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Editorial

As I pull together this latest issue of Largo Links, I am reminded of how much hard work goes into keeping our villages and community vibrant. Whether backing the artists, musicians and venues that come alive during Largo Arts Week or supporting the local independent shops and cafés. It means celebrating the locals—whether lifelong residents, recent arrivals, or regular visitors—who bring energy and heart to the village. And it means honouring the storytellers who remind us where we've come from, so we can better understand where we're going. We need to support the community groups that foster connection and resilience—from heritage exhibitions at the Simpson Institute to the volunteers who keep our shoreline clean. Let's ensure that future generations can walk these shores and feel the same sense of wonder we do today.

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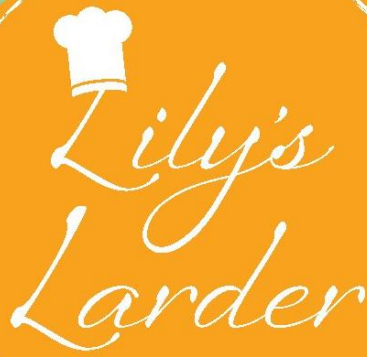
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Old Largo – A History of Lundin Links and the Library

When Largo Library and Community Hub opened its doors in April 2017, the building it occupies was already 160 years old, having been built as Lundin Mill School in 1857 and subsequently converted into Lundin Links Library. When the latter faced closure, a team of volunteers stepped in to take over the service, not only continuing a valuable local amenity but maintaining the long history of learning on the site.

The origins of the building begin back in 1852, when the prospect of the railway reaching Lundin Links enticed the Standard Life Assurance Company to purchase the Lundin and Aithernie Estates.

Their intention was to expand the existing village of Lundin Mill by adding a substantial residential development to the west, capitalising on the sea-views and proximity to the future railway station. Drawn up in 1853, the initial plan involved building nineteen large detached villas and twelve smaller detached villas, positioned along curving streets and interspersed with areas of greenery. The development would also include a hotel adjacent to the railway station, a church close to the hotel and a new school situated between the new buildings and the existing areas of Emsdorf and Drummochy.

The arrival of the railway in 1857 was the catalyst for development to begin. In what was perhaps a tactical move to get locals on side, one of the first actions was to construct a new school house and school master's residence. The school was planned by architect John Milne of St Andrews and

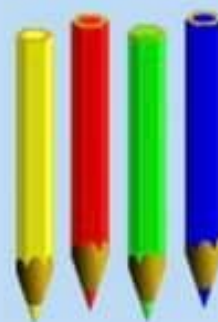
replicated his earlier design for Giffordtown Free Church School, built in 1854.

While the school was duly constructed, the wider development plan failed to materialise, in spite of vigorous promotion, including a full page advert in the 1860 book "The Handy Book of the Fife Coast" by Henry Farnie. By 1862, with only a handful of villas completed, building work ceased.

The reasons behind the failure of the venture most likely included a lack of attractions for tourists beyond the coastline itself (the golf club was not yet established and there were no other sporting facilities in the village), the old fashioned nature of the local shops and inns, and poor provision of utilities such as water and gas supply and sewage disposal. In short, Standard Life's vision was premature and it would be another few decades before the expansion of Lundin Links took off.

The school however thrived, with David Milne Stewart holding the position of headmaster for 37 years from 1868. Several generations of pupils later, the population eventually outgrew the school and the move to the present modern building took place in 1974.

Countless individuals took their memories of the old Lundin Mill School with them and no doubt a good number of them continue to appreciate the old building in its latest guise. Long may the community continue to benefit from the former Victorian school building and the great services it continues to provide.



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An Update from Your Community Development Officer, Priya Logan!

Hello everyone, It's been a joy to see the incredible creativity, connection, and community spirit blossoming across our villages! From our talented young filmmakers to dedicated coastal care, wonderful intergenerational events, and vital planning for our future resilience – it's truly been a bustling and inspiring few months for so many people and organisations. And we at Largo Communities Together (LCT) are proud to have played a part in it all.

Busy Bees Across Our Community

Beyond that our dedicated volunteers (and two interns), have been incredibly busy!

Our Warm Welcome programme

continues to evolve, with a recent focus on supporting our wonderful volunteers and making sure everyone feels included and connected across generations.

We've introduced new **safeguarding** policies, training, and induction packs to ensure everything runs smoothly and, most importantly, is enjoyable for everyone involved.

And who could forget **The Big Picnic?** It was an absolutely fantastic day filled with so much to see and do, topped off by that truly brilliant parade!

The resilience team have continued to grow their capacity and want to get more

of you on their list. Email me at Priya@largoct.org.uk to find out more.

There are many more training opportunities and simple ways to get involved and prepared.

