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Editorial

Summer in the Largo area is alive with energy, creativity and renewal. Largo Arts Week once again transformed our villages into open studios, where conversations flow as easily as the craft, paint and music. Friends of Largo Bay's Blue Space Festival brings people to the shoreline to celebrate the coastal environment that shapes our identity, while regeneration at Largo Harbour gathers momentum, offering a welcome sense of hope for its repair. In August, the community marked the 350th anniversary of Alexander Selkirk's birth, celebrating the real-life inspiration for Robinson Crusoe with exhibitions, talks and local events. Watch out for Creating Connections in October which aims to offer a gentle pause — a chance to reflect, create and reconnect through film, art, poetry and song. It reminds us that behind every festival, project and celebration lies a shared desire to come together, appreciate our fragile world and strengthen the bonds that make Largo such a special place to call home.

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Massney Braes in the 1930s

While Massney Braes has been a popular rendezvous point for well over a century, it was in the thirties that the spot became a properly managed location for summer holidaymakers, picnics, Sunday School outings, etc. In the early 1930s Largo Parish Community Council began their programme of “foreshore improvements” at Massney Braes. The aim was to nurture the popularity of this stretch of coastline by expanding its amenities. An early development was the creation of a footpath at the top of the dunes, running parallel to the railway line, from near the start of Drummochy Road all the way to Lundin Golf Club House. A pathway suitable for perambulators was also formed from the “creaky gate” at road level, down to the flat part of the braes close to the beach.

Another priority was to stabilise the sand dunes to avoid the sand drifting and accumulating on the paths. The Community Council had “bent” grass transplanted into the dunes, which ultimately proved to be very successful. Further innovations followed, including the renting out of pitches to vendors selling refreshments such as ice-cream and lemonade and the erection of a wooden shelter. Over time, a water supply and drinking fountain were installed along with seats, litter baskets, noticeboards and a dedicated spot for setting bonfires. A raised platform was added for musical performances, which were regularly given by the Largo Silver

Band. The stage also hosted visiting groups, including neighbouring colliery bands and the Newhaven Fisherwomens’ Choir.

The summer of 1933 saw 13 large picnic parties officially using the site as well as many other informal ones. The swell in visitor numbers to the location prompted the idea of additional bathing shelters and even a swimming pond. A ‘Largo Bay Bathing Pool Association’ was formed and proposals were drawn up. For a time, it seemed that a 140x50ft bathing pool with an additional children's paddling pool would come to fruition. However, despite raising a good amount of funding through subscriptions, the plan had to be dropped due to higher-than-expected costs. One construction project that did go ahead was the building of public conveniences adjacent to the site. These were added several years into the improvement programme. Many folks will remember these facilities, which for decades were situated on the right-hand side of the track leading down from Drummochy Road to the west end of Drum Park.

The days of shelters, public toilets and ice-creams vans at Massney Braes may have now gone but this remains a place where people can enjoy walking, sitting, accessing the beach and enjoying the views. Now a bit less managed and more natural - rabbits, wildflowers and butterflies are among the wildlife sharing the space.



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LCT – Working Together in the Background

Largo Communities Together is made up of many different groups, each bringing their own skills, energy and commitment to strengthening our community. These groups continue to evolve — growing and shifting in response to local feedback and the enthusiasm people bring to different areas of work.

Our **Greenways group** has been focusing on paths and access across the Largo Area — you'll find a detailed update elsewhere in this edition of Largo Links. **Our Heritage Group**, formed fairly recently, took on the ambitious Alexander Selkirk celebrations this year. Much of that programme has now concluded, but it's been inspiring to see so many dedicated volunteers bring such a big vision to life. **Friends of Largo Bay** continue to expand their work and delivered an incredible festival this year that brought real energy to the bay.

The Resilience Group is developing emergency response and preparedness, while our **Warm Welcome team** is putting plans in place for this winter's provision. And of course, **The Big Picnic** was a great success — thank you to everyone who came along and contributed to such a joyful day.

Alongside these established groups, we've been nurturing new areas of development. **Grow Largo** has begun with workshops and garden explorations, and our **Sustainability Group** is looking at what it means for Largo to thrive in the

long term — from food growing and energy to housing and how we live well together.

Most importantly, none of this happens without you. Whether you've volunteered, attended an event, shared an idea, or simply been part of what makes the Largo Area a place worth investing in, you are part of this story.

Over the next couple of years, we're strengthening LCT as an organisation so we can support what matters most to you. A key part of that is communication — not just what we say, but how we listen, and who we listen to. We want to put down deeper roots, widen the circles we're connected to, and hear from people we may not have reached yet.

