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Editorial

This month's magazine contains news of a 400th anniversary (of the oldest still-standing portion of Largo Kirk) and a 40th anniversary (Largo Cricket Club).

There are also reports of the many and varied activities around the villages. And we are introducing a new section, called *Crusoe Kids*, written by our schoolchildren.

The Pier Group is busy with plans to repair and develop this important part of our heritage. And Largo Communities Together is putting together the Largo Place Plan, which will eventually be a chapter in the larger Fife Place Plan. For further details, see the articles on pages 18 & 34.

We think that we have justified our subtitle – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE. This needs our readers' co-operation: the Editorial Team cannot do it all by themselves. So please keep the articles coming.

Compiling the magazine & distribution require planning, and that is where the Editorial Team comes in. Please read our **renewed** appeal for extra members.

Since our first issue in November 2020, our activities have been curtailed by coronavirus. It is still with us – but at least we are free to plan ahead for future events (and holidays). We all wish you success in these ventures.

Deadlines for the next issue are:

Distribution in September

Advertising by 1 August

Reports by 6 August

Donations

There are collecting cans in Stuart the Baker and in Zubi's shops, and in the Library. We are very grateful to all who contribute to our publication in this way. You may, of course, send your donation directly to the Editor. We have a postbox in the Library.

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More than ever *Largo Links* Needs YOU!

Our last appeal for extra members of our team led to just two replies, both of whom were willing to help with distribution. We really need some extra people willing to take part in the production of the magazine.

If we do not get these people,



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If you think you might be able to help, please email the Editor:

editorlargolinks@gmail.com

Page Makeup. The three people who work on page makeup are well past retiring age, and cannot go on forever. One of them is the current Editor, who will reach the age of 80 in July 2024. If there is no prospect of a successor – he intends to give up the editorship at that time.

Commercial Delivery. This is a job which requires the least amount of commitment – mostly at the time of distribution of our magazines. At present, it is being done by a person who has three roles within the Editorial Team, and it would be a great relief to all of us if someone else could take on that service.

Events/Directory. This is also one of the tasks undertaken by the jack-of-all trades referred to above. He has indicated that he wants to relinquish this post after the current issue – so we require someone **URGENTLY**. It involves keeping the three pages at the back up-to-date.

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Largo Arts Week

Largo Arts Week returns this summer for its 4th year from **15th – 23rd July** to our villages of Lower Largo, Lundin Links and Upper Largo.

For 2023 we are focusing on the community, offering free entertainment every night for visitors and locals alike to enjoy; local and invited bands will be playing in venues across the villages.

The core of Largo Arts Week's success is the Open Studios and once again we offer an amazing array of art and crafts with 60 artists and makers exhibiting across 37 studios, reinforcing the depth of creativity throughout our community.

Free evening entertainment will be offered by The Upper Largo Hotel and Crusoe where we welcome the return of popular Fife bands *Passing Sages*, *Best Dressed Blues Band*, *Rewind* and *Astral Suns* along with new faces, including *Sleekit*, plus many more.

The festival will close with a return of the Omar Afif and the *Gnawa Trance Fusion* band who with their blend of Moroccan folk, jazz and blues will have the audience dancing the night away to their afrobeat rhythms and melodies as the sun sets on the historic Largo Pier.

Definitely one of the highlights of 2022



including the welcome return of comedian Fred McAuley and the legendary Artie's Singing Kettle plus many more.



Young and old can take part in the annual painting competition which will be held over one day this year, ensuring the streets and beach will be full of artists trying to depict our beautiful villages.

The food vans return to the Temple car park this year with their delicious offering of gourmet street food. Once again Largo Arts Week offers something for everyone, young and old. Of course it goes without saying the sunshine has been booked for the week.



The official launch will be in early June

when the full programme of events will be revealed. Keep an eye on social media and the Largo Arts Week website:

largoartsweek.com



Largo Parish Church – some history

2023 marks a significant milestone in the history of Largo Parish Church. It is the 400th anniversary of the construction of what appears to be the oldest part of the current building. There are references to a number of altars in the church before construction of the Chancel. This bears a tablet on which is inscribed “Fear God / PB / 1623” in reference to Peter Black, owner of Largo Estate. He is also responsible for the tower (1628) and the Burgerhuys bell (1636).



Photo: UL Camera Club

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, The Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, will be visiting Fife between the dates of 23 September and 1 October, and it is hoped that she will visit Largo in commemoration of this 400th anniversary.

YOU can help to celebrate this significant anniversary in our community by sending your ideas for events, competitions, concerts ... to Eileen Reynolds:

eileen842@btinternet.com (as soon as possible please, to allow us to plan.)

There has, however, been a place of worship on this site for a considerable period before this. There is some support for the origin of a church site here in the 9th Century, but what is known is that the parish was granted to North Berwick Cistercian Nunnery by Duncan, Earl of Fife (1154-1204). The Church at Largo was consecrated on 17th July 1243 by David de Bernham, Bishop of St Andrews.

There were major additions and alterations in 1816/17, 1894/95, 1965 and 2015/17. For the first, Alexander Leslie of Largo was the architect. In 1894/95 Sir John Gilmour of Montrave oversaw the project. Three stained glass windows were installed also in 1894/95: David Gault (a member of the *Glasgow Boys* group of artists) was the architect of one, another was placed by John Baxter of Gilston in memory of his wife and the Wood family filled a new rose window in memory of Sir Andrew Wood, Scotland's great naval hero. In 1965, Larry Rolland was the architect. Fundraising in 2015 was on behalf of the fabric committee, led by Peter Williamson.

You can read more about the history of Largo Churches at:

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- Two ducks behind a duck; two ducks in front of a duck; and a duck in the middle. How few ducks are we talking about?
- I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
- If a brother, his sister, and their dog weren't under an umbrella, why didn't they get wet?
- What has a bottom at the top?
- How far can a dog run into the woods?

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Welcome back ...

... to Crusoe Kids, the new section of our magazine dedicated to our younger readers. Thanks to the support from our local primary schools, (Lundin Mill and Kirkton of Largo), as well as the amazing efforts of our creative Crusoe Kids, this edition (#2) is packed full of exciting (and winning) content!

We're always interested in hearing what you think and what you want to include on these pages. So if you're a Crusoe Kid, **why not get in touch and share your ideas, pictures, stories, jokes or even write these welcoming few words in issue #3**, we'd love to hear from you!

