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In this edition celebrating Spring, we are privileged to have our cover graced by a wonderful image from renowned local artist, Jill Calder

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## Editorial

Printing costs have gone up recently, and we have warned potential advertisers that our prices will, necessarily, increase. This is the first time we have done so since we started *Largo Links* in 2020.

Advertising costs pay much of the costs of publication. Your donations also contribute. If you value your free magazine, delivered to each household in our villages, please read the "How to Donate" box below. We have written before that if each of you gives just £3 per year, we would be well-covered for increasing costs.

We are a community where much is going on. Please contact a member of the team if you know of an activity that is not being reported in our pages:

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## About Jill Calder

Jill Calder is an award-winning illustrator and calligrapher who loves drawing, ideas, colour, ink, typography, stories, books, dogs and deadlines. Jill blends traditional and digital image-making methods as seamlessly as possible resulting in whimsical illustrations with broad appeal. As a result, her work is commissioned for children's picture books, huge hospital murals, financial and scientific reports, branding Scotch beer and whisky and global advertising campaigns.

Jill studied at Edinburgh College of Art and later at Glasgow School of Art, graduating in 1992. Through her work, she has been invited to talk at various events and conferences and teach at schools and universities throughout the UK, USA and Hong Kong. Amongst other places, her work has been displayed at the V&A Museum, The National Museum of Scotland, The Royal Brompton Hospital, The Royal Scottish Academy.



Recently, Jill's work was on show around the world in '**Drawing Words**', an exhibition of ten British children's book illustrators, curated by Lauren Child and organised by the British Council. As part of the tour, Jill was invited to Pakistan and Sri Lanka to open the exhibition and hold workshops, masterclasses and storytelling sessions in the British Council Libraries there.

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**From small acorns do mighty oaks grow.**

## **Tracing the roots of our local Community Gardening.**

*Meet Nicola MacFarlane Young:  
Volunteer, founder and driving force  
behind our gardening project.*

Her story starts back in 2018 when a freak storm washed two boats ashore. Nicola put a call out on the local Facebook page to find the owners. Realising his boat was damaged beyond repair, local man Graham, gifted it to Nicola.

Aby assisted by two waiters from the Crusoe, Nicola then dragged her washed-up treasure from the harbour to its now iconic location at the foot of Drummochy Road. With the wind behind her sails and support from family, Nicola bought soil, plants, and gravel. Passers-by stopped, gave donations, gifted plants, and offered help. Word of mouth grew, and before long, two old bikes had joined her fleet of up-cycled planters.

The seed of an idea may have started with Nicola, but it takes a village to grow a community garden. From donations of money, plants and time from family, friends, volunteers, primary schools, businesses, and charities, to support from the local and community councils, it's been an enormous team effort. Today, our community garden stretches across all three villages. We've five boats, three bikes, 25 planters, and 13 green-fingered volunteers. (We always need more volunteers please!)

Speaking about her journey from 2018 until today, Nicola said: "Without the donations and the amazing volunteers, it



couldn't have continued or progressed like it has, so thank you everyone!"