Nurturing Young Voices Through Film

A recent highlight that truly warmed our hearts was the Circle Conversation event, beautifully hosted by the young people leading our Largo Area Youth Film Project.

The evening was buzzing with thoughtful reflections and fantastic community dialogue. Our amazing young filmmakers shared what they loved about working with local primary students, sparking conversations about what it's like to grow up in Largo today. We're so excited to see how this will inspire even more creative projects in the future!

What's Coming Up This Autumn?

Get ready for another exciting season! Here's a peek at what's on the horizon:

The Largo Heritage Group will be presenting their very first community exhibition – a wonderful step as they look ahead to 2026 and the year of 350 years since Alexander Selkirk's birth!

Get ready for youth film screenings – more opportunities to see local talent!

New **Warm Welcome** events and more of our popular intergenerational sessions. Get in touch with us if you want to visit, get involved or help out.

Continued vital work on **resilience planning** for our community.

As always, there will be many events happening with the **Friends of Largo Bay**, and their exciting arts project will continue to develop.

We're also exploring how we can roll out the **pathways project** that improves walking and wheeling for everyone! (If you have any brilliant ideas, send us a postcard or message – we'd love to hear them!)

And of course, we'll continue to offer further support for our various **community subgroups** and projects, including Friends of Largo Bay, Heritage, Pathways, access, and resilience initiatives.

Get Involved with LCT!

We've made it easier than ever to become a member of LCT – it's completely free and open to all local residents (with associate memberships available for those a little further afield). If you'd like to get more involved – or simply want to find out more about what's going on – please do get in touch! We're also currently looking for a treasurer to join our team and help support our work.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Finally, we want to extend a massive thank you to the many individuals, volunteers, families, and local partners who have contributed so much over the past months. Your creativity, care, and commitment are truly at the heart of everything we do.

Just email Priya@largoct.org.uk to get in touch with us about anything !

Largo Library & Community Hub



Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading.

It will take place across Scotland in November and once again we will be holding the ever

popular 'Open Mic' night on Friday the 21st November.

Come along and read a favourite extract from your book or any prose or poetry. Or you can just come and listen. The bar will be open so you can enjoy a glass or two as well. Tickets can be booked from our website; <https://www.largolibrarielife.org.uk>

There is no charge but donations are always welcome.

Alexander Selkirk Statue

Largo Links was thrilled to be contacted recently by William Walkington, the great grandson of Thomas Weir Stuart Burnett who was the sculptor of the statue of 'Alexander Selkirk, alias "Robinson Crusoe"' at Lower Largo.

William has recently posted a fascinating non-commercial blog biography of Thomas Stuart Burnett, or T.S.B. as he was often known.

The blog biography "Thomas Weir Stuart Burnett 1853-1888," can be found at:

<https://williamwalkington.blogspot.com/p/thomas-weir-stuart-burnett-1853-1888.html>

The section of the biography about the Lower Largo sculpture is: 1885: Alexander Selkirk, alias "Robinson Crusoe."

Largo and Newburn Horticultural Society

We had a very successful day at the Big



Picnic, which we hope has raised a greater awareness of the Society and our Flower Show held in early September.

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Janet our Secretary. Her knowledge, patience and humour will be greatly missed by us all.

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It is one of those recipes where you can add the pulp from blanched, peeled tomatoes. Ask your fishmonger in advance for fish bones.

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 leek, roughly chopped
- 1 tblsp olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, crushed with salt
- 450g ripe tomatoes
- 2 tsp tomato puree
- 1kg fish bones, white fish preferably not salmon or mackerel
- A strip of orange zest
- Herbs - parsley stalks, bay leaf and fennel
- Water
- 150ml white wine
- 800g fish and shellfish
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Sweat the onion and leek in a large pan in olive oil until soft.
2. Add the garlic, fish bones and white wine and cook for 5 minutes.
3. Tip in the tomatoes, tomato puree, wine and enough water to cover; bring to the boil, adding the herbs and orange zest. Reduce heat and simmer gently for about 40 minutes.
4. Allow to cool a little, before pushing through a sieve; use the back of a ladle to really get as much liquid out. Return to a large, clean pan, and bring to just below simmering; check for seasoning.
5. Cut the fish into similar-sized chunks. Rinse mussels or clams.
6. Cooking the fish is simple, just do not let the soup boil! Add the shellfish first, then the larger firm chunks, such as hake or cod and lastly the thinner pieces, such as sole. Just as it comes to the boil, switch off heat and leave for a few minutes. Serve in large bowls with chopped fresh parsley.

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We were fortunate that the Aurrie Mor in Lower Largo was available, and it proved a very successful and comfortable venue. We really appreciated the opportunity to exhibit in this lovely building.