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Well Done to Jasmine, P7

for her nautical entry in our design the Crusoe Kids page header (featured above). **Do you know we produce 2,000 copies of our local magazine every three months?** That's a lot of people seeing your efforts in print – well done!

We received 45 designs in total. It was too difficult to select just one winner, so we've decided to feature a different design over the next four editions. **Look out for September's Crusoe Kids, it could be you!**

Meet Waffles!

We asked and my goodness did you answer! Thank you to the 38 imaginative Crusoe Kids who entered our '**Name the Crusoe Cat**' competition and congratulations to **Arran, P3** for his winning entry. Watch out for more cat related competitions heading your way, we need to find out just a little bit more about our feline friend!



World Book Day 2023

Lundin Mill Primary was fortunate enough to have author **Justin Davies** visit on **World Book Day** to talk about his new book, “**Haarville**”. The kids had a great time getting to know Justin, **taking part in his hands-on workshop** and asking him lots of questions! Justin was kind enough to donate a few copies of “Haarville” to the school library for the children to enjoy.



Enjoy Reading? Join Largo Library & Community Hub!

Don't forget your **local Library** has a good selection of children's books to borrow and membership is free! There are also regular, fun events held for Crusoe Kids including:

- **Book Bugs sessions for pre-school children.** The next is taking place on Thursday morning, 15th June starting at 11 am.
- **Book Bairns story telling** for primary school children, every Tuesday at 3.15pm.
- **Science Saturday events** for primary school children, usually held monthly.

Waffles the Cat's Paws for Thought

Did you know that **National Volunteers Week is celebrated every year between 1st and 7th June?** Two thoughtful Crusoe Kids had this to say about the benefits of fundraising:

“I believe everyone should do fundraising and help people in need”, Lyric

“You can have fun with your friends at the same time as helping people out”, Evangeline

You can read more from Evangeline on the next page. So this June why not give volunteering or fundraising a go and if you do remember to get in touch and tell us what you did!

Easter Brownie Bites for the Win!



Thank you to this talented Crusoe Kid who answered the call in our March edition and whipped up a batch of our Easter Brownie Bites – these look absolutely delicious!

Note from the Editor:

This Crusoe Kid won an Easter Egg for her efforts. And I can confirm that it was delicious – the Brownie, not the Egg!

Inspire Theatre Workshops

We are a local Child Development Company dedicated to providing unique, confidence-building drama, dance and singing classes for children in the area. Our classes are held on a Friday afternoon in the Montrave Hall, with separate sessions for 4 - 7 and 7 - 11 year olds.

Classes are designed to boost social and performing skills, cultivate children's mental wellbeing and enhance their sense of self, with each term ending with an exciting and lively performance for friends and family to enjoy.

This term, our 4-7s are exploring a fabulously fun Under the Sea script, with larger than life characters such as Olly Octopus and Dolly Dolphin, a funky dance routine and a jazzy shark song! Through high-energy weekly creative adventures, our youngest students are exploring a story about friendship, teamwork and being kind to others. We're in for a WHALE of a time!

At the same time, our 7-11s are busy working towards their production of Hercules! They're exploring a motivating story about healthy eating, healthy bodies and a healthy mindset through a quirky script, uplifting choreography and feel-good musical numbers.

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Fundraising Is Fun

Fundraising is very fun and I think kids all over the world should fundraise.

Firstly, it helps people have a home. How would you feel freezing on a cold street? Imagine you don't have a home, begging for money nowhere to live almost dieing.

Secondly, fundraising also helps people fight cancer. Imagine you have cancer it will be a tough time, that's where Macmillan comes in. Just by being part of their coffee morning you can help people fight cancer. Finally, fundraising will make you feel great. You can have fun with your friends at the same time as helping people out.

I'm sure you agree that fundraising is super!

Evangeline

Lundie Theatre Group

At time of print, we'll have just finished our three performances of Amanda Whittington's "Ladies' Day". Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to all involved in making our production a success (assuming it was: if not let's move swiftly on)!

As quick as one show ends, planning for the next begins, and our reading committee are already looking for the next play that we will be showcasing in November. In the meantime, we, like many others, are looking forward to a relaxing summer ahead supporting Largo Arts week and enjoying all the talent that our villages have to offer. We know from experience that our shows, and all the events in the area, only thrive because people turn up and we are so lucky to be supported by such an incredible community.

We meet on Thursday evenings in the Montrave Hall and always love to see new faces, whether you fancy joining us on the stage or behind the scenes. Please contact us via our *Lundie Theatre Group* Facebook page or by email

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Year of the 3 Polish Generals

In 1882, three Polish generals were born: Władysław Anders, Stanisław Maczek and Stanisław Sosabowski. In the Second World War, General Sosabowski was closely associated with Largo House.

Last year, The Polish Consul in Edinburgh organised a visit to various places in Fife where the 1st Parachute Brigade undertook training: Kincaig Point, Largo House and numerous coastal fortifications. This will form the basis of a historical trail through Fife, to be named *Sosabowski Way*. It is hoped it will be opened later this year.

In our next issue, a great-grandson of this general will write an article describing some of the military history of his ancestor.



Writing Group

A writing group is held each Monday, 10am till noon, in the library. We are badly in need of new members.

It is as much of a social event as a writing group and there is a tea break at 11 with biscuits supplied. We make a contribution to the library funds.

Everyone has a story to tell and writing can be something of a therapy. Anyone - no matter the standard of writing - will be welcome.

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- Why not come along and join us?
- You can come on your own
- Beginners welcome.

We play friendly bridge each Tuesday evening at the Durham Hall which is located on Durham Wynd opposite the junction with Station Park, Lower Largo.

We start at 6.30pm.

For further information call
Ian Ritchie on **01333 360815**

Scottish Country Dancing

Join us in the Durham Hall every Wednesday afternoon between 2-4pm for an afternoon of Scottish Country Dancing. Each session provides good exercise and lots of fun as we don't take things too seriously!

We're gradually adding new dances to our repertoire as our group grows. This may sound rather grand but don't feel intimidated, we still maintain our method of walking through each dance before introducing the music. So why not come along to find out more? Your first two sessions are free with no strings attached. We'll be shortly taking a break for the Summer, but plan to restart on Wednesday 30th August (date to be confirmed).



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Largo Communities Together

Hello it's Priya here. You may have met me before - I am the development officer for Largo Communities Together. These two pages are to keep you informed of what we are doing on behalf of the villages. If you want to contact me about any of these topics, please contact me through:

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What's On Guide

Check out the new What's On Guide coordinated by Largo Communities Together. It will be a fantastic resource for the whole community and we hope to have physical backup on noticeboards as soon as possible.