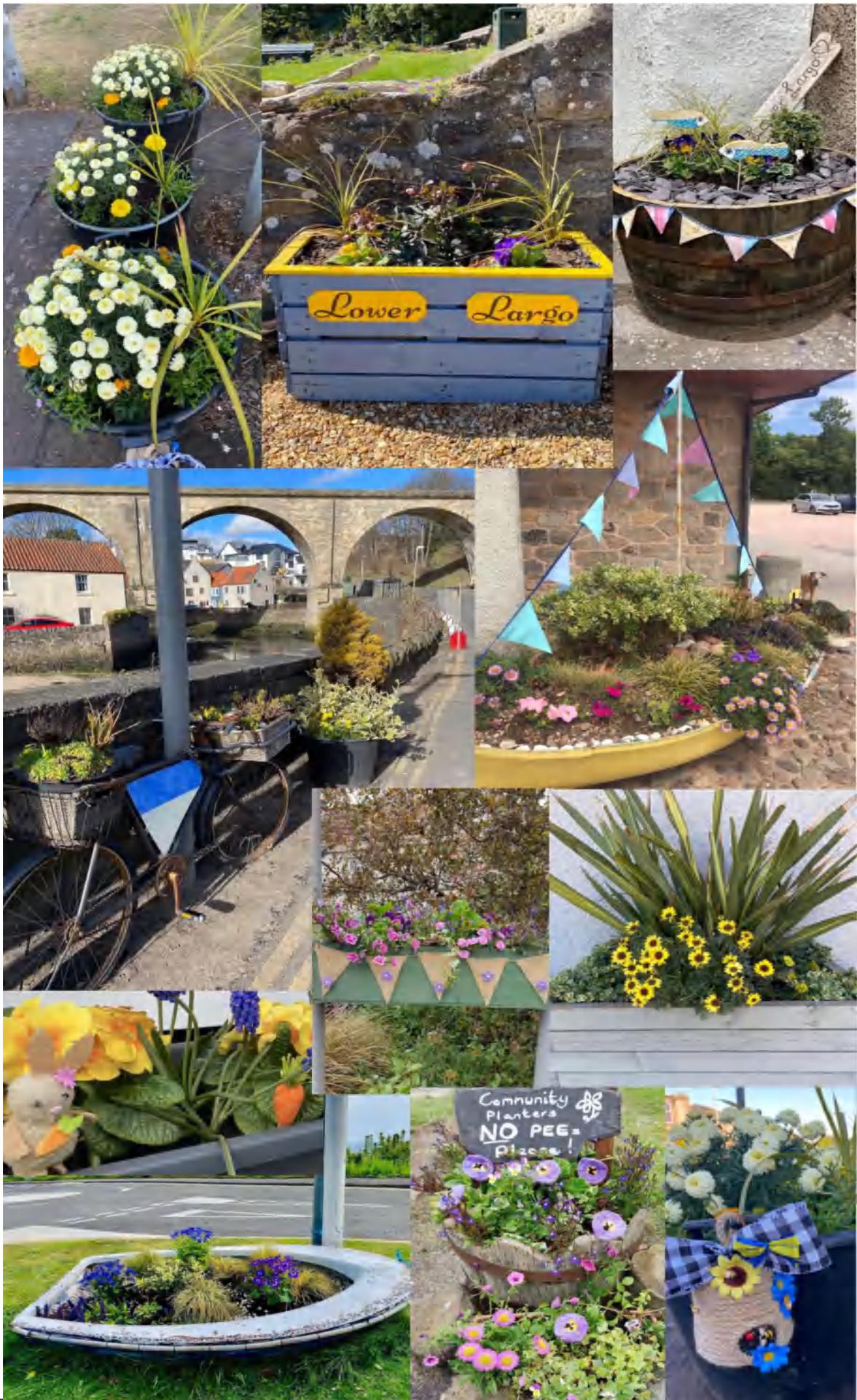
As well as bulbs, Nicola and the team are busy planting big plans and are always looking for extra help. The wonder of a community garden is that we can all play a part:

- Keep an eye on the planters and top up with water if you think they're in need of a good drink.
- Hand in any donations at Largo Library and Community Hub.
- Get involved hands-on. Contact Nicola directly for more information or follow the group on Facebook.
- Stop, look, smile, and enjoy!

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*These photos are all from the Largo & Lundin Links Community Garden Facebook page. Elsewhere in the magazine are scattered various Spring photos by the Camera Club.*

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Find these words hidden in the Word Search

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- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Parish     | Church      |
| Lundin     | Links       |
| Upper      | Lower       |
| Drumeldrie | Newburn     |
| New        | Gilston     |
| Woodside   | Law         |
| Bay        | Communities |
| Together   | Florida     |
| Key        | Music       |
| Handel     | Xerxes      |

Brainteasers

1. By taking one letter from each of these animals in turn, see if you can spell the name of another five-letter animal.

- S L O T H
- H Y E N A
- C A M E L
- S K U N K
- Z E B R A

2. The eighteen words below can each be joined to another word in the list to make a new word. What are the NINE new words?