Some 20 artists exhibited hanging paintings and multi-media works and 10 makers showed a mix of pottery, jewellery, printing, knitting, felting and woodwork, the vast majority of which was available for sale, as well as a large and varied collection of cards and mounted works. As usual we also hosted an exhibition of photographs by the Upper Largo Camera Club.

A steady flow of visitors came in for a good look round and voted for their favourite pieces, even on the day of Storm Floris, which had led the Pittenweem festival to close for the day.

The results of the public vote for favourite work were:

1st - Bill Horlock:
"Evening Light Pittenweem"



2nd Eileen Shaw:
"St Monans Harbour"



3rd Hazel Grant:
"Salen Shipwrecks"



The Largo Bay Art Club meets on Wednesday evenings in the Durham Hall from 7pm from September through to May and new members are always welcome to join our friendly group. Activities include talks and practice on various techniques, visits from artists and makers and social evenings, with the emphasis on friendship and mutual support. Come along and join us.

Information can be found on our website www.largobayartsociety.weebly.com and on our Facebook – Largo Bay Art Society and Instagram largobayart. Contact largobayartsociety@hotmail.com

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Greetings Citizens of Largo Area – yet another golden opportunity to retrieve your very best school boy/girl Franglaise from the dusty cobwebs of your mind. We are hosting a party of 19 school children and three adults on October 28th. The programme of events is still in development, but the rough outline is as follows: they will arrive in the village at about 1:30 pm and a reception will be held at a venue to be decided. They will be staying at The Largo Law Wigwams. We are still working on an itinerary for the afternoon. In the evening we will hold a ceilidh at the Aurie Mor. On the 29th they will depart for Edinburgh where they will visit the Houses of parliament amongst other attractions

How the community can get involved

We need help with transport to get them to and from The Largo Wigwams. We need a caller for the ceilidh dances and somebody who is fluent in French to help with translation and any suggestions for a ceilidh band. Any French speakers please make yourselves known so we can call on your assistance as needed.

Largo Designated Bathing Beach

Scottish Water had to withdraw their plan to introduce chemical dosing to their treatment tank because SEPA deemed it harmful to the local ecology. We are

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Watching the Sea by Gerry Best



Many of us like to come down to Largo Bay and watch the sea. It's mesmerising isn't it? Looking at the tide coming in and watching the waves breaking on the shore. It's different

every day. So, why do the waves tumble over as they reach the shore? It's because, as the wave approaches the beach, its lower part is slowed by the friction of the sea bed but the top part carries on at the same pace and so it tumbles over into a bundle of foamy bubbles. If you look carefully at the approaching waves, you'll notice that, if anything is floating on it, it bobs up and down. That's because it is the wave that moves, not the water.

Waves are formed by the energy put into the water by the wind. The stronger the wind the bigger the waves – but that depends on where the wind is blowing from. Most commonly, our wind comes from the South West, across the Forth from Edinburgh. As that distance is just over 20 miles, the so called 'fetch', there is not a lot of distance for the wind to make the waves. Even with a SW gale, the waves arriving on Largo beach are not very large. However, if we have a South Easterly gale, it's a different story as the fetch is over 100 miles and that makes very big waves – our most damaging storms – the Beast from the East that

crashes against the sea walls by the Sailing Club, and destroys our pier!

As you gaze at the beach, you'll see the tide coming in or going out. The times of high and low tides are so predictable that you can buy tide timetables for the whole year for places like Methil. The tide times are fixed by the circuit of the moon around the earth. In 24 hours, the tide comes in and out twice and it's about half an hour later each time.

The other thing you 'sea gazers' will notice is that the height of the tide varies from day to day and that's because the pull of the moon varies as it circles the earth. One of the highest tides of the year, the so called 'Spring Tides' will be on October 8th this year.

The movement of the tides is from East to West, so a high tide in Anstruther is 15 minutes ahead of us, and at Burntisland, it's 10 minutes later.

For those brave folk that go swimming in Largo Bay, you'll know that the sea is salty. The salt content is much the same the world over, about 32 parts per thousand. In the upper Firth of Forth, it will be less because of fresh water coming in from the River Forth.

It's interesting to note that the salinity of the sea is almost the same as our body fluids. Our distant ancestors came from the sea so maybe that's why we love the sea so much,

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The choir has been giving performances in the East Neuk and St Andrews for more than a quarter of a century, with a varied repertoire ranging from early classical and sacred music to contemporary pieces.

Our next concert will take place in St Salvator's Chapel St Andrews on 10 December, under the baton of our outstanding Musical Director, Lower Largo resident Dr Sarah Moerman.


Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in Pittenweem Church Hall.

If you think this might be for you, or just want to see what we're about, why not come along to a free come-and-sing/open rehearsal in Crail Church on at 10am on Saturday morning, 20 September, where you can meet the choir members and try your hand singing through music for our Christmas concert.