We already work closely with many organisations across Largo — the Halls and Spaces, Largo Area Community Council, local businesses, individuals, and the teams behind regular events and festivals. We're keen to build on those partnerships and keep opening doors to new conversations and new involvement.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions, comments or ideas.

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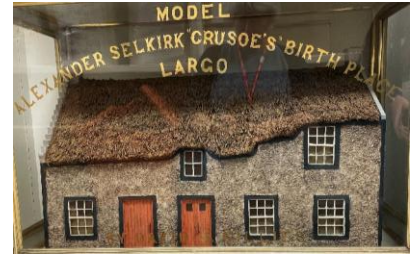
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Largo Heritage Selkirk Exhibition On Tour



You will now have a chance to view Selkirk's chest, cup, powder horn and knife handle as well as a model of his original house in Largo.



Our Largo Heritage Exhibition is moving to Anstruther in December so that everyone will have the opportunity to see for themselves artifacts which belonged to Alexander Selkirk.

These important artifacts are being generously loaned by the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh and Kirkcaldy Museum and because of their significance, these items can only be displayed in a museum able to meet the required conditions for their care and presentation.

The Scottish Fisheries Museum is a fascinating place to visit so please take advantage of this rare opportunity to view Selkirk's artifacts which will be in Anstruther from December 2026 until the spring.



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Largo Harbour Regeneration



Thank you to everyone who engaged with us at the Big Picnic. It was refreshing to hear the

strong community support for the rebuilding of the pier.

The feedback you gave us focussed heavily on maintaining the cultural and historic nature of the pier. In addition, a lot of people requested the design should include seating to enable the pier to be a place for reflection and relaxation.



A huge thank you to those who have already pledged money and professional services.

We are now set up as a limited company and have charitable status. Our thanks go to Fife Voluntary Action whose advice and support assisted us with this process. Our group is Duncan Campbell (Chair), Shona Cochrane (Vice-chair), Alan Cochrane, Peter Aitken, Alice Duff, Tim Graham, Gill Light, Ewen MacAskill, Tim McCann, Gary Tait and Roy Shields. Please share your ideas and feelings with us.

We are awaiting the outcome of a grant application for a substantial amount of funding which will enable us to start work

to stabilise the pier. If we are successful, we will keep you updated as to the progress and continue to seek your ideas and comments.



We really need your ideas to make the pier much more than just a stone structure. Thinking caps on please!

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Largo Harbour Regeneration Group



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If you live in the Largo area, you should receive your copy of Largo Links through your letterbox — and if you don't, please let us know!

I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible people who make the distribution of the magazine happen — especially Irene and James Kay, who manage the entire operation with real dedication and care.

It all begins with 2,000 copies being dropped at The Stables in Upper Largo. Irene and James spend a couple of hours sorting the boxes into village bundles.

The next day, 10 volunteers count out 40–50 copies into street packs, adding any inserts along the way. Then on Saturday morning, 48 volunteers turn up to collect their bundle and head out to deliver to every single house and business — including farms and remote properties.

It's an amazing community effort, and it simply wouldn't happen without this brilliant team.

A huge thank you to Irene, James, and every volunteer involved.

If you'd like to help out, email LLEditor@largoct.org.uk.

Largo Area Community Council



Largo Area Community Council (LACC) are an elected body created to represent and

present our community and their views onward to our local authorities, Councillors and other bodies, public and private, and vice versa.

The monthly meetings of LACC are held on the third Monday of each month (except July and December) at 7pm

The meetings are held in rotation in Lundin Links, Lower Largo, Upper Largo and New Gilston.

The next 3 meetings of LACC are :-

- **Monday 21.09.26** at 7pm in the Village Hall Main Street New Gilston
- **Monday 19.10.26** at 7pm in the Library Crescent Road Lundin Links
- **Monday 16.11.26** at 7pm in Durham Hall Durham Wynd Lower Largo

The agenda is posted 7 days in advance of meetings on:-

- a) the LACC website
- b) Facebook

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“Aiming to improve and develop the path network of the Largo area for walkers, cyclists and wheelers, and to encourage active travel”

The new LCT Greenways group was formed to take forward this aim. It reflects points raised during the community consultation that informed the Local Place Plan and Community Action Plan published in December 2023.

Residents and visitors frequently express interest and concerns about the path network — including ownership, access, accessibility, vegetation, maintenance and signage. Our paths are widely used for wellbeing, and everyday access between housing, transport, school, shops and services.

Greenways are routes reserved for non-motorised transport which enhance both the environment and quality of life.

The Greenways group, (a small number of local community members), has been meeting since the start of the year to work on improving and developing the Largo area path network.

The group’s first task was to carry out an audit of local paths to clarify information on ownership and management, access and accessibility and any issues or possible improvements.