If you help organise anything in the villages we need your input. Go to the Largo Communities Together website click on What's On and add any regular classes, groups, or one-off events. We hope this service will help us communicate better about what's happening across our area. There's no charge for use.

Friends of Largo Bay

Carol Duff has continued to organise many events connecting people with the coast with a growing and dedicated team of volunteers.

The group has continued to work with existing clean up groups, The Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, local primary schools



and develop links across the community and with other Coastal Communities in Scotland. They have also worked on a national art project called *The 100 Species*. This connects more people with knowledge of what's on our shores and in our oceans.

Friends of Largo Bay also lead monthly maintenance cleans along Largo Bay too. Local businesses have provided discounts on food and drinks to those who roll up their sleeves; and farmers and landowners have provided machinery and practical help.

The next dates are:

June 18 Fathers' Day Pick at Lower Largo, 10am-12pm

July 20 Midsummer Pick at Massney Brae, 10am-12pm

Aug 27 Silverburn Park, 2pm-4pm

There has also been a project led by Amanda Root examining the feasibility of Seaweed Farming off the coast of Fife with a series of public free workshops - look for more information on:

www.fifeseaweedfarm.co.uk

Email

largobay@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk to get on their mailing list. You can also search for "Friends of Largo Bay" on Facebook. Get involved!

Largo Communities Together

Largo Place Plan



We have continued our Build Our Place Plan with a series of deep dives aimed at getting more detail from the community. These are in-person workshops and on the subjects that have raised the most interest when we were doing our initial surveys.



Community members will then prioritise these actions and we can invest time and resources into the most significant.

- Some of them may be land-use based, so they'll have to go through the Local Development Plan
- Others will be community-based and supported by Largo Communities Together.
- Groups or individuals can always pick up projects that don't make the top priorities in the first round.

We know there are already so many positive things happening in our area. And this plan isn't about replacing them. Instead, it'll encourage connections across the board and provide the underpinnings and resources where they're needed.

At the time of publication we have completed three workshops:

- Resilience, Resources and Wellbeing
- Traffic, Parking and Pathways
- Housing and Shared Facilities.

In June the workshops will focus on:

- Heritage and Legacy - 6th of June at The Simpson Institute at 6pm
- Conservation and Recreation on the 21st of June at 6pm at the Durham Hall.

There's an insert in this edition of *Largo Links* where you can comment on all or any of the topics. At this point, we're looking for specific actions and projects that will help bring about the changes the community most wants.

You can complete the insert and return it to the Upper Largo phonebox, New Gilston Hall, or The Largo Library.

You can also call or email me ideas about actions on any of these topics or anything outside of them.

There is a link to submit feedback

www.largocommunitiestogether.org.uk

under Local Place Plan

We ask you to send any suggestions by the **end of June**.

We'll keep you updated on the progress of our community plan and other news. Thank you for your help and support so far.

We are planning to have the whole process wrapped up by the end of Summer and submitted and finalised in Autumn.



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The Jurecki Family

Max (Janek) was born near Katowice, Southern Poland, in 1925 and stayed there until he was 14. Lying about his age, he joined the Polish army in 1939. He was captured by the Germans and fought with them until he managed to escape and re-join the Polish army.

In 1941 he was stationed in Largo House training to be a paratrooper with the 1st Polish Brigade and was there until the war ended.

He then found employment with accommodation at Watson's Bakery at Riverside, Lundin Links. During his years there, Janek being Janek, also took up upholstery to make ends meet.

He met local lass Jean Wilson, whom he married in 1954. Jean had relocated from Glasgow to Largo at the start of the war along with her mum, dad and brothers, living at Bass House in Main St, Lower Largo until her marriage. They had 4 children - Richard, Jean, Tanya and Jan. In May 1957 Marie Bethune sold Janek an old garage for £100. He turned it into a café which, with a juke box, and Coca Cola having arrived from the States, became THE place to be for the young people! Later Janek bought Norman Forshaw's newsagent's shop, turning the side garage into a restaurant / tearoom where people flocked for the home-made delicious food.

He also bought five shops from Dundee to Methil, establishing a hugely successful outside catering business – customers included Margaret Thatcher and the now King Charles. Janek employed multi-generations of families from the villages

and beyond, as 20 functions in one night was not unheard of.

In the 1980s Janek was appointed caretaker/manager of the Lundin Links Hotel. The Adam Smith Theatre used the hotel to accommodate big stars including Tom O' Conner, The Batchelors and Cilla Black, and Jean had to iron their shirts! They also started a Bed and Breakfast in Crescent Road, so it was work, work, work. Very occasionally Jean enjoyed a night at the bingo and they managed a few trips away for a foreign holiday or to visit family in Poland.

Jean was a Bridge addict, Champion at the local club for many years and loved puzzles of all kinds, every week sending competitions back to her favourite magazine, never being lucky enough to win although receiving a mention for good attendance! When sadly, Janek died in 1988, and the business with him, Jean moved to a smaller house, making things much easier and giving her more time to enjoy life. Her 4 children still live locally and are a big part of her life. She continued to go to the bingo with son-in-law Tom and daughter Jean unfortunately, she didn't win there either! Jean will be 90 on 17th June and as you can imagine she is not as fit as she used to be, however there is life in the old dog yet!

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Lundin Lasers Reach Top Flight



After winning an exciting season playing in the Dundee and District Table Tennis Association league two, Lundin Lasers have been promoted to the top flight. The team brings together some very experienced players including Peter Aird (number four in the Scottish veterans over sixties), Arthur Duncan, Nat Forno, Ron Filsell, Roman Nydza, Robert Brown and Douglas Dewar. Division one will be a tough test, home to some international and top-level Scottish players, but the team is looking forward to pitting their experience against the very best.

Lundin Lasers are looking to expand next season, adding another team into the table tennis leagues. If you're interested and fancy giving the sport a try, please come along to our open nights every Monday from 7.30- 9.30pm at Lundin Sports Club.

In addition to table tennis, Lundin Sports Club has some great facilities including squash, tennis and a gym. The club offers a variety of packages to support most budgets. For more information, please get in touch. lundinsportsclub@gmail.com or follow Lundin Sports Club on Facebook.