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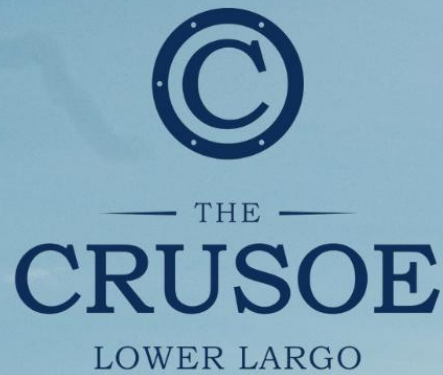
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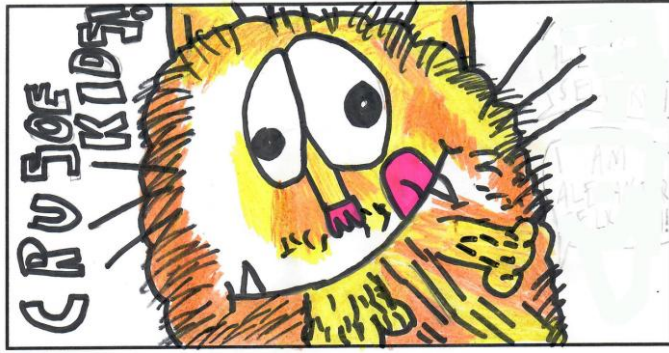


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Largo Arts Week teamed up with Lundin Mill Primary and Nursery to create some amazing sculptures that were placed around the village for everyone to find. Big thanks to Kirsteen Wright (Bobby's Mum) for making the base sculptures and going to school every week to help layer the paper mache and bring these mouth-watering ideas to life!

Church of Scotland Moderator

Upper Largo's Irene Kay recently attended the Opening day of this year's General Assembly of the Church of Scotland where the Rt Rev Rosemary Frew accepted the role of Moderator. Rev Frew was the minister in Largo from 1988 to 2005 and married Irene and James in 2002. Our current interim Minister, Rev Dr Russell Barr was also Moderator from 2016 to 2017.



They are both pictured here with the 2023 Moderator Rev Sally Fulton-Foster (centre).



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Largo Arts Week Review



2025 saw another hugely successful Largo Arts Week throughout the villages of Lower Largo, Lundin Links and Upper Largo. 60 artists

and makers exhibited their creations over 30 studios.

A highlight this year was the amazing Largo Sweet Trail, a concept conceived and delivered by local artist, Kirsteen Wright, in conjunction with the pupils from Lundin Mill Nursery & Primary. Throughout the week the challenge was to track down the 16 over-sized sweet treat sculptures and find the letters to decipher the phrase. On completion Stuart's the Bakers generously provided a cake to each successful participant. For those who failed to work out the phrase it was "Largo Loves Cakes!".

2025 saw the return of the Largo Arts Week charity auction, following on from last year's Fifie Fish, local ceramicist, Simon Ward, created the Lundie Seals. Artists and designers were invited to produce amazing individual creations, 62 in total, which Penny & Black kindly displayed in their shop window throughout Largo Arts Week whilst the auction was live. The online auction raised a fantastic £5,170 for Prostrate Cancer UK.

An important element of Largo Arts Week is music and once again this was on offer

at the Upper Largo and Crusoe Hotels with bands and performers old and new to the arts week entertaining locals and visitors alike. Many of the performers have a local connection which makes the performances that little bit more special.

Andrew Steed retuned with his unique mystical story telling in the equally magical surroundings of Jane and Alan Faulds' garden.

As ever we support new businesses and this year Largo Castaway Sauna hosted a number of special events throughout Largo Arts Week.

The Painting Competition goes from strength to strength each year with wonderful entries from young and old. Many thanks to the Crusoe, Affordable Arts and Zubi's for their generous prizes.

Thank you to everyone in the community for your support of Largo Arts Week without which we could not make it happen.

Of course we will be doing it all again next year! Dates for Largo Arts Week 2026
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In view of the cover of Largo Links (Issue 19), find these words hidden in the puzzle on the right.

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Brainteasers

1. What 4-word phrase is represented by the puzzle below?

M I L O N E L I O N

2. I divide the numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 into two groups. Each group has four numbers and the same total. What is the total of each group?
4. Which of these words does NOT conceal a musical instrument?