Our next step is to share this information with you and gather feedback to help shape future work.

Path audit information can be accessed on the LCT website via the link or QR code attached to this article. On the same page you will find a short survey asking:

- Which paths you use most or consider most important
- What the main issues are on particular paths
- What improvements you would like to see

Please take a few minutes to visit the LCT Greenways page, look at the path audit information, and respond to the survey questions.

www.largoct.org.uk/greenways/

or use this QR Code:



Beyond this, the next aim of the Greenways group is to investigate the practical ways on the ground to improve path network accessibility, surfaces, signage and vegetation control.

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Could the autumn/winter of 2026 be when you start Scottish Country Dancing? I do hope so, come along and give it a try.

L & N Horticultural Society



The Largo and Newburn Horticultural Society would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all who helped make our

Plant Sale in May such a success.

Whether it be baking, selling, donating or growing plants, this event would not have been the success it was without your help.

We would also like to extend our thanks to all who attended on the day.

Susan and Sheila,
Joint Chairs

Lundin Links Bridge Club

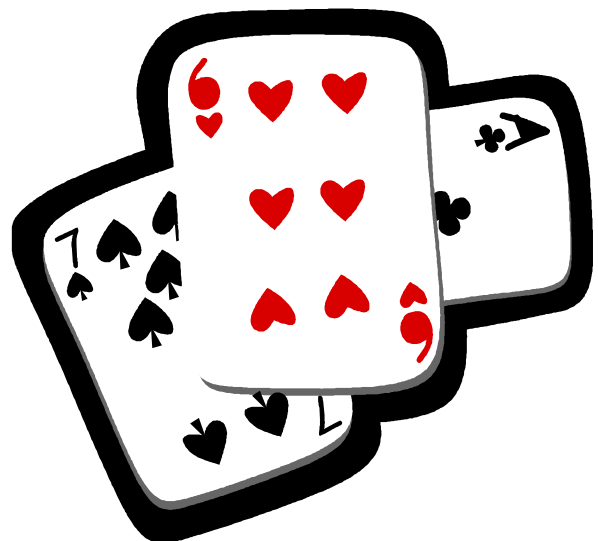
The Lundin Links Bridge Club winter season starts on Tuesday 29th September 2026. Why not come along and join us?

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Coastbusters



Our Coastbusters Community walks since the last Largo Links seem to have been themed around the train. We joined a guided walk of the Levenmouth Heritage Trail to see all the work

that has been done on the new pathways and around the river. It was very interesting and I would recommend the taking the tour if they were offered again, or just heading along there to have a look yourself. This walk may feature in the Autumn/Winter.

- In May we took the train to Kinghorn and did a circular walk towards the Binn and then back by the “kissing trees” and past Kinghorn loch – where we just had to stop for a cuppa!
- Our June walk took us (by train) to Dalmeny station and we walked across the Forth Road Bridge to North Queensferry. A very nice day, wonderful views and even though it was a shorter than usual walk it was enjoyable nonetheless.
- In July we headed to North Queensferry (again by train) and did a section of the Fife Coastal path.
- In August, we walked from where we stopped in July

Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month for some fresh air and friendship. All our walks are in Fife and are typically around 6-9 miles, and often with get-out points! We usually set off around 10.30am from meeting points reached by bus or train if possible, or car sharing is encouraged.

Upcoming walk dates;

- Saturday 26th September
- Saturday 24th October
- Saturday 28th November
- Saturday 26th December (provisional)

Who knows where we will get to, but further details about our walks are on the Largo Communities Together website – What’s On pages, and on Coastbusters - community walking group Facebook page.

I hope you will join us.

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MY FAVOURITE BOOK

Cast Away by Francesca de Tores

As I am sure all readers of Largo Links are aware, this year is the 350th anniversary of the birth of our local celebrity Alexander Selkirk.

With various events being planned by our Largo Heritage Group, what better book to pick from our **Largo Library and Community Hub**.

Published this year (2026), Cast Away “being the true and surprising adventures of Alexander Selkirk of Nether Largo Scotland” and written by himself.

Having been a little sceptical in the first instance, I was drawn into this novel very quickly. For those that have read the copy of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe from the Largo Library, we will understand that the story differs between

Selkirk and Crusoe. The one thing that remains is the writer finding himself alone on the island and having to figure out how best to survive before rescue. Francesca’s book draws you into the hardship of being alone with very limited resources. This excellent book continues with his interaction with an old goat and a couple of cats and really does stretch the imagination.

