you're keen to volunteer, make soup, help set up, or simply join in, everyone is welcome. This is about community supporting community – and there's always room at the table.

If you'd like to get involved or find out more, just drop an email to Priya at Largo Communities Together: priya@largoct.org.uk.

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Resilience Group Builds Local Confidence After Storm Eowyn

Following the impact of Storm Eowyn, the Largo Area Resilience Group has been quietly strengthening local planning and preparedness, with a renewed focus on supporting one another in times of disruption. Meeting at the Simpson Institute, the group has been reflecting on lessons learned, particularly around communication, volunteer coordination, and community safety.

Recent storms highlighted just how important it is to have clear plans and local networks in place, especially during power cuts and severe weather. Through practical tabletop exercises led by Dave Wishart, the core group explored realistic emergency scenarios and identified areas where improvements could be made. These sessions have helped shape considerations about how the community prepares and responds in the future. Our next Steps Include

- Starting a resource register to log tools, skills and helpful equipment
- Reviewing how and when information is shared locally
- Building stronger links with the Fife Resilience Forum and council contacts
- Exploring how community spaces can be used in emergencies

The group is also thinking about how best to match volunteers with tasks that suit their skills, and how to reach out to individuals who may need more support. There's interest in connecting with local businesses to see what role they could play during any future event.

If you'd like to get involved or hear more, please contact Priya Logan at Largo Communities Together:

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garden in Upper Largo. We've worked on various farms and market gardens around the UK over the last 10+ years, most recently in highland Perthshire.

We are now doing our best to continue the good work of Bas & Erin, growing veg, fruit and cut flowers for the local community and (slightly) beyond! We've had some wonderful Spring weather and all the plants are coming on in leaps and bounds. After some hard work preparing



beds since our arrival in January it has been good to see new life come to the garden, and it feels like a special

place to be working in. It has also been enjoyable to explore and start to settle into this lovely part of Scotland and get to know some of its residents, all of whom have been very friendly and welcoming.

At the moment the plan is to continue with veg sales to a number of local shops such as Ardross Farm Shop, the Elie Deli, Naturity and Balgove over by St Andrews, and Macauley's in Burntisland. Keep an eye out for our veg on the menu at the Upper Largo Hotel too. On the flower side of things we will be making up bouquets for sale at Ardross as well as wholesale cut flowers, wedding orders, and DIY flower buckets. Open days this year will be on Saturdays July 5th, August 2nd and September 6th, 11am-2pm, and pick your own flowers sessions will be on Fridays July 18th, August 15th and September 19th from 3pm. We will also be offering a



small number of weekly veg bags, though this will have to be on a 'get what you're given' basis to keep the admin level down.

Lastly, we're very happy to welcome volunteers who would like to pitch in with some of the ongoing tasks in the garden. Tuesdays are the best day for us. We can offer tea, surplus veg and a healthy 'green gym' work-out in a lovely setting - at least when the weather's nice!

If any of that sounds interesting please head over to our website, https://largoestate.co.uk/, ping us an email at: garden@largoestate.co.uk or follow us on social media to keep up to date with what's happening in the garden. We look forward to meeting some of you soon!



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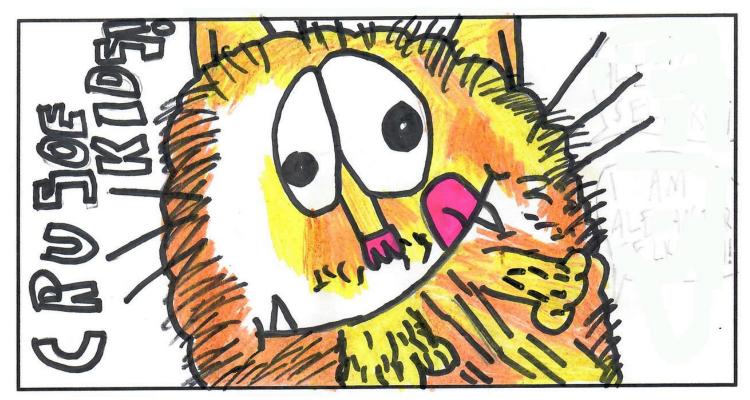
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Welcome to Crusoe Kids! This issue is all about art. Find out how we're going big with giant sculptures for Arts Week, and diving into history with our Titanic shoebox cabins. Plus, if you've got a great joke, why not send it to the editor. Make him laugh, and you could be our next Crusoe Kids Boss, just like Douglas was for the Beano! You'll find the editor's email address on page 3...but read these pages first!