The District Nurse

This cottage was mentioned in the March edition of *Largo Links*. Here is a little of the history, told in the *Largo Village Book* of 1932. It states that in the late 1890s:

... Mrs Baxter of Teasses, feeling there was a great need for a nurse to care for the old people and to attend maternity cases, called a meeting of a few of the neighbours likely to be interested. They agreed that a nurse would be a great benefit in the place and so decided to have one. The nurse was supported at first entirely by private subscription but as time went on, and her work increased, and the patients found out how much her work meant to them, they began to contribute too. This rather happy-go-lucky method went on very successfully until after the War, then it was agreed to form a District Nursing Association, with an annual subscription for members of 5s per annum."

The District Nursng Association submitted plans for the building of the house in 1926. Mrs Paxton of Homelands paid for its construction, and it was handed over in 1927.



The Arts Society Fife

(Operating name of the Fife Decorative and Fine Arts Society SC038862)

Our next lecture will be at The Corn Exchange, Cupar on 13 June to which all are invited.

We will end this session with a membership of 235. Our arts lectures have been well received with upwards of 160 in the hall for most lectures. Some of our visitors have become members.

In April members attended a very popular Day of Special interest at Elmwood College, when Christopher Newlands spoke about Catherine the Great. His three entertaining talks were interspersed with a coffee break and a delicious lunch.

This year a few of our members have been helping with the archives of Crail Museum and Heritage Centre. We are hoping to help the museum with an exhibition in the near future.

Our donation to the PAMIS Arts Workshops for people aged 16 upwards with profound learning difficulties has been appreciated by the families. These take place at The Glenrothes Art Club. Additional workshops have been added for a younger age group. You can find more about them at

www.glenrothesartclub.org.uk.

We start back with lectures on 12 September. For further information, please visit theartsocietyfife.org.uk, or send an email to

info@theartsocietyfife.org.uk

Can You Help Our Community?

If you can, we would like to invite you to apply to become a Community Councillor for the Largo Area.

How much time would you spend?

- Attending one meeting of the LACC each month (not July/December)
- And (only if you have time) help with any other things which interest you.

What does the Community Council do?

These are some of the things LACC has been involved in over the last year:

- Helping Ukrainian Refugees
- Twinning with Villennes-sur-Seine, near Paris
- Lundin Links Hotel
- Traffic Calming
- Speedwatch
- Queens Platinum Jubilee Bonfire
- Housing Consultation
- Bathing Water Status Designation

Community Councillors are all volunteers and are unpaid.

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LACC is an elected body created to represent and present our community and our views onward to our Local Authority, Councilors and other bodies, public and private (and vice versa).

LACC wish to serve to promote activities to bring people together and get the best out of our area for everyone. Copies of the LACC minutes are available on line at:

<http://www.largo-area-cc.org.uk/> (you may follow the QR code)



The Chair of LACC, Peter Aitken, can be contacted at:

peteraitken988@gmail.com **01333-320574**

The following few extracts are from the minutes of the March meeting.

For more information see the full version of the minutes available on-line.

Minutes for the April meeting will be available following approval at the May meeting.

Lundin Links Hotel- Water Supply

Following the fire at the hotel, Mr Aitken was asked to write to The Fire Service to ask if there would be additional fire appliances in attendance at Lundin Mill Primary School if there was to be a fire, even if the school was unoccupied. The Fire Service stated that the school would be a priority even if unoccupied but the final decision would be a matter for the Controller.

Bathing Water

Mr Allan is still waiting for an update from Scott Walker, the Corporate Affairs Officer for Scottish Water. It is hoped to have a further meeting with Jenny Gilruth MSP to find out how developments are progressing.

Speed Monitoring

We are still looking for more volunteers to be trained for traffic speed monitoring.

Refugees

There is still an idea to help those refugees who are struggling to learn English and are therefore feeling more isolated and also having problems with communication with schools. Questions will be asked about funding for PVG certification for Fiona Wyllie who is TEFL trained (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) who has volunteered to help. Mr Aitken will ask the Resettlement Team for help with the PVG process and possible cost and will ask Social Work for help to identify those who may benefit from this support.

Lundin Links Hotel

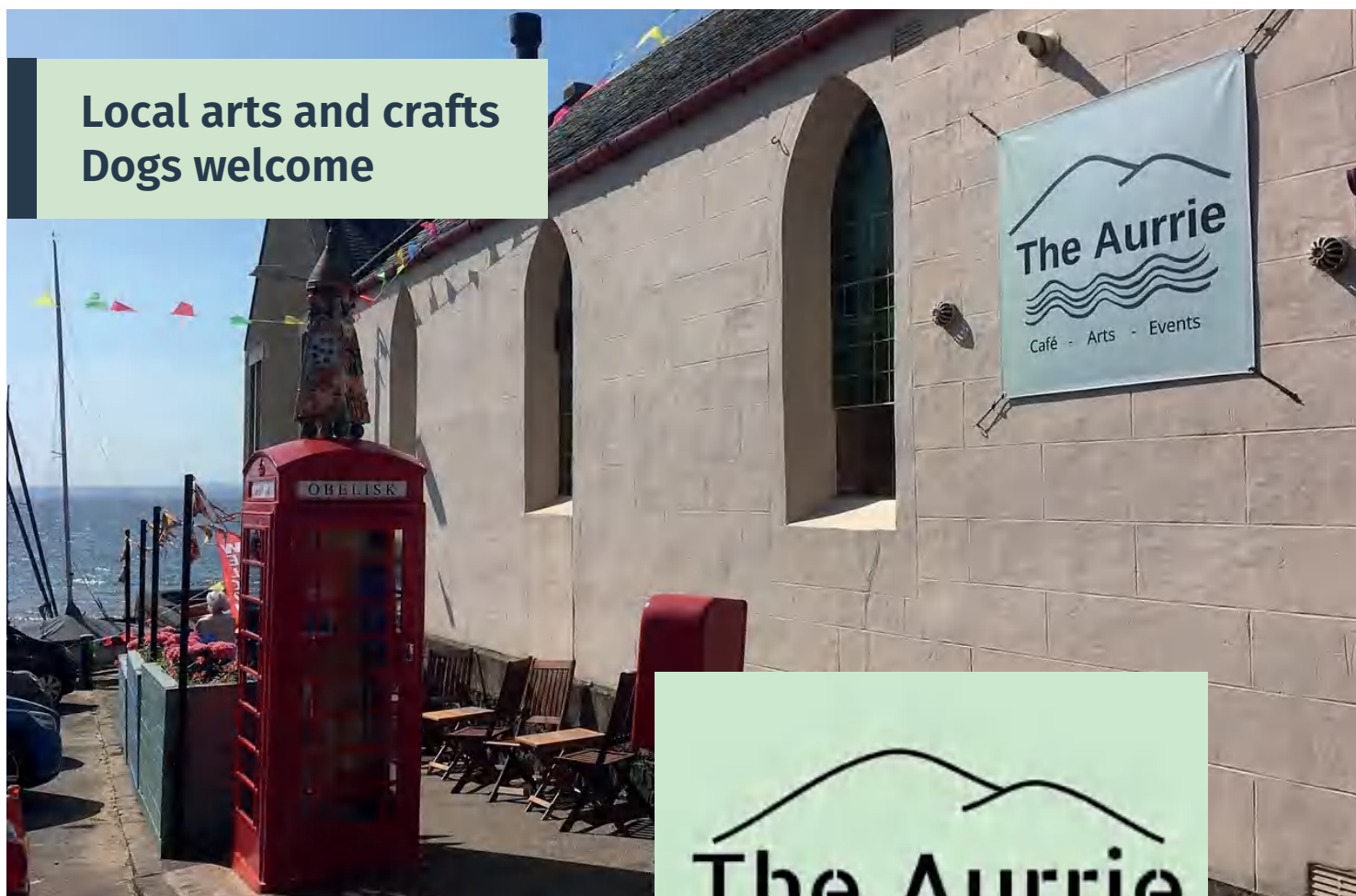
Wendy Chamberlin MP is keeping an eye on development at the Lundin Links Hotel and the process of Due Diligence over the lending of money during Covid to Kapital Enterprise using the hotel as collateral.