It has been an excellent read and I would certainly recommend going along to our Library and borrowing this book. **By Ian H**

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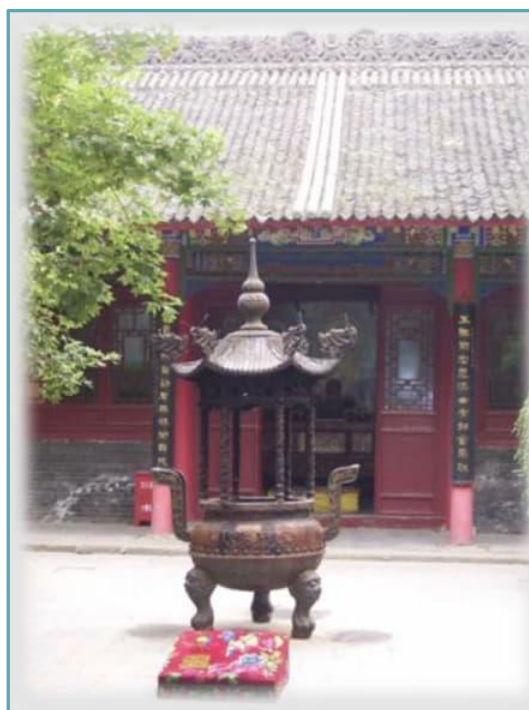
Since the union of Largo, Elie, Kilconquhar and St Monans to form Fife Coastal Trinity Parish church at the beginning of the year, the search for a new minister has been one of its most important activities.

Under the leadership of the interim moderator, the Rev. Ian Wotherspoon, a Nominating Committee was formed with membership drawn from each part of the parish. A parish profile was created, the vacancy was advertised, interviews have been held, and the Committee hopes to be able to bring forward a candidate to preach for the

vacant charge in the near future. It has already been agreed in the Basis of Union that the Manse to be used will be the former Largo Manse in Castaway Lane, and arrangements are in place to sell the former East Neuk Trinity Manse in Anstruther.

Meanwhile, Fife Presbytery has also given permission for the sale of the Kilconquhar and Elie church buildings, and for the Elie church halls to be renovated and turned into a multi-purpose church centre. The pattern of a united service will be on the first Sunday of the month with worship services held in Largo church on each of the other Sundays of the month (10.30am). Please check Facebook or notices near the Church.

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Largo Arts Week 2026



The month of July once again brought us Largo Arts Week, the 7th since the inaugural event in 2019.

sculptor Alan Faulds, a challenging task considering the quality of the artwork.

The winning entries can be viewed on the Largo Arts Week website at www.largoartsweek.com

Jazz duo, Sophie Bancroft and Tom Lyne entertained an audience in the idyllic surrounds of Simon Ward and Keiko Mukaide's garden with an evening of laid back jazz. Donations raised £300 for our festival partners, Maggie's.

The "9 day" week brought us wall-to-wall sunshine with record visitor numbers exploring the artists' and makers' Open Studios throughout the villages.

Families were challenged to follow the Castaway Crates sculpture trail produced by Lundin Mill Primary led by local artist, Kirsteen Wright. The theme of found items from the beach was inspired by Alexander Selkirk's 350th anniversary. Successful participants were rewarded with a delicious cake from Stuart's the Bakers.

The Upper Largo and Crusoe Hotels served a daily programme of entertainment throughout the week kicking off with local musicians, Astral Suns and rounding off the festival with Herding Cats where the Open Studio artists enjoyed a well-earned drink to bring to an end a successful Largo Arts Week 2026.

The amazing Selkirk Seagulls produced by Simon Ward and decorated by the Open Studio and invited artists were on display at Penny and Black throughout the festival to promote the online auction which raised a fantastic £5,597 for Maggie's. A huge well done to everyone who participated.

Planning has already started for the 8th Largo Arts Week in 2027. The dates for which are 17th - 25th July. See you there.

The Painting Competition, where artists were invited to depict Largo in a day, attracted entries of an extremely high standard which were judged by local

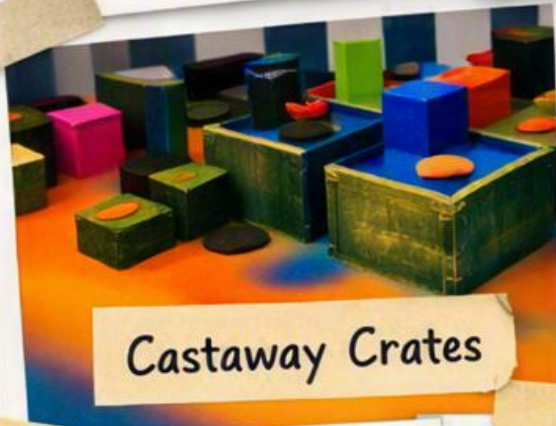




Largo Arts Week FUN!