- |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|
| APACE | BLACK | BOARD |
| CAR   | COVE  | CUP   |
| HOLE  | INTER | KEY   |
| MAIL  | PART  | PLAIN |
| RAGE  | RIDGE | SEA   |
| SON   | TIFF  | VIEW  |

3. A collection of dogs & chickens has 43 heads and 120 feet. How many chickens?

4. If it takes 3 minutes to boils one egg, how long will it take to boil two eggs?

5. In a drawer there are 10 pairs of black socks and 5 pairs of brown socks. If it is completely dark, how many socks do you need to select in order to get a matching pair?

Countdown

Use these numbers, with the signs + - x ÷ to make the number shown in **bold**.

- |     |    |    |    |   |   |            |
|-----|----|----|----|---|---|------------|
| 50  | 10 | 9  | 9  | 6 | 2 | <b>199</b> |
| 75  | 25 | 9  | 8  | 3 | 1 | <b>219</b> |
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*Note:* You don't have to wear special footwear, any soft-soled shoe is fine.



You'll quickly feel at home and get to know us all, as we dance our way around different partners throughout the afternoon! Dancing is a great way to keep your mind and body active. We always start by walking through the dances, then it's a case of remembering the steps and moves once the music starts and the speed picks up! Mistakes are made and usually end up in laughter. Much fun is had by all - find out for yourself.

## Scots Words

We present an occasional series of words from *A Dictionary of the Scottish Language*, written in 1897.

BACKLINS	backwards
BACKSEY	a sirloin
BAIRNS-MAID	a nursery maid
BACKSTER, BAXTER	a baker
BANNOCK	a sort of bread cooked in round form, thicker than cakes
BARLEY-BREE	the juice of malt of whatever kind: whisky, ale, porter ...
BAUBEE, BAWBEE, BAWBIE	a halfpenny
BAUCHLE	an old shoe or slipper
BEKEND	known
BELL-PENNY	money for funeral expenses
BELTAN, BELTINE	the 3 <sup>rd</sup> of May
BETRUMPE	to deceive
BLATHER, BLETHER	to talk nonsense
BOGIL, BOGLE	a goblin, a spectre, any object of terror
BONSPIEL, BONSPEL	a curling match
BONXIE	the skua gull, a bird
BOOLS, BOULS	marbles, bowls
BORROW	to give security
BOTHY	a hut for farm-labourers
BOURTREE	the elder tree



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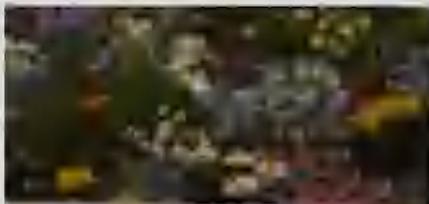
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## Largo Parish Church: Fiona Ramsay

I'm Fiona, the Children & Youth Worker for Largo Parish Church. You may have seen me around. I started at the end of October 2023.



My mission was to provide activities and develop opportunities for children and young people in the community. As a practising Christian, I am still growing in my own faith and learning every day. I hope to provide safe, nurturing environments where young people can explore their faith, just enjoy social interaction with other children and most importantly, have fun!

Messy Church runs every Thursday during term time from 3.30pm-5pm in the Durham Hall. Here children can play, create, build, design, make new friends and enjoy a meal together. We have lots of Lego, games, art & craft activities, playdoh, quizzes and toys. There's something for all ages and everyone is welcome, from ages 0-100! Children should be accompanied by an adult, but generally the children all play together while the adults chat and drink tea! We have food together and there is always a prayer.