Agenda items also included:

- *Resilience*
- *Durham Wynd Wall partial Collapse*
- *Coronation of King Charles*
- *Bus stop/shelter on Crescent Road*
- *Temple Car Park changing places facility*
- *Path from Upper Largo to The Serpentine*
- *Local Development & Largo Place Plans*
- *Temporary Access off Largo Road*
- *Warm Places*
- *Levenmouth Rail Link*

Largo Area Community Council Meetings 2023	
Date	Venue
19 th June	The Stables
July- no meeting	
21 st August	New Gilston
18 th September	Durham Hall
16 th October	The Stables
20 th November	New Gilston Hall
December – no meeting	

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Asparagus from Peru in January? No thanks.

Summer is here! And lots to celebrate. I am continuing my theme of seasonality and what to look out for at this time of year. It is interesting how our dynamic farmers seem to bring the seasons forward all the time! As I write this in early May, local asparagus has been available for some weeks!

But really, we are in the full season now for another few weeks and then I will wait again until next year before eating asparagus.

New potatoes will be available now, delicious epicures from Ayrshire and some local farms will have them too. All the

green beans are out now such as broad and French.

Lots of salads as well, tomatoes will be available in July and the summer brings peas and mange tout. So make good use of the varieties. There really is no excuse for buying anything from outwith Fife at this time of year.

Of the fruits, strawberries, raspberries, black currants and gooseberries are all available. Time for fruit tarts and fools. On the fish front mackerel will be plentiful and sea trout is coming into its short season. Do make sure that it is wild, as farmed sea trout is available year-round and is simply not the same! Roe deer buck will be available as the hinds will be looking after their young. But look out also for pigeon and rabbit.

On the wild side, wild garlic will be pretty much over but look out for elderflowers which make a delicious syrup and a sparkling drink. Sorrel will be in good leaf also and it makes a lovely tangy sauce to go with oily fish such as salmon and is good in salads.



There is also a project on the go regarding making use of seaweed, or as I prefer to call them sea vegetables. This is a wonderful nutritious food right on our doorstep.

Look out for my presentations.

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Rev John Ferrier

Underneath the floor of one of the passages of the Church, and three feet from the surface, the workmen have come upon a stone bearing the following inscription – Here lies the Rev John Ferrier, late minister of the Gospel in this Parish of Largo, who was born the fourth of September 1698. Ordained minister of Largo the 16th of September 1724 and died the 28th of December 1766. Seven of his own children and three grand-children lie buried in Largo Churchyard.

From Fife Herald, 12th September 1894

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Saturday: 10am-1pm



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Currently we have:

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- Newspapers and local information
- Books for sale and jigsaws to take away
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- Free Wi-Fi
- Regular Film Nights
- Fun events for children

Space for hire

The library is available for community groups to hire (outwith opening times). The hire rate is £10 per hour or £2 donation per person for regular groups.

Donation of books/book bank

We take donations of books in excellent condition to add to our stock or for sale. Older books can go to the bank.

Easy Fundraising

If you do online shopping, you can support the library by choosing us on the Easyfundraising App. Get in touch for more information.

Keep Updated

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The new president is Largo resident Ally Duncan.

Our anniversary celebrations will include a home game v. the MCC on August 20th.

More details of the anniversary, other information on Largo Cricket Club, and how to get involved, are on our website and social media channels. Please visit:

<https://www.largocc.org.uk>

Largo & Newburn

Horticultural Society

Following elections at our Annual General Meeting, Susan Fox and Sheila Warwick have been appointed joint Chairpersons. Robert Dewar, a stalwart member of the Society, has agreed to take over the role of Honorary President.

At our Plant Sale on Saturday, 13 May, the Simpson Institute was packed. Someone commented "Seems like the whole of the village was here".

We have been busy preparing for our annual events, including the Flower Show on Saturday-Sunday 26th - 27th August in the Simpson Institute. Schedules are available, giving plenty of time to prepare your entries. We look forward to a good response, especially from children!

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stephensonyjw@gmail.com

- Saturday 24th June: The Pilgrim Way, Kennoway to Ceres
- Saturday 22nd July: The Pilgrim Way, Glenrothes to Kennoway
- Saturday 26th Aug: The Pilgrim Way, Ceres to St Andrews
- Saturday 23rd Sept: Anstruther to Crail

From one of our Readers

One of our far-flung readers (Kenny Morrison, from North Berwick) has sent the letter in the next column. It relates to the refurbishment of Woods Hospital following the fire of 1830 (Largo Links, March 2023)

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Mr Alex Beveridge*

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Largo Pier – past & present

Built to enable the movement of goods by sea, Largo Pier supported manufacturing, agriculture and fishing for many a decade. The pier also provided access to an alternative to road travel, prior to the arrival of the railway.

NOTICE.



ON and after Monday 3d April, the ST GEORGE will make Two Trips each day betwixt LARGO and CHAIN PIER. The Hours of Sailing will be—

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Chain Pier, 28th March, 1837.