A feast for the eyes is coming soon!

Largo Arts Week has teamed up with



July's Arts Week.

Lundin Mill Primary and Nursery to create a Sweet Treat sculpture trail for We started by drawing our ideas before voting for our favourites.

Kirsteen Wright (Bobby's Mum) made the base sculptures and has been coming to school every week. She's helped us layer the paper mache and bring our mouth-watering ideas to life! It's lots of



fun. Look out for giant custard creams, croissants, carrot cake and even more coming to Largo this July.

Just remember, the trail is a feast for the eyes and our sculptures are not for eating!



Our titanic shoebox cabins

Last term, Primary 5/6 studied the Titanic as their class topic and created this fabulous display.



We all designed and made a cabin (either First, Second or Third class) from a shoebox and found materials. We then arranged them into the shape of the ship!

It was like turning history into art and made our classroom look cool!

Memories and Quotes from P7

Here are a few memories and favourite quotes from P7

Jack: "P7 Football Tournament"

Deni: "Having the fire in P7 as a reward for behaving well on the walk to Shell Bay"

Isla B: "Ardroy"

Murdo: "The greatest thing about tomorrow is, I will be better than I am today"

Doug, the Beano Boss!

Hi, I'm Douglas and I like reading the



Beano. My favourite comic strip is the Numskulls. It's about these funny little people that live inside your head. Ages ago, I read that if you sent in your favourite joke, you

could be the Beano Boss. I couldn't believe it when we got an email to say I'd been selected! My issue comes out on Wednesday 30 April.

I've chosen the jokes to include, I've tested the prank, and I got to read the Numskulls before anybody else! My Grandad and I have ordered lots of extra copies from Zapher. In case you're wondering, here's my joke...

"To the man who invented zero – thanks for nothing!".

"Largo" By Erin Findlay

It's not about the beach front house but the people inside. A tale for me and my cousins to sit and to hide. We walk on the beach Grandpa shows us a shell Crab catching & surfing at the Crusoe hotel, We sit on the pier for an hour or more Not a bite on the line, Yet we don't tend to bore The house where we stay pretty much on the sand It may look like just a house, but we all think it's grand! The Chain walk's scary but fun for it's at such high heights, But when you reach the top, there's such beautiful sights, Early pancake mornings covered in spread Ryan and Duncan awake, while we're still in bed Visiting with Alan and auntie Jan It's not quite hot enough for a sun tan. Largo is fun for everyone.

(Erin is a regular visitor to Largo with her family)





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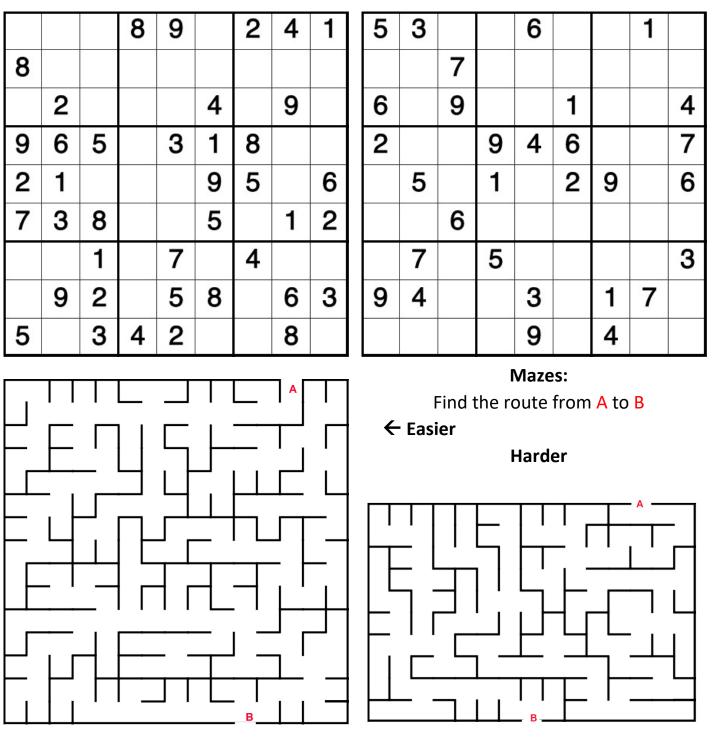
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Largo Cricket Club Launches Community Consultation On New Pavilion

Largo Cricket Club has launched a consultation looking for feedback from local people as it plans the development of a new accessible pavilion at its ground at East Drive.