As well as running the Messy Church, I work every week with children in Lundin Mill School and the Montrave Playgroup. In the school holidays I will run Holiday Clubs for children & young people. Spaces can be booked in advance. This will be via a Booking Form which will be posted on the Largo Parish Church and Lundin Links

& Largo Community Facebook pages and sent out via the primary school. I hope to utilise the beach and fantastic green spaces we have around us for the Holiday Clubs, as well as the church hall buildings and grounds.

Future thoughts for activities include a gardening & nature club, a drama club and pizza nights, for teenagers. Follow our Messy Church Facebook page to be kept up to date – [f largomessychurch](https://www.facebook.com/largomessychurch)

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### Lent and Easter Worship

10 March (Mothering Sunday):

Very Rev Dr Russell Barr

17 March (Passion Sunday):

Very Rev Dr Russell Barr

24 March (Palm Sunday):

Rev Duncan Weaver

29 March (Good Friday) **1.00 – 3.00pm**

Easter Vigil, led by Dorothy Armstrong

31 March (Easter Sunday) **8.00am**

Son Rise service on the beach;

followed by breakfast, Durham Hall.

Easter Sunday worship (Largo Church)

Mrs Elspeth Smith

7 April – Rev Duncan Weaver

14 April - Mrs Elspeth Smith

21 April – Largo Worship Group

28 April - Rev Fiona Smith (Durham Hall)

**Please note** all services are at **10.30am** unless indicated otherwise.

## Lundie Theatre Group

We had a great turnout for our production of "A Murder is Announced" and managed to donate £1,000 to Alzheimer Scotland as a tribute to some former members. We wish to thank the community for the ongoing support.

Our spring production is an evening of theatre, From 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

There will be two one-act plays, by Alan Ayckbourn and Bill Cashmore. There will also be a monologue set on the landing of a tenement building. And possibly more!

Tickets are available on our website:

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

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15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
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**Saturday 10.00 - 4.30; Sunday 12.00 - 4.00**

## Memories: Kirkton of Largo School

I was immensely sad to hear of the closure of Kirkton of Largo Primary School. Three generations of my family attended there from the 1920s to the 1970s, and my own attendance was 1947 to 1954.

There were two classrooms – the ‘Teacher’s Room’, as we called it, run by Miss Dall, a quiet, kindly lady, and the ‘Master’s Room’ where the teacher was William Smellie, the headmaster who taught the older pupils.

The toilets were round the back of the school, but the toilet roll was kept in the cloakroom, so we had to grab a square then run out, rain, hail, or snow, round to the toilet. I do not remember a wash basin in the toilets.

The pupils who did not go home for lunch had school meals in the dining room at the cemetery end of the building. Hand washing was in the deep ceramic sink of warm water shared by all with a slab of white Windsor soap and a roller towel. The headmaster had his meals at a card table in the dining room, so there was no misbehaviour. And we had a choice for meals – ‘Take it or leave it’! Picky eaters soon learned to eat Fly Cemetery and Frogs Eggs. Playground games went through phases. One week, rounders

would be the ‘in game’ – a bat was kept in the cloakroom. Then yo-yos, then poldies (the local name for ‘peevers’) with a boot-polish tin filled with sand.

In the Master’s room, most of us took a pen knife to school – a dire crime nowadays, but then nobody thought anything of it. We never

dreamed of knifing each other – it was simply to sharpen our pencils. The school’s wall-mounted sharpener always seemed to break the lead.

The school garden was where the present schoolhouse stands. Mr Smellie used to take the boys there for gardening while the girls had sewing and knitting.

Heating was fuelled by a large stove in the Master’s room. Mr Smellie was often heard muttering something about not being a stoker as he fed coal into its jowls with a grumpy expression. It did keep us cosy though and the older you got the nearer you were moved to the stove. The big pipes around the room were fine for drying wet gloves.

I look back with nostalgia at these days, but I expect that today’s children will do the same when they are pensioners, though their memories will perhaps not be of Kirkton of Largo Primary.