Art Comp



Castaway Crates



Open Studios



Live Music

Summer Vegetable Stew Recipe



I discovered Sybil Kapoor some years ago. She is a great food writer and concentrates on flavours and textures.

Admiration turned to adoration when through the auspices of Twitter I discovered she was a Moomintroll fan!

This is borrowed from her.

Ingredients

55g butter
4 quartered spring onions
1 crushed clove garlic
115g courgettes, cut in lengths
115g peas,
115g broad beans

Ingredients cont...

2 little gem lettuces, quartered
1 tsp finely chopped tarragon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Fry the onions and garlic gently in half the butter until soft.
2. Add the courgette, peas and beans, with a splash of water to help steam them. Season and cook gently for a few minutes.
3. Add the lettuce and allow to warm through, stir in the remaining butter and tarragon.

Serve!

With thanks to Caroline Trotter. This recipe is from Christopher Trotter;
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Creating Connections – 2nd and 3rd October 2026



This is for you if you are curious, value nature, enjoy being with others and want to become more aware of our fragile world.

The inspiration for **Creating Connections** comes from a shared love of the “Spell Songs” by Folk from the Oak. These were created from the heart of a rare and special book “The Lost Words” by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. This book also inspired the film “Lost for Words”

This is a two-day series of events for our community to celebrate re-connecting to our shared history, to nature, to each other and to self. We hope you will be able to attend all of them!

We start the weekend on Friday watching “Lost for Words” and taking time to chat afterwards about the issues it raises. On Saturday, relaxed and fun workshops create a space to help us think about our place in the world through art, poetry,

music and song. Reflecting on what has already been lost, appreciating what is around us, re-connecting and finding joy in expressing our creativity together. Then, in the evening, **Celebrating Creating Connections** is a gathering to celebrate the time spent together and of everything that has been created during the day.

- All events are free (although donations are welcomed)
- All events are open to all ages (children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian).
- Spaces are limited so must be booked through our LCT website (see link below).
- Please be considerate to others and return any tickets booked but no longer needed.

More detailed information and links to booking tickets can be found on the Largo Communities Together website here;

<https://www.largoct.org.uk/community-projects/creatingconnections/>



Creating Connections – Programme

Friday 2nd October

Film Showing: *Lost for Words*

Largo Library (Doors/Bar open 18.30, Film 19:00)

Showing of this beautifully photographed, thought-provoking film

<https://www.lostforwords.fr/>

Saturday 3rd October

Art Workshop -with Jill Calder

Durham Hall – 10.30 – 12.30

Exploring the theme of Lost and Found, we'll make artwork involving drawing, words and pictures in a joyful, creative and colourful way.

Poetry Workshop-with Colin Orr

Durham Hall – 10.30 – 12.30

Creating collaborative poetry, being mindful and weaving words together that connect our hearts and minds to nature.

Outdoor Workshop -Lost Words -with Andrew Duff

Meet at The Aurrie Mor to begin at 10.30-12.30

A short journey along the seashore gathering inspiration for an art and poetry-based activity.

Science Saturday -with the Friends of Largo Bay Team

Largo Library 13.15 – 14.15

Using hands-on activities to enter the fascinating world of birds and birdsong and create visual representations of their calls.

Singing*Workshop -with Robin Bell and Greg Smith

Aurrie Mor – 14.30-16.30

Learn chorus sections of Spell Songs. This could be singing, *humming or whistling. Whatever you choose, it'll be fun!

Celebrating Creating Connections

Aurrie Mor doors open at 18.30 (Starts at 7.00pm)

A celebration of the connections and creativity of the day in art, music, word, poetry and song.

Book your tickets here:- <https://www.largoct.org.uk/community-projects/creatingconnections/>

Puzzle Page (solutions on page 38)

Sudoku

Fill the blanks so that each row, column and 3x3 box has the numbers from 0 ... 9

Difficult

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Fiendish

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Scotland Quiz

1. Where is Robert the Bruce's heart buried?
2. Where was Mary Queen of Scots born?
3. What is Scotland's national animal?
4. What holiday was cancelled in Scotland for over 400 years?
5. What is the biggest island in Scotland?
6. What is the deepest loch in Scotland?
7. On which island did George Orwell write *1984*?
8. On which waterway will you find *Neptune's Staircase*?