The club is very keen to ensure they hear from as many local residents as possible so their views can be reflected in the new pavilion and facilities the club is planning at its East Drive home in Upper Largo. The consultation is available online (Link or QR code below), or can be completed on a postcard which can be found at Largo Community Library and posted in our box there.

The consultation will run until Monday 30 June and the results will be shared on the club's website, social media and through the next edition of Largo Links.

Ally Duncan, President of Largo Cricket Club, said: "Largo Cricket Club was proud to mark our 40th anniversary in 2023 and delighted to welcome so many people from the community to celebratory games at East Drive that year.

"The club is now well into our 2025 season, with games most weekends at East Drive in Upper Largo, to which spectators are very welcome.



Ally added: "We are planning to improve the facilities for players and spectators at East Drive, with the redevelopment of our pavilion. Our intention is for this to include accessible toilet facilities and an indoor seating area for teas and spectators – should they need shelter from the odd passing shower!

"The consultation we are launching is all about ensuring local people can have their say on how best we should develop the club, so it can continue to be at the heart of the Largo and Lundin Links community for at least the next 40 years."

Largo Cricket Club welcomes adult and junior players (of all abilities, men and women, boys and girls) to training and matches from April until September. Senior training is on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and Largo Lions junior training (p2-S6) is every Friday 6.15-7.45pm. All sessions are at East Drive.

Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the survey



Survey link - https://www.surveyhero.com/c/LCC-



Coorie Doon-Lundin Links Library

'Coorie Doon: A Scottish Lullaby Story' is a gloriously lyrical new book written by Jackie Kay and illustrated by Upper Largo's very own Jill Calder.



Enter the cosy world of Shona, a wee lassie who falls asleep each night to her parents' soothing lullabies. The story follows Shona's journey through her dreams and

revisits her as an adult, sharing the ritual of song with her elderly father.

Jill Calder, together with Yvonne Stephenson and Greg Smith are performing a special, one-off Coorie Doon Concert at Largo Library on Tuesday 15th July at 6.30pm (the bar will be open from 6pm!) It'll be a wonderful evening of story, song and dreamy imagery, celebrating this beautiful book and raising funds for the Library Book your free ticket through the Library now!

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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, in-house projects, constructive discussion on members photographs and talks/advice on the use of their cameras.

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 07752 596380 or at ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com

Coastbusters Community Walking

Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month for some fresh air and friendship. All our walks are in Fife and are around 7-9 miles long. We usually set off at 10.30am from meeting points reached by bus or train if possible, or car sharing is encouraged. All are welcome. Upcoming walks: 28th June, 26th July and 23rd August.

You'll find further details on our Coastbusters - community walking group Facebook page. If you're not on social media, get in touch with Yvonne Stephenson email: stephensonyjw@gmail.com Tel. 07813 378512

Holistic therapies for women in my peaceful garden therapy room in Lundin Links



Largo Bay Sailing Club



Spring has arrived and with it the sailing club has once again taken to the water. Our first outing was on 20th April and our regular Sunday and Wednesday sailing activities will run through to Oct.

We would welcome anyone interested to come and give it a go, on a Sunday afternoon from 12pm. We are also delighted to welcome Paddleboarders, Kayakers & Open Water swimmers to 'our' beach.

We hope to get started soon on the reconstruction of our boat shed down by the Largo Sauna following the unfortunate fire 2 years ago.

We also have our annual Open Regatta on 5th and 6th July. Come and enjoy the spectacle. For more information contact: Tony Dumbreck, Commodore Largo Bay Sailing Club

Largobay_commodore@outlook. com Or Mark Allen 07785672540



A Circle Conversation Connects Community Through Art and Environment in New Gilston

New Gilston and Woodside Hall was alive with creativity and thoughtful discussion on the 30th of April, as it played host to A Circle Conversation, a special event delivered as part of the UK-wide Beach of Dreams programme by Kinetika.