*Sheila Peebles*



*Class photo from 1921, showing the author's mother – Jean Anderson – 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right, middle row.*

## Songs for a spring evening



Orla Jones, Margaret Chisholm and Yvonne Stephenson (all students of Fife opera singer, Charlotte Whittle) come together to bring you an evening of song on

Saturday 27 April at 7pm in Upper Largo Church. More information will follow closer to the event.



## From a newspaper advert

### TO CONTRACTORS

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23rd June 1933.

## From Village Book (1932)

### WEATHER RHYMES.

When Largo Law the mist doth bear,  
Let Kellie Law for storms prepare.

When Largo Law puts on its cap,  
Then Kellie Law will pay for that.

When Largo Law puts on its cowl,  
Look out for wind and weather foul.

(The *Largo Village Book* is available to read in the Library)

## LUNDIN BOWLING CLUB



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## The French Connection

Can you find these **ten French words** hidden in our Crusoe Kids Easter wordsearch? We've written the English translation in brackets, so you'll understand what you're looking for!



- **CHOCOLAT**  
○ (chocolate)
- **FLEURS**  
○ (flowers)
- **OEUF**  
○ (egg)
- **VACANCES**  
○ (holidays)
- **COULEURS**  
○ (colours)
- **JOYEUSES**  
○ (happy)
- **PAQUES**  
○ (Easter)
- **EGLISE**  
○ (church)
- **LAPIN**  
○ (rabbit)
- **PRINTEMPS**  
○ (springtime)

## How to make Easter bunnies bark!

This simple three ingredient, three-step recipe is sure to have mouths watering.

Remember to send in a picture if you give it a go!

### Ingredients:

- 3 x 200g milk chocolate
- 2 x 90g packs mini chocolate eggs
- 1 teaspoon of freeze-dried raspberry pieces – or you could use rainbow sprinkles.

### Steps

1. Break the chocolate into a large heatproof bowl. Bring a pan of water to a simmer, then sit the bowl on top. The water must not touch the bottom of the bowl. Let the chocolate slowly melt.
2. Lightly grease then line a roasting tin or baking tray with parchment. Put three-quarters of the mini eggs into a food bag and bash them with a rolling pin until broken up a little.
3. When the chocolate is melted and smooth, pour it into the tin. Tip the tin from side to side to let the chocolate find the corners and level out. Scatter with the smashed and whole mini eggs, followed by the freeze-dried raspberry pieces or sprinkles. Leave to set, then snap into pieces, ready to share with family and friends.

## Crusoe Kids go the extra mile (ish) ...



We are trialling a Walking Bus to help make the roads around school safer and quieter at drop-off. We leave from the corner of Crescent Road and Emsdorf Street every morning and get to wear super-cool shiny bibs.

Look out for us around 8:45 every morning.

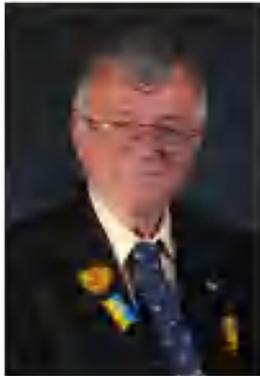
Say hi if you're passing!





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## Largo Area Twins with Villennes-sur-Seine

On 23 September last year, a twinning ceremony was held in the town hall of Villennes-sur Seine near Paris.

Largo Area was represented by Peter Aitken and Matt Allan, Chair and Vice-Chair of Largo Area Community Council, Keziah Scott-Bell of Waid Academy and Evangeline Scott-Bell of Lundin Mill Primary. The Scottish Government was represented by François Xavier Dutrieux.

Before the ceremony, the Fox Pipe Band led the French and Scottish representatives through the village and round the town hall square.

During the ceremony, the national anthems of both nations were played, and all the speeches were made in French. Gifts were exchanged and a painting by local artist William Hoggan was presented to the French mayor. The artist has requested that the value of his painting be donated to a charity supporting the children of Ukraine.

An informal lunch was held followed by the unveiling of the twinning sign at the entrance to the village, visits to the local museum, library and church, and an official dinner in the evening.