However, from its early days the pier's potential for fun as well as function has been evident. Offering space by the water, in the centre of the community, it has been the scene of celebration, entertainment and recreation. From the days when large crowds would gather to welcome back the fishing fleet from their lengthy trips to far-flung fishing grounds, to the era when visitors arrived on steamboat services, the old stone quay has been about more than just trade and industry.



When the railway reached Largo in 1857, the demand for trade and travel by boat was diluted. Increasingly, a travelling fun fair might compete for space on the pier with the fishing ropes, sails and fish boxes.

During the late 19th century, Largo Swimming Club held galas on the pier,

attracting huge crowds to view a variety of races and challenges. As the level of fishing-related activity fell away, use of the pier for leisure grew.

Notably, it became the site of the Pier Pavilion – a temporary seasonal structure that brought entertainment to visitors and locals each season for around three decades, largely between the wars. The harbour area would have echoed with the sound of performances such as musical numbers, comedy, sketches, songs, dancing and ventriloquism.



Largo found itself quite the fashionable seaside resort in the 1920s. A regular visitor was the 'Scottish Colourist' George Leslie Hunter (1877-1931). He sketched and painted many local scenes including several of the pier and of the Pier Pavilion.



The artist even sketched the pier with gaping holes in it following a storm. During spells of disrepair, the pier still triggered community events. Various Pier Committees oversaw enthusiastic

community fund-raising, which included fetes, concerts, dances, open-air markets and jumble sales. In 1935 a newspaper piece acknowledged that the *ever-popular* Largo Pier had evolved to serve *an entirely different purpose than was originally intended by the founders*. The last of the deep-sea fishing fleet had ceased in 1909- even the number of smaller boats was dwindling. The pier had become a place to promenade and to enjoy the seaside views and seasonal entertainment. Benches and shelters were erected around the harbour by the community council. Small pleasure crafts now moored alongside the pier.



In recent decades the pier has continued to be a focal point for community events and special occasions, from 'flying off the pier' contests, to Largo Arts Week events.

An unforgettable celebration was the 'Crusoe 300' summer of fun across all three of the villages, organised to mark 300 years since the birth of Alexander Selkirk - the Largo-born mariner who spent four years and four months on an uninhabited island, providing the inspiration for Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.



Largo pier still retains the qualities that have made it such a well-used and admired space for over two centuries. By carrying out repairs and making the structure safe, the pier can continue to provide a unique space for the whole community to use and a venue for a diverse range of activities.

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

Largo Pier – future

Graham and Rachel Bucknall of the Crusoe Hotel very generously hosted a reception for the Pier Group of LCT at the Hotel on 17th April. This event gave us an opportunity to provide information on progress being made with the restoration project and also to thank a number of folk who have raised funds for the work. We also took this opportunity to let people know what we now need which is:

Firstly, community support. So many of you have already demonstrated this in different ways but it will need to continue in the difficult times that lie ahead.

Secondly, funding. Grant application are being made as described in my report in the March issue of *Largo Links* (page 18). The work involved in these applications is phenomenal. They are all for significant amounts and if we do not receive favourable responses all or part of the project may be in jeopardy.

Jimmy Simpson, Chair Largo Pier Sub Group of LCT

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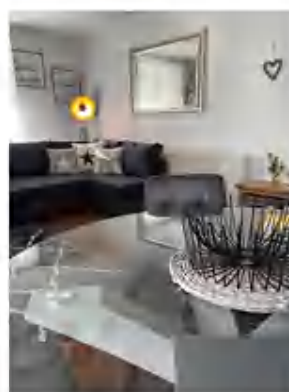


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Men & Women - created equally?

A reader was tidying up some papers and sent us this, from a bank he used to work in all those years ago.
He noticed that equality stopped at 18! Unless you were on the lowest male rates. Even then, you could expect to be paid more after the age of 21.

Editor's Note

This was only a few months before decimalisation (Feb 15, 1971). I can recall that you could get a pint of beer for under 2/- (10 new pence)

I had to look these up online:

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24	849	915	1,080	783
25	900	975	1,140	816
26	954	1,032	1,221	849
27	999	1,098	1,287	882
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Puzzle Page - Solutions

- the woods.
5 Half-way. After that, it is running **out** of
4 A leg.
3 It was not raining.
2 7: Seven → even
front of duck C; duck B is in the middle.
Two ducks behind duck A; two ducks in



1 Three.

Riddles

- ASTRONOMERS: No More Stars!
THE EYES: They See.
THE MORSE CODE: Here Come Dots.
A DECIMAL POINT: I'm A Dot In Place.
SILENT: Listen.
SCHOOLMASTER: The Classroom.
DEBIT CARD: Bad Credit.
A GENTLEMAN: Elegant Man.
POSTMASTER: Stamp Store.
SLOT MACHINES: Cash Lost In Me.
CHRISTMAS: Trims Cash.

Surprising Anagrams

$$7 + 4 - 6 = 5;$$

$$5 * 100 = 500;$$

$$500 + 8 - 75 = 433$$

$$75 \div 5 = 15;$$

$$15 * 50 = 750;$$

$$750 - 100 - 3 = 647$$

$$5 + 5 = 10;$$

$$100 + 7 = 107;$$

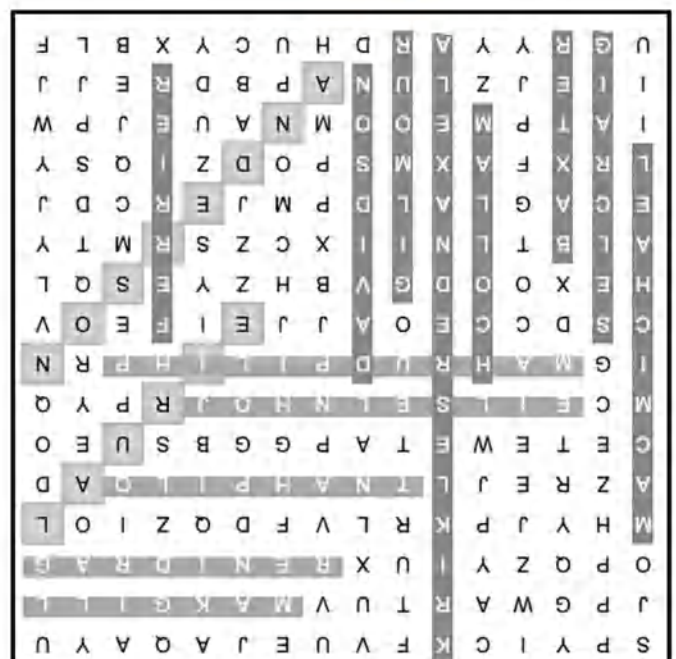
$$107 * 8 = 856$$

$$6 * 100 = 600;$$

$$600 + 50 = 650;$$

$$650 + 8 - 1 = 657$$

Countdown



Online Directory ("Community Directory")