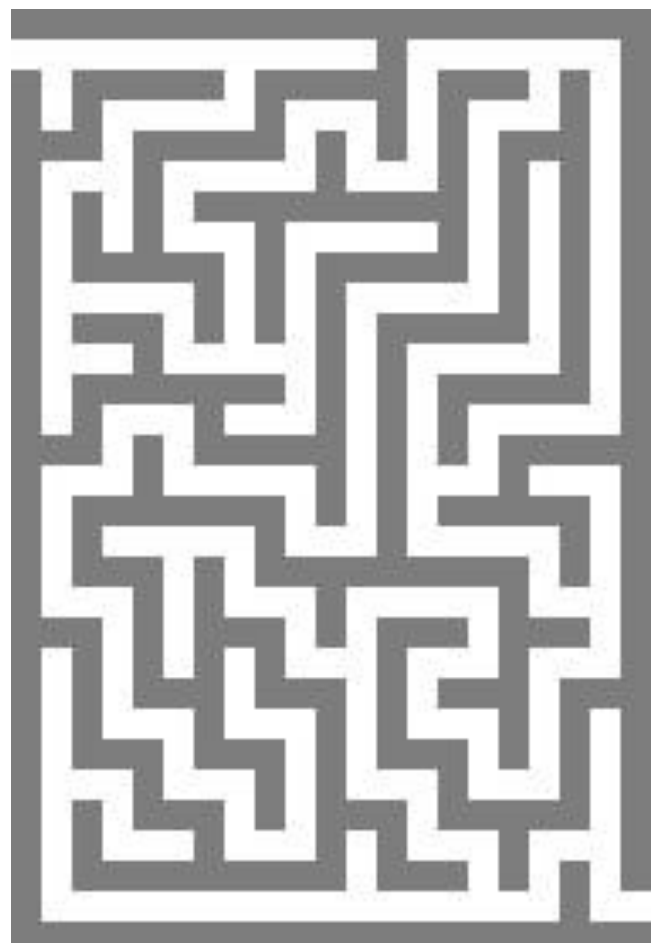
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3. Which of these phrases does not mean "I Love You" in a foreign language?

Ti amo	Mahal kita
Uoy evol I	Je t'aime

Maze

Solve this maze, from top left to bottom right



George Leslie Hunter (1877-1931)

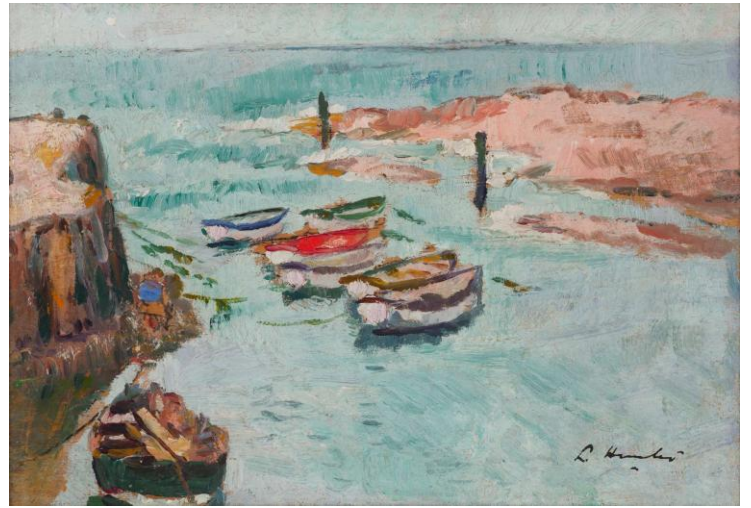
Following on from our article in Issue 19 on the renowned George Leslie Hunter, who along with F. C. B. Cadell, J. D. Fergusson and S. J. Peploe, were known as the Scottish Colourists, Largo Links was contacted by Lyon & Turnbull, Scotland's oldest-established firm of auctioneers based in Edinburgh, to let us know that two of Hunter's paintings of Largo went on sale in June.



“Figures On The Pier, Largo” above, sold for £36,450!

It is not known what first drew Hunter to work in Fife, however between 1919 and 1924 he spent part of each spring and summer in the region. It was during this time that Hunter painted “Figures on the Pier, Largo” and “Boats and Figure, Largo” below, which sold for £17,640.

As explained in the auctioneers descriptions; “Given their intimate scale, they were probably made on the spot in direct response to the views before him, of modest fishing boats moored at Lower Largo harbour”.



“Particular attention is paid to the vertical mooring posts, the draw of mooring ropes and the colourful figures arrayed along the pier. The depiction of water in motion is signified by expressive brushstrokes, whilst highlights of bright colour, especially of red, enliven the compositions”.

Both paintings passed through the hands of the renowned dealer Alexander Reid, in whose Glasgow gallery, La Société des Beaux Arts, Hunter received his first solo exhibition in 1913.

Reid did much to support Hunter's career, championing him alongside his fellow Colourists in exhibitions mounted in London and Paris, whilst his son, A. J. McNeill Reid, organised a solo exhibition at the Feragil Galleries in New York in 1929.

You can read more about these paintings at the auctioneers website;

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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. Recent club projects were photographing on the theme of "Reflections "and "The Big Picnic". We recently had a visit to the Deer Park taking photographs of the Falconry display. We displayed photographs as part of the Largo Bay Art Society exhibition in the Aurrie Mor in August.