The event, themed around Art, Place & Coastal Connections, brought together a panel of inspiring speakers and an engaged audience to explore how artistic expression can deepen our connection to environment, community, and place.

Julie Brook, the artist for Beach of Dreams, was joined by Jeremy Harris, Rory MacPhee, and Cally Nurse to discuss creativity's role in our connection with nature, particularly in coastal areas.

The warm and welcoming New Gilston Hall hosted lively conversations on themes like environmental access, rural creativity, and the emotional ties we have with landscapes..

The evening showcased grassroots projects in Fife, featuring contributors from creative, environmental, and community initiatives. The shared passion illustrated much potential for collaboration across art, science, and social practice to include and connect.

The conversations will continue, building on this moment of connection and celebration.



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The Steamie – Lundie Theatre Group

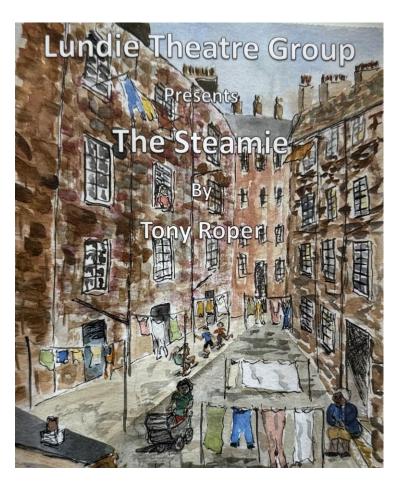




I am a complete theatre review novice, but I felt compelled to write one after watching the Lundie Theatre

Group's production of "The Steamie".

What a 5 star performance !



Tony Roper's famous play was brought to life over 4 nights by Elena Moir, Jennifer Brown, Antonia Pettifer, Suzanne Elder and Robert Williamson.

It was originally planned for 3 nights, but was extended due to the huge demand for tickets. Justifiably so as it turned out ! Set in a Glasgow laundry and bath house ("The Steamie") it was a heartwarming portrayal by the cast, ably supported by the Theatre Group band and crew.

From my point of view, the acting was up there with professional Theatre Groups, and could easily be taken to larger venues. Perhaps a run at the Edinburgh Festival? I thought that the most impressive elements of this production were the realism and comic timing.

There was a lot of dialogue to learn! Each of the actors played their part magnificently, allowing the audience to relax and imerse themselves in how life was in the 1950's for ordinary working folk. Laugh out loud scenes included the imagined telephone call and "mince and tatties". Sorry if you didn't manage to see it and that means nothing, but to those who did, it should bring back a smile.

I understand that the group are now working on their 2025 winter production. I can't wait to see what they have in store. I will be keeping an eye on their website; <u>www.lundietheatre.org.uk</u> to see what's coming next.

I understand they are always on the lookout for new talent. Why not give it a go!

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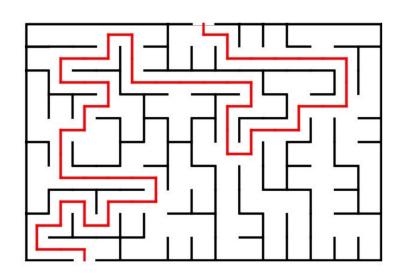
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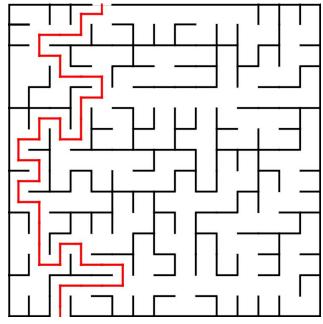
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Community Projects



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Largo Links Events Diary - Regular Events