Countdown

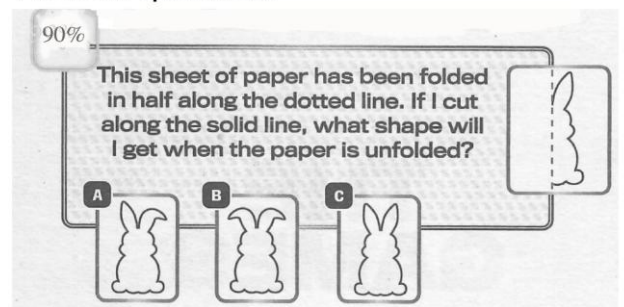
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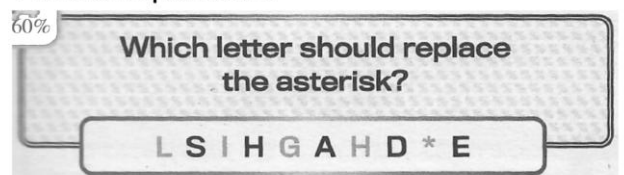
The 1% Club

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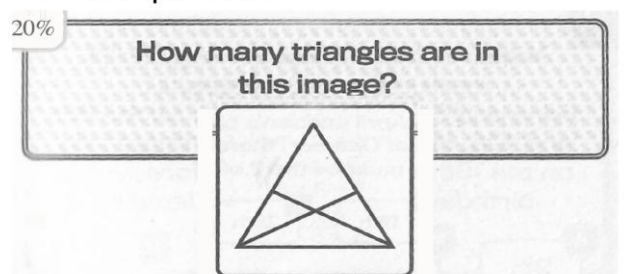
The 90% question:



The 60% question:



The 20% question:





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Friends Of Largo Bay



Largo Blue Space Festival, hosted by Friends of Largo Bay, took place the weekend of 6th and 7th June

Our aim was to bring together groups and organisations around the Firth of Forth, sharing a love of blue spaces and working towards preserving and enhancing our coastal environment. We hoped to engage community awareness and encourage long-term coastal stewardship through providing a framework of discussions and workshops.



We are grateful for the support and guidance received from Flora & Fauna, Coastal Communities Network, Largo Communities Together, Fife Climate Hub and Fife Communities Climate Action Network (FCCAN). The volunteers who facilitated throughout and ensured everyone, from participant to visitor, received a warm welcome were pivotal to the smooth running. Thank you all!

How can success of the festival be measured? Often a subjective issue, we have two professional evaluations to share.

Firstly, a Stirling University Ph.D. student working on coastal heritage and environmental change provided an incisive and encouraging overview concluding:

‘Overall, I thought the festival was beautifully put together. It was welcoming, thoughtful, creative, and genuinely thought-provoking. It felt like a space where community groups, researchers, charities, organisations, and local people could learn from one another and work together. I came away feeling that anyone who cares about the future of our blue spaces, but did not manage to attend, really missed out. ‘

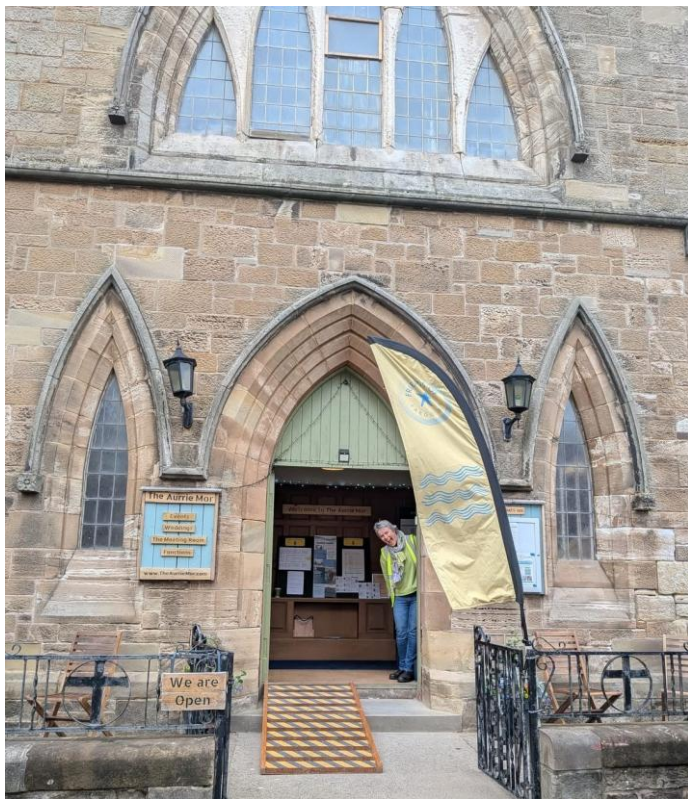
Secondly, FCCAN provided a report, the conclusion of which reads:

‘The Largo Blue Space Festival created a vibrant, welcoming and informative community event that celebrated the local marine area while encouraging discussion about the future of Scotland’s seas. With over 160 participants across the weekend and contributions from 15 organisations, the festival offered a rich blend of arts, culture, citizen science and community participation’.