Meetings are normally at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays 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: 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December.

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

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The Aurrie Mor - New beginnings

It's been one year this Summer since we purchased Largo St David's Church, renamed it "The Aurrie Mor" and set about redeveloping it as a venue.

It's been quite a year. The first task was making it wind and watertight, fixing the roof, getting the "Victorian" electrical system replaced and obtaining the necessary licences. Slowly we are now upgrading the building as we start to see its purpose taking shape.

So far this Summer we've held; an Arts Fair with six Largo Arts Week exhibitors, an organ and mezzo-soprano concert, story-telling for wee ones and of course the inimitable Artie's Singing Kettle - which of course was a sell-out!

We were delighted to provide a space for Friends of Largo Bay to engage with visitors and the community on the work that is being done by local volunteers to cherish and enhance our blue-space.

We've run a couple of private functions and held Largo Bay Art Society's summer exhibition. We host Yoga and Meditation sessions; including a great bespoke Yoga and Yoga Nidra pre-wedding "mini-retreat" package run by Michele of BackFit. And around that there is a little matter of more redecoration and installing a new heating system before winter!



Looking forward we'll be hosting a ceilidh for the French exchange pupils in the Autumn, and of course planning for our Christmas Fair.

Before then though we're eager to see how the venue works to complement the planned re-opening of The Aurrie Cafe - watch this space for exciting developments there.

Thank you to all our friends and people in the community who have supported us so far, we really couldn't have done it without you.

If you are interested in hosting public or private events in this amazing building then all our contact details can be found at www.theaurriemor.com.



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Holiday Memories 1951, Part 1

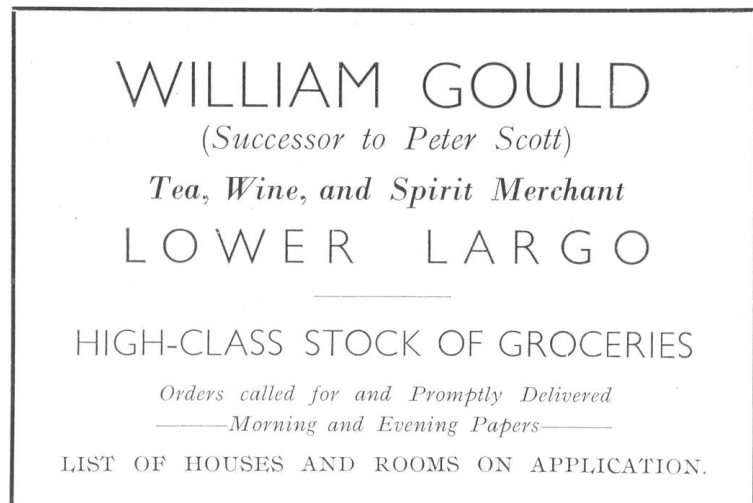
As part of LCT's Heritage Project, the following recollection of holidaying in Largo was given by Nora Beveridge (aged 90). Sadly, Nora is no longer with us, which is why it is fantastic that it has been written down to be passed on to future generations. It was written in 2010. Rather than edit it and lose some of the character, it will be published in three parts in this, and the next two issues. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did (Ed).

We first came on holiday to Largo in 1951. Everyone in those days came to rented accommodation or to rooms with attendance. The owners moved out or lived in the back of the house, or in some cases in a bothy in the garden. We stayed at 1 Rockview, Mrs Mawby's and she moved to the wood lined basement.

The Post Office was directly opposite, the windows and doors hung with buckets and spades, fishing nets and saucy postcards which caused great hilarity. There were lots of shops in the village at that time.



Starting from the bridge there was the Rio Cafe run by Davy and Tony Forte (the best ice cream for miles). They always said they were related to Lord Forte - and maybe they were! Next came the Post Office run by Mr and Mrs Welsh, full of shell sculpture souvenirs, then sweetie shop (Maggie Laurie's) and then The Cockleshell Tearooms and The Central Stores run by Margaret and Harry Davis and Eric Wishart in the van. Round the corner were The Co-op and Gould's the grocer. It was an eccentric shop where the butter was kept next to the paraffin, but they were most obliging.



Mr Gould would come round the doors for orders and being told that I was having a swim, came down to the water's edge and wrote down my order as I shouted it to him from the sea!! After Gould's came Mrs Cluny's shop, which sold jerseys and beautiful handmade children's clothes. What is now The Baptist Church Hall was a baker's shop and there was another bakers at the corner of Durham Wynd. Opposite was the fish garage and another at the top of the hill. At the top of The Orry was an antique shop which then became The Marina Café.



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‘Coorie Doon: A Scottish Lullaby Story’ is a gloriously lyrical picture 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.