The following day the Scottish representatives were taken on a trip down the river Seine followed by a buffet lunch in the town hall, a game of



pétanque (French bowls) and watching Scotland play Tonga at rugby in the afternoon. Keziah and Evangeline met students at the local school and members of the local youth group.

**Peter, chair of LACC said:**

*<< Un jour historique >>*

“This is a historic day for our two communities. We hope that this twinning will lead to regular exchanges and collaborations in order to perfect the mastery of English and French languages for our

students. Your constitution advocates freedom, equality and fraternity. There are no better principles to advance our two communities.”

**François, representing Scotland said:**

*<< L’Ecosse, un pays ouvert à l’international >>*

“I am very honoured to celebrate this new relationship within The Auld Alliance, the treaty of mutual protection between Scotland and France signed in 1295. My Scottish Government colleagues are very proud of this project and particularly attached to the exchanges between the youth of the two countries. This new twinning will bring a fresh dynamic and demonstrate that Scotland is not just a kilt, a bagpipe or a tartan but also an internationally recognized country, ready to support young people and share its culture.”

## The Montrave Hall

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## Largo in Spring

The Largo of old awoke from its slumber to prepare for the arrival of visitors looking to enjoy its coastal delights. Early spring saw chimneys swept, external walls white-washed, paintwork touched up and curtains washed then hung out to dry on back greens, as prospective house-letters readied themselves for the coming season. Despite the unpredictable weather, the spring holidays would bring an early influx of visitors from Edinburgh and Glasgow, while many locals would in turn take day trips to these cities. Newspapers tell us that this combined movement of people resulted in record breaking numbers of bookings at Lundin Links and Largo train stations in April 1929.

Fishermen and pleasure-boat owners could be seen '*reddin' up*' their vessels, preparing to get them back in the water, with the promise of more favourable weather and sea conditions. It was also a time for renewed activity in the fields and gardens of the district. Over the decades much was made of the daffodil season. In the 1920s and early 1930s, the Rintoul family would throw the gardens of Lahill House open to the public and raise funds for various local causes. The picturesque grounds there turned into a '*field of gold*' according to newspaper reports. Many a Daffodil Fete was run by the W.R.I. while the Women's Guild offered daffodil teas.

Easter was of course an important date in the calendar for the local churches. Sometimes Easter was celebrated in the open air. On Easter Sunday 1973 for example a "Dawn Service" was held at the top of Largo Law. Starting at 6am, around 100 people were met at the summit with bagpipe playing and a bonfire, assembling around a wooden cross. According to the East Fife Mail of 25 April 1973, the Rev. Douglas Lister, as part of his Easter message, told the gathering:

*"For centuries on the headlands of Britain like this, our ancestors, Druids and Norsemen among them, gathered to celebrate the return of Spring and, by bonfires, to send their messages across the land - warnings of danger, signals of victory."*

All this activity happened against the backdrop of nature springing back to life. Ornithologists Evelyn Baxter and Leonora Rintoul would have been kept busy every spring recording the local bird life, while wildflowers would have brought a welcome splash of colour to the parish. The Largo Village Book, compiled in 1932 by Rintoul, includes extensive information on local wildlife. In one interesting observation, on the house martins which typically arrive in April, the book states: "*We wonder if the "tarmac" roads which make it so difficult for them to find mud for their nests may have something to do with the decrease in their numbers*". The book also mentions that "*primroses carpet the ground in Keil's Den in spring*" and that overall "*the parish is lucky in having some very lovely wildflowers*". Whether your spring highlight is bluebells along the Serpentine or wildflowers along the old railway track, the new season is a great time to experience the natural colours of Largo. However, with the still changeable weather you will likely want to wrap up warm and heed the old saying, "*ne'er cast a clout, till May be oot*".

From the author of the Vintage Lundin Links and Largo website

[lundinlinks.weebly.com](http://lundinlinks.weebly.com)

## Lundin Links Bridge Club

The winter season continues but with a change of venue. We play friendly bridge each Tuesday evening at the Community Library in Crescent Road, Lundin Links. The last session will be at the end of April, and then the new season will begin in September.