Friends Of Largo Bay, cont

Workshops, guided walks, interactive exhibits and creative activities were all well attended, and the atmosphere throughout the weekend was lively, sociable and engaging. The strong participation in activities such as the Sea Shanty workshop, felting sessions and Otter Ecology Walk demonstrated the festival's success in appealing to a broad audience.

It was ideally located, near to the Largo shoreline, in the beautifully renovated former church, The Aurrie Mor.



The event also provided a platform for showcasing ongoing research and conservation initiatives, including university-led studies and the Coastal Testimonies exhibition.

The positive feedback from visitors and contributors alike highlighted the value of

community-led environmental engagement and reinforced the important role that Friends of Largo Bay and Largo Communities Together play in fostering stewardship of the local coastal environment.



By bringing together residents, visitors, researchers and environmental organisations, the Largo Blue Space Festival strengthened relationships, increased awareness of marine conservation issues and inspired continued involvement in protecting Largo Bay and the wider Firth of Forth.

From small acorns, mighty oaks grow. This event was only possible through the support, motivation and skills of our volunteers and network partners.

We offer a warm welcome to all, in whatever capacity. If this report chimes with issues you believe are important, please join us!

Carol Duff and Morna Ramday



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Puzzle Page Solutions



8.

The 20% Question

SHADE.

The lighter letters spell LIGHT, and the darker ones spell

T.

The 60% Question

Unfolded ➡ symmetrical
Ears ➡ same shape

C.

The 90% Question

The 1% Club

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Fiendish

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Difficult

Countdown

- 1. Melrose Abbey
- 2. Linnithgow Palace
- 3. Unicorn
- 4. Christmas (1540 – 1985)
- 5. Lewis & Harris
- 6. Loch Morar
- 7. Jura
- 8. Caledonian Canal

Scotland Quiz

$100 + 8 = 108;$
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 $590 + 4 = 594$

$8 * 25 = 200;$
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Coastline Baptist Church (Pittenweem)	01333 312 041

What's On – Regular Events

DAY	FREQUENCY	EVENT NAME	START TIME	LOCATION
Sunday	Weekly	Sunday Worship	10.30am	Largo Parish Church
Sunday	Weekly	Scoonie Community Petanque	11.00am	Scoonie Crescent Bowling Green
Sunday	Weekly	Sailing (May-September)	12.00 noon	Largo Bay Sailing Club
Monday	Weekly	Largo Creative Writing Group	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub
Monday	Weekly	Yoga	10.00am	Montrave Hall
Monday	Weekly	Community Café	11.00am	Paxton Centre
Monday	weekly	SupaStrikers - football	11.30am	Montrave Hall
Monday	Weekly	Yoga Class	2.00pm	New Gilston Village Hall
Monday	Weekly	Social Squash	6.00pm	Lundin Sports Club
Monday	Weekly	Karate Club	6.00pm	Montrave Hall
Monday	Weekly	Craft Group	7.00pm	Paxton Centre
Monday	Fortnightly	Camera Club	7.30pm	Simpson Institute
Monday	Weekly	Social Table Tennis	7.30pm	Lundin Sports Club
Tuesday	Weekly	Scrapstore (crafting materials)	10.00am	The Paxton Centre
Tuesday	Weekly	Art Classes (beginners)	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub
Tuesday	Weekly	Largo Toddlers Group	10.00am	Durham Hall
Tuesday	Weekly	Warm Welcome (from 11Nov)	11.00am	Simpson Institute
Tuesday	Weekly	RollerCoasters	11.00am	Paxton Centre
Tuesday	Weekly	Community Cafe	11.00am	Paxton Centre
Tuesday	Weekly	Complementary Therapies	11.00am	Paxton Centre (Must be booked)
Tuesday	Weekly	Library Open	2.00pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
Tuesday	Weekly	Book Bairs	3.15pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
Tuesday	Weekly	Lundin Links Bridge Club	6.30pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
Tuesday	Weekly	Community Choir	7.00pm	Montrave Hall
Wednesday	Weekly	Gardening Group	10.00am	The Paxton Centre
Wednesday	Weekly	Scrapstore (crafting materials)	10.00am	The Paxton Centre
Wednesday	Weekly	Library Open	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub

What's On – Regular Events

DAY	FREQUENCY	EVENT NAME	START TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday	Weekly	Scoonie Community Petanque	11.00am	Scoonie Crescent Bowling Green
Wednesday	Weekly	Qigong Women's Group	1.00am	Montrave Hall
Wednesday	Weekly	SupaStrikers	1.30pm	Montrave Hall
Wednesday	Fortnightly	Yappers and Yarners	2.00pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
Wednesday	Weekly	Scottish Country Dancing	2.00pm	Durham Hall
Wednesday	Weekly	Mindfulness	4.00pm	Paxton Centre
Wednesday	Weekly	Sailing	6.00pm	Largo Bay Sailing Club
Wednesday	Weekly	Senior Cricket Training	6.30pm	Largo Cricket Ground
Wednesday	Weekly	Board and Card Games	6.30pm	Lily's Larder
Wednesday	Weekly	Largo Bay Art Society	7.00pm	Durham Hall
Wednesday	Weekly	Dance Class	7.30pm	Simpson Institute
Thursday	Weekly	Library Open	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub
Thursday	Weekly	Drop-in Coffee Morning	10.15am	Simpson Institute
Thursday	Weekly	Craft Activities (booking essential via website)	10.30am	Paxton Centre
Thursday	Weekly	Lower Largo Friendship Group	1.00pm	Paxton Centre
Thursday	Weekly	Art Club	2.00pm	Montrave Hall
Thursday	Weekly	Messy Church	3.30pm	Durham Hall
Thursday	Weekly	Karate Club	6.00pm	Montrave Hall
Thursday	Monthly	Scottish Women's Institute	7.00pm	Village Hall
Friday	Weekly	Art	10.00am	Paxton Centre
Friday	Weekly	Fire Pit Friday	1.00pm	Paxton Centre
Friday	Weekly	Gardening Group	10.00am	Paxton Centre
Friday	Weekly	Inspire Theatre Workshops	3.45pm	Montrave Hall
Friday	Weekly	Inspire Theatre Workshops	5.00pm	Montrave Hall
Friday	Weekly	Junior Cricket Training	6.15pm	Largo Cricket Ground
Saturday	Weekly	Library Open	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub
Saturday	Weekly	Craft Class	10.30am	Paxton Centre
Saturday	Monthly	Coastbusters Walking Group	10.30am	Various Locations in Fife

What's On – Occasional Events

DATE	EVENT NAME	START TIME	LOCATION
12th Sept	Illustrated presentation on Life in India by Dr Mukherjee	7.00pm	Simpson Institute
18th Sept	Bubbles and Beetle Drive - games afternoon	2.30pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
19th Sept	Marine Conservation Society Great British Beach Clean - Cocklemill Burn	10.30am	Cocklemill Burn
21st Sept	Largo Area Community Council Meeting	7.00pm	New Gilston Village Hall
25th Sept	Film Night - The Devil Wears Prada 2	7.30pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
26th Sept	Coastbusters Walk	10.30am	See article for details
27th Sept	Acoustic Jam Session	2.00pm	The Aurrie
2nd Oct	Creating Connections - Film Showing - "Lost for Words"	7.00pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
3rd Oct	Creating Connections - Art Workshop - Led by Jill Calder	10.30am	Durham Hall
3rd Oct	Creating Connections- Poetry Writing Workshop - Led by Colin Orr	10.30am	Durham Hall
3rd Oct	Creating Connections - Outdoor Nature Walk - Led by Andrew Duff.	10.30am	Aurrie Mor
3rd Oct	Creating Connections Science Saturday, run by Friends of Largo Bay	1.15pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
3rd Oct	Creating Connections - Singing Workshop - led by Greg Smith and Robin Bell	2.30pm	Aurrie Mor
3rd Oct	A Celebration of Creating Connections	7.00pm	Aurrie Mor
October -	Apple Pressing (date tbc)		Simpson Institute
10th Oct	Herdin Cats	7.00pm	Simpson Institute
16th Oct	The BIG Fundraiser coffee/cake day	10.00am	Largo Library and Community Hub
18th Oct	Beach Clean - Lundin Links	10.00am	Lundin Links Golf Club
19th Oct	Largo Area Community Council Meeting	7.00pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
24th Oct	Coastbusters Walk	10.30am	See article for details
25th Oct	Acoustic Jam Session	2.00pm	The Aurrie
30th Oct	Following in the Footsteps of Alexander Selkirk	7.30pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
12th Nov	Attila the Stockbroker	7.30pm	The Aurrie Mor
16th Nov	Largo Area Community Council Meeting	7.00pm	Durham Hall
20th Nov	Open Mic Night	7.00pm	Largo Library and Community Hub
28th Nov	Coastbusters Walk	10.30am	See article for details
29th Nov	Acoustic Jam Session	2.00pm	The Aurrie
5th/6th Dec	Aurrie Mor Christmas Fayre	10.00am	The Aurrie Mor
20th Dec	Family Christmas Film - "The Land of Sometimes"	2.30pm	Largo Library and Community Hub

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