The concert is full of story, song and dreamy imagery, so come along on 1st November with your kids and enjoy everything this beautiful book has to offer! Contact Largo Library for tickets now!

Scottish Country Dancing Group

The dancing group meets weekly in the Durham Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm-4pm starting again after the summer break on 24th September.

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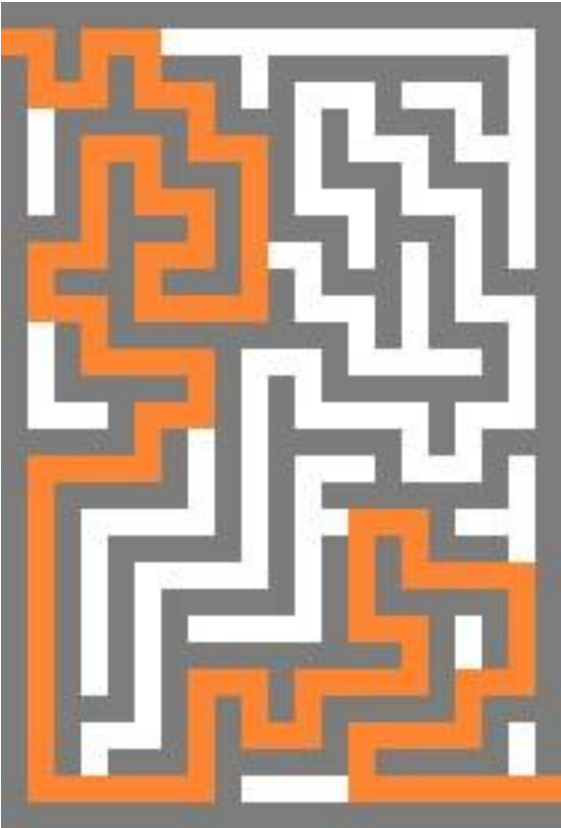
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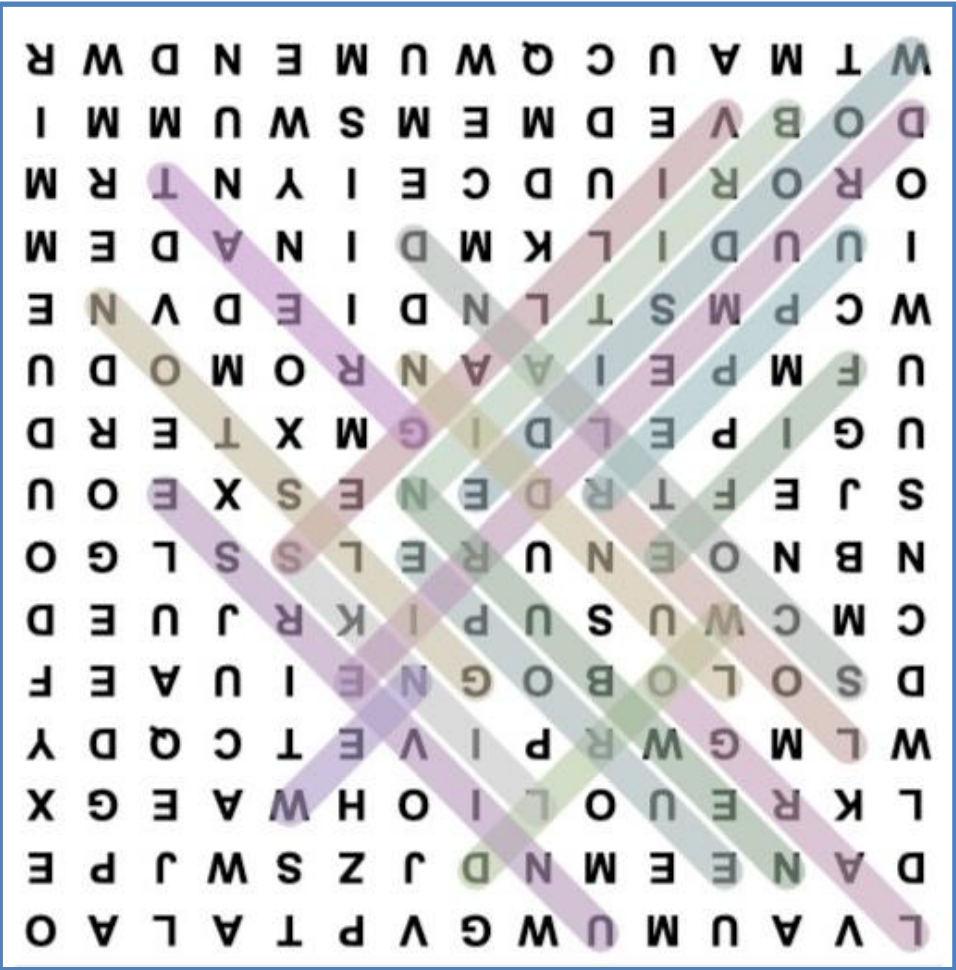
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Puzzle Page Solutions