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Church of Scotland Sundays	
-	service will be in the Durham Hall
Community Council Third Mon excl. July & Dec	•
Upper Largo Camera Club 2nd & 4th Monday, monthly	· · · · · -
Café Mondays, Tuesdays	-
Therapeutic Art Class Mondays	•
Social Squash Mondays	
Social Table Tennis Mondays	7.30→9pm, Sports Club
PilatesMondays	6 \rightarrow 7pm, Simpson Institute
YogaMondays	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
Lundin Links Karate Club . Mondays & Thursdays	6→7pm, Montrave Hall
Evening Craft Group Mondays	7-9pm, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Bridge Club See next issue for re-openi	ng in the Autumn
RollerCoasters Tuesdays	11am-12:30pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Community Choir Tuesdays	7.00pm, Montrave Hall
Book Bairns Tuesdays (inc holidays)	3:15pm \rightarrow 4.30pm, Largo Library
Qigong & QI-Yoga Wednesdays	10.30→11.30am, Montrave Hall
Scottish Country Dancing. Wednesdays	2pm-4pm, Durham Hall
Board & Card Games Wednesdays	6.30 \rightarrow 10pm, The Aurrie, Lower Largo
Dance Class	7.30 \rightarrow 9.30pm, Simpson Institute
Largo Bay Art Society Wednesdays	$7 \rightarrow 9$ pm, Durham Hall, Lower Largo
Pilates Class Wednesdays	
Largo Cricket Club	
Senior training Wednesdays (Apr-Sep)	6:30pm, East Drive, Upper Largo
Yoga Wednesdays	
Music Group Wednesdays	-
Ladies Night Wednesdays (1 st of month)	· · · · -
Art Club	
Drop-in Coffee Morning Thursdays	10.15 \rightarrow 11.30am, Simpson Institute
Messy Church Thursdays (term time)	
Lower Largo Friendship Thursdays	•
Mindfulness Thursdays	•
SWI	
Complementary Therapy Thursdays & Fridays	
Art with Vicky Clarke Fridays	•
	contact Vicky 07570 407965
Gardening Group Fridays	2pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Inspire Theatre Workshop.Fridays (term time only)	•
Largo Cricket Club	
Junior training Fridays (Apr-Sep)	6:15pm-7:45pm, East Drive, Upper Largo
Largo Parents and Tots Saturdays	
Craft Class Saturdays	
Coastbustersfourth Saturdays	
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Largo Links Events Diary - Occasional Events

June 2025

Big Picnic and Parade	Sun 15	. Parade, Temple car park 11am
-		. Big Picnic, The Common 12noon-3:30pm
Coastbusters Community Walking	Sat 28	. Details on Facebook page 10:30am
The 52 nd East of Scotland Open	Sat 28	. Lundin Golf Club
Amateur Stroke Play Champ 2025		

July 2025

Walled Garden		
Open Day	.Sat 5	Upper Largo 11am-2pm
LARGO ARTS WEEK	Sat 12-Sun 20	See Largo Arts Week flyer for details
Coorie Doon Concert	.Tues 15	. Largo Library, Lundin Links 6:30pm
Walled Garden		
pick your own flowers	.Fri 18	Upper Largo 3pm
Coastbusters Community	Walking Sat 26	. Details on Facebook page 10:30am

August 2025

walled Garden		
Open Day	.Sat 2	Upper Largo 11am-2pm
Largo Bay Art Society	.Sat 2-Fri 8	the Aurrie Mor, Lower Largo
31 st Annual Exhibition		
Walled Garden		
pick your own flowers	. Fri 15	Upper Largo 3pm
Coastbusters Community	WalkingSat 23	Details on Facebook page 10:30am

Notes

Simpson Institute	enquiries to: simpson.institute@gmail.com or phone 01333 360663
Montrave Hall	enquiries to: montravehall@gmail.com
Durham Hall & The Stables	enquiries to: hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com

IMPORTANT - NEW EVENTS NOTIFICATION PROCESS

We are introducing a new Events page in conjunction with Largo Communities Together. Starting from the 7th June 2025, please send your event details to <u>events@largoct.org.uk</u> with Event Name, Date, Time, Location, Description, Contact Name, Contact Info, Organising Group and any repeating dates (eg weekly, monthly etc). Please send additional details you may have, including Partners Involved, Target Audience, Activities/Attractions, Accessibility Info, Notes/Comments, Links to Event Pages. We will try our best to include the additional details.

The events will be published on the LCT web site <u>www.largoct.org.uk/events/</u> and a relevant extract taken for printing in our magazine as always. Look out for more information on the LCT web page, but in the meantime;

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