There is a directory of useful website and email addresses. It is hosted on the website of Largo Communities Together.

www.largocommunitiestogether.org.uk

Click on the button



Community Projects



Or ... if you can use QR codes, scan this to take you straight to the Online Directory

Defibrillators can be found at the following locations:

Largoward, Village Hall	25 St Andrews Road (A915) KY9 1HZ
Lower Largo	Zubi's Store (formerly Andy's) KY8 6BW
Lower Largo	Durham Hall KY8 6DL
Lundin Links	Lundin Golf Clubhouse KY8 6BA
Lundin Links	Lundin Golf Club Greenkeeper's Shed, Links Road
Lundin Links	Montrave Hall, 58 Leven Road KY8 6AJ
Lundin Links	Homelands Trust KY8 6AT
Lundin Links	Stuarts the Bakers KY8 6AQ
Lundin Links	Lundin Bowling Club, Largo Road KY8 6AH
New Gilston & Woodside	Village Hall KY8 5TF
Silverburn	Beside the Cottage Café window KY8 5PU
Upper Largo	Simpson Institute KY8 6EN
Upper Largo	Beside Largo Parish Church, KY8 6EH



Contacting a Doctor out of hours

If urgent medical advice or assistance is required between 6pm – 8.30am please **phone 111** and your call will be answered by NHS 24

If the medical problem is an emergency – eg suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulty, severe bleeding or severe injury - **phone 999 immediately**.

It is helpful to have the following details to hand:

Personal Details:

- Name of caller **and**
- Name of patient
- Current Address (eg Largo House) **and**
- Usual Address
- Age of Patient (date of birth)
- Contact phone number
- Name and address of usual GP if registered in UK

Clinical Details:

- List of medications is very helpful
- Previous medical history
- In order to ensure that they are speaking about the correct patient, you will be asked to give personal details initially to the call-handler and again to the triage nurse.

In addition, NHS 24 may be contacted for urgent care advice or mental health support at any time on 111

NHS Inform (www.nhsinform.scot) has links to a useful symptom checker and contains self-help and care advice.

Local Directory - Telephone Numbers

LACRT Helpline 0800 999 3465

Local Shops and Businesses:

Zaphar's Premier Store 01333 320 851
Stuart's of Buckhaven 01333 320 213
Blacketyside Farm Shop + Meals 01333 423 034
Archer's Fish 07734 804844
Lundin Links Pharmacy 01333 320 274

All above are currently delivering

Zubi's Store (formerly Andy's) 01333 329 237
Allan Moncrieff Alarms 01333 320 075
Coates IT Consulting 01333 329 118
Crusoe Hotel, Lower Largo 01333 406 775
Donaldson and Son Joiners & Undertakers

01333 360 228
Forth House Caravan Site 07718 788 317
Headrush, Upper Largo 01333 360 437
Hillhouse Boarding Cattery 01333 360 582
Jane's at Nineteen 01333 320 266
Largo Library & Community Hub 01333 329 417
Martha Watt Podiatry 07909 964 898
Mercury Motorsport 01333 320 158
Monturpie Guest House & Caravan Park

01333 360 254
Old Manor Hotel 01333 320 368
Penny & Black 01333 320 415
Simpson Institute Bookings 01333 360 663
The Finishing Touch 01333 320 956
The Green Room (Florists) 01333 317 051
The Studio 01333 320 174
The Taxi Centre 01333 300 300
Upper Largo Hotel 01333 360 347
Upper Largo Chandlery 01333 360 217
Vintage Barber, Lundin Links 07562 390 361
Woodland Gardens Caravan and Camping Site
01333 360 319

Medical and Mental Health Helpline Numbers:

Age Scotland Helpline: *Confidential service for older people, carers and families. Call free* 0800 12 44 222
Breathing Space (*low mood/anxiety*) 0800 83 85 87
Carers UK 0808 808 7777
Childline UK 0800 1111
Citizens Advice and Rights, Fife. 0345 1400 095
Community Police and Police Scotland 101
Continuing Care North East Fife 0746 888 7900
Cosy Kingdom: *Telephone advice service for any energy billing or supplier issues* 01592 807 930
Covid 19 Community Helpline 0800 952 0330
Deaths/Still Births Registrations 0345 155 0099
Dental Advice Helpline 01592 226 555
East Neuk Emergency Planning Team
(ENCEPT) 0800 999 6543
Fire and Rescue 01333 424 719
Fife Covid 19 Helpline 0800 952 0330

Gingerbread Lone parent Helpline 01592 725 210
Levenmouth Police Station 0845 600 5702
Levenmouth Foodbank 07966 502 854
National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247
National Emergency *Fire, Police, Ambulance* 999
NHS 24 (includes Mental Health Hub) 111
Over 50's Help 0800 1244 222
Psychological Services/Emotional

Wellbeing of children 01592 583 349
Samaritans 116123
Scottish Gov. Business Helpline 0300 244 4000
Scottish Welfare Fund 0300 5550 265
SAMH mental health (**not crisis**) 0344 800 0550
Scoonie Medical Practice (*Includes Leven Health Centre*) Drs Hilton, Richardson, Andrew, Stevens, Cook, Barr, Stevenson & McDonald) 01333 432 588
Victoria Hospital Kirkcaldy 01592 643355
Universal Credit Helpline 0800 328 5644
Women's Aid-Fife 0808 802 5555
Women's Aid-Scottish 0800 027 1234

Council & Utilities Helpline Numbers:

Fife Council 03451 550 000
Fife Council Environment Services 03451 550 022
Fife Social Work 03451 551 503
Fife Housing Register Emergency
Accommodation. 03451 550 033
Fife Council (Roadworks/Emergencies) 03451 550 011
(and out of hours) → 03451 550 099
Fife Rent issues 03451 550 044

Utilities Helpline Numbers:

Electricity Emergency 0800 092 9290
National Gas Helpline 0800 111 999
National Power Cut Helpline (from a mobile) 105
Scottish Power 0800 027 0072
Scottish Water Emergencies 08000 788 788
SEPA Floodline 0345 988 1188