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Word Search

Brain teasers

1. ONE in a MILLION

2. Groups are: 1,2,7 & 8 and 3,4,5 & 6.

So the answer is 18

3. CONUNDRUM, SHARPENER, CHANCELLOR.
So the answer is ORCHESTRA

4. Uoy evol I is in English, read backwards!



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New Gilston & Woodside	Village Hall KY8 5TF
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Upper Largo	Simpson Institute KY8 6EN
Upper Largo	Beside Largo Parish Church, KY8 6EH



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Largo Links Events Diary - Regular Events

Church of Scotland.....	Sundays	10:30am service in Largo Parish Church
	<i>last Sunday of each month</i>	<i>service will be in the Durham Hall</i>
Community Council	Third Mon excl. July & Dec ...	7pm – check website
Upper Largo Camera Club...	2nd & 4th Monday, monthly ..	7.30pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Café	Mondays, Tuesdays	11am→2pm, Paxton Centre
Therapeutic Art Class.....	Mondays	12 →2pm Paxton Centre, Homelands
Social Squash	Mondays	6 → 7.30pm, Sports Club
Social Table Tennis.....	Mondays	7.30→9pm, Sports Club
Pilates	Mondays	6 → 7pm, Simpson Institute
Yoga.....	Mondays	6 → 7pm, Aurrie Mor
Yoga.....	Mondays	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	Tuesdays.....	Starts 27 th Sept 2025, 6:30pm, Library
RollerCoasters	Tuesdays	11am-12:30pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Community Choir	Tuesdays	7.00pm, Montrave Hall
Book Bairns.....	Tuesdays (inc holidays)	3:15pm → 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 → 10pm, Lily's Larder, Lundin Links
Dance Class.....	Wednesdays	7.30 → 9.30pm, Simpson Institute
Largo Bay Art Society	Wednesdays	7 → 9pm, Durham Hall, Lower Largo
Pilates Class	Wednesdays	6→7pm, Simpson Institute
Pilates Class	Wednesdays	6→7pm, Montrave Hall
Yoga.....	Wednesdays	7.15pm→8.30pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Cricket Club		
Senior training	Wednesdays (Apr-Sep).....	6:30pm, East Drive, Upper Largo
Ladies Night	Wednesdays (1 st of month) ...	Paxton Centre, Homelands
Art Club	Thursdays	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
Mindfulness.....	Thursdays	6:30pm-8pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
SWI	3 rd Thursdays excl.....	7pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Complementary Therapy..	Thursdays & Fridays	11am-3pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Art with Vicky Clarke	Fridays	10am-1pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
		<i>contact Vicky 07570 407965</i>
Gardening Group	Fridays	2pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Inspire Theatre Workshop.	Fridays (term time only)	3.45pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Cricket Club		
Junior training.....	Fridays (Apr-Sep).....	6:15pm-7:45pm, East Drive, Upper Largo
Largo Parents and Tots....	Saturdays.....	10.00 → 11am, Largo Library
Craft Class	Saturdays.....	10:30am-12noon. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Coastbusters	fourth Saturdays.....	Various meeting points (see magazine article)

Largo Links Events Diary - Occasional Events

September 2025

Largo and Newburn Hort Soc Flower Show	Sept (tbc).....	Simpson Institute
Priory Singers: Come and Sing	Sat 20.....	Crail Church, 10am
Film Night – Bridget Jones – Mad About The Boy ..	Fri 26.....	Largo Library, 7pm
Colin Adamson, Comedy Hypnosis.....	Sat 27.....	Old Manor Hotel, 7.pm – 10pm
Coastbusters Community Walking	Sat 27.....	Details on FB page, 10:30am

October 2025

Visit from school children from our Twin Town

Villennes-Sur-SeineTue/Wed 28/29.....Venues to be decided

November 2025

Coorie Doon	Sat 1	Largo Library, Lundin Links 2.00pm
Open Mic	Fri 21.....	Largo Library, Lundin Links 7pm
Coastbusters Community Walking	Sat 22	Details on FB page 10:30am
Winter Farm to Barn with Ardross.....	Thu 27.....	Bookable via Pratis Barns
Wreath Workshop.....	Fri 28.....	Bookable via Pratis Barns
Wreath Workshop.....	Sat 29.....	Bookable via Pratis Barns
The Collective	Sun 30.....	Bookable via Pratis Barns
SWI AGM	Thu 20.....	New Gilston Village Hall, 7pm

Notes

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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. Please send your event details to events@largoct.org.uk 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 www.largoct.org.uk/events/ 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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