Politicians, Councillors, Churches

MPs / MSPs
Wendy Chamberlain, MP 01334 656 361
Jenny Gilruth, MSP 01592 764 815

Local Councillors:

David Alexander 01333 351 014
Eugene Clarke 07917 039 683
Colin Davidson 07864 619 335
Alistair Suttie 07515 289 170
Alternative number for Councillors 03451 555 555
Ext 44232

Local Churches:

Largo Parish Church 01334 781 142
St Agatha's & St Giles RC 01333 423 809
St Margaret's Episcopal Church 01333 426 609
Coastline Baptist Church 01333 312 041
(Pittenweem))

Largo Links Events Diary - Regular Events

Church of Scotland.....	Sundays*	10:30am service in the Largo Church*
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie		Check times under occasional events
Community Council	Third Mon ex July & Dec.....	7pm – venues listed below & check website
Upper Largo Camera Club...	2nd & 4th Monday, monthly ..	7.30 pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Therapeutic Arts Class	Mondays	12 → 2pm Paxton Centre, Homelands
Social Squash	Mondays	6 → 7.30pm, Lundin Sports Club (for visitors)
Social Table Tennis.....	Mondays.....	7.30 → 9pm, Lundin Sports Club (for visitors)
Mindful Partnership	Mondays	2pm Session Paxton Centre, Homelands
Pilates.....	Mondays	6 → 7pm, Simpson Institute
Yoga.....	Mondays	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
Lundin Links Karate Club .	Mondays & Thursdays	6→7pm, Montrave Hall
Rollercoasters	Tuesdays	10.30, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Lower Largo Friendship Group.	Tuesdays & Thursdays	Lunch, Paxton Centre, (starting soon)
Community Choir.....	Tuesdays	7.00pm, Montrave Hall
Book Bairns	Tuesdays	3.05pm → 4.30pm, Largo Library
Junior Tennis Coaching....	Tuesdays & Fridays	3.15 → 6.0pm, Lundin Sports Club
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Tuesdays	11am → 1pm, Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Games Night	Wednesdays	6.30 → 10.0 pm, The Aurrie, Lower Largo
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
Reading Round	Wednesdays	10.30 → 12noon, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Wednesdays	12 noon → 1pm Largo Library & Community Hub:
Yoga	Wednesdays	6.45pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Senior Sides.....	Wednesdays	from 6.15pm. Largo Cricket Club
Art Club	Thursdays	2pm, Montrave Hall
George the Potter.....	Temporarily Suspended until Autumn 2023	
Drop-in Coffee Morning	Thursdays	10.15 → 11.30am, Simpson Institute
Art Club	Thursdays	2pm, Montrave Hall
Pilates Class.....	Thursdays	6.30 → 7.30pm, Durham Hall
Mindful Partnership	Thursdays	2pm Session, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Thursdays (fortnightly)	11am → 1pm, New Gilston Village Hall
SWI.....	3 rd Thursdays excl. July	7.30 pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Inspire Theatre Workshop.	Fridays (term time only)	3.45pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Lions: P2 to S6.....	Fridays	6.15pm- 7.45pm Largo Cricket Club
Largo Parents and Tots....	Saturdays.....	10.00 → 11am, Largo Library
Craft Class.....	Saturdays.....	10.30 → 12.30 Paxton Centre, Homelands
Super Science	Saturdays (last of month).....	1pm → 2pm, Largo Library

Notes:

**Church..... last Sunday of each month service will be in the Durham Hall*

Simpson Institute look out for regular updates - enquiries to: simpson.institute@gmail.com

Montrave Hall..... enquiries to: montravehall@gmail.com

Contact hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com for bookings for Durham Hall and The Stables

George the Potter sessions may re-start after summer. Check hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com

Scottish Country Dancing will resume at the Durham Hall from 13 September.

Largo Links Events Diary

Occasional Events

June 2023

The Arts Society Fife.....	Tuesday 13.....	2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 15.....	7,30pm, New Gilston Hall
Community Council	Monday 19.....	7pm, The Stables, Upper Largo
Horticultural Society	Monday 19.....	7pm, Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Coastbuster Walk, Pilgrim Way.....	Saturday 24	10.30am Kennoway to Ceres (circa 9 miles)
Cocktails at the Green.....	Sunday 25	2pm to 6pm, Lundin Bowling Club
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie.....	Sunday 25	2pm to 4pm, 68 Main Street, Lower Largo

July 2023

Pick Your Own Flowers.....	Saturday 1 st	11am & 2pm. Largo Walled Garden
Largo Arts Week	Sat 15-Sun 23 rd	Lower and Upper Largo and Lundin Links
Coastbuster Walk, Pilgrim Way.....	Saturday 22	10.30am Glenrothes to Kennoway (circa 9 miles)
Comedy featuring Fred MacCauley ..	Saturday 22	7pm to 10pm, The Aurrie, 68 Main Street
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie.....	Sunday 30	2pm to 4pm, 68 Main Street, Lower Largo

August 2023

Pick Your Own Flowers.....	Saturday 5 th	11am & 2pm. Largo Walled Garden
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 17.....	7,30pm, New Gilston Hall
Largo Cricket Club vs MCC.....	Sunday 20	East Drive, Upper Largo
Community Council	Monday 21	7pm- New Gilston Hall
Coastbuster Walk, Pilgrim Way.....	Saturday 26	10.30am Ceres to St Andrews (circa 9 miles)
Annual Flower Show	Saturday 26	2-4.30pm, Simpson Institute
Annual Flower Show	Sunday 27	2-5pm, Simpson Institute

September 2023

Pick Your Own Flowers.....	Saturday 9 th	11am & 2pm. Largo Walled Garden
Horticultural Society	Monday 11	7pm, Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Community Council	Monday 18.....	7pm- Durham Hall, Lower Largo
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 21	7.30pm, New Gilston Hall
Coastbuster Walk.....	Saturday 23	10.30am, Anstruther to Crail

October 2023

Community Council	Monday 16.....	7pm- The Stables, Upper Largo
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 19.....	7,30pm, New Gilston Hall

Notes

Simpson Institute.....enquiries to: simpson.institute@gmail.com or phone 01333 360 663
Montrave Hall.....enquiries to: montravehall@gmail.com
Durham Hall & The Stables.....enquires to: hallbookinglargochochurch@gmail.com
George the Potter.....sessions resume on 21 Sept. at The Stables 12-3pm and 6-9pm
Sunday Jam @ The Aurrie.....Come along on the last Sunday of every month to join in with an informal jam collaboration of singers, musicians and poets of all abilities



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