Why not come along and join us?

You can come on your own.

We start at 6.30pm.

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

## Upper Largo Camera Club

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



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

Recent projects have included photographing with the theme of "Bridges", and another with the theme of "Derelict" We had an evening showing our 3 all-time favourite photographs and our best of 2023. We also produce photographs for *Largo Links* magazine. Meetings are normally at 7.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month in the Simpson Institute.

If you would like to know more, contact Ian Macfarlane on **077525 96380** or at [ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com)

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## Purple sprouting broccoli (PSB) and salsify with caper butter

Whilst I am all for seasonal cooking, I also like to promote unusual vegetables which historically have been grown in this country, and salsify is one such. We used to have it at the Savoy Hotel from tins! It has a lovely nutty flavour. It would be good if someone local might grow it.

PSB is in season right now and is a wonderful versatile vegetable.

### Ingredients

- 2 lemons cut in half, juice one and set the juice aside
- 4 salsify roots
- 400g purple sprouting broccoli, trimmed weight
- 100g cold butter
- 2 tblsp small capers
- 2 tblsp chopped chives
- 2 tblsp flat leaf parsley
- 2 tblsp chopped tarragon
- 2 tblsp chopped dill
- Salt and pepper



### Method

1. Bring a pan of water to the boil, add salt and the remaining lemon halves, squeezing the juice out as you do.
2. Peel the salsify and cut into 3 batons, put straight into the boiling water and cook until al dente, about 10 minutes; drain and allow to dry.
3. Cook the broccoli in the same water, drain and set aside in a large bowl.
4. Cut the cooked salsify batons into quarters lengthwise.
5. Heat half the butter and, as it foams, add the salsify and cook quickly until golden brown, pour onto the broccoli, mix together and season. You can either leave them in the bowl or dress them in a clean warm one.
6. Return the pan to the heat and add the remaining butter, allow it to go nut brown and then away from the heat add the remaining lemon juice, capers and herbs, season and sprinkle over the prepared vegetables.

**Note:** *don't worry if you don't have all of the herbs, just use what you have!*

Christopher is an award-winning food writer. Current books Coasts and Waters, The British Seafood Cookbook, Beetroot, Courgette, Kale, Carrot, Cauliflower, Tomato and Broccoli only £7.50 direct from me!

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## Friends of Largo Bay

2023 was an auspicious year for Friends of Largo Bay. One in which connections were made, support given and sound foundations built for all aspects of our activities. We heard and responded to the issues identified in the Place Plan and were listened to in terms of what was required to meet those issues. As a result, we enter our second year tackling environmental concerns along with facilitating educational/art community outreach and biodiversity monitoring with incredible support from a stellar group of dedicated volunteers. We are planning events for the year and are excited to share what's coming!

These include five beach cleans starting off with one that will go from Largo Bay at Silverburn to Cocklemill Burn as part of The Great British Spring Clean 2024. The timing of these cleans has yet to be determined subject to tides so keep checking in for updates but take note of the dates on our poster. Equipment is provided so all you need is weather-appropriate shoes and clothes, and a desire to make a difference.

Our educational outreach continues thanks to an invitation by Largo Library and Community Hub to be involved in the delivery of their Science Saturdays. Held once a month, this one-hour session is for up to 12 kids and their chaperone. We held our first on the Golden Spiral or Fibonacci Series and were delighted both with turnout and enthusiasm by all. There are two further Friends of Largo Bay sessions arranged. Whales, dolphins and



### Friends of Largo Bay Community Events for 2024



Friends of Largo Bay are delighted to be hosting family friendly and fun science events on:

Saturday 27th January: The Golden Spiral

Saturday 9th March: Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises

Saturday 18th May: Spring Flowers

**To Book Tickets:**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/largo-library-community-hub>

#### Beach Cleans

Sunday 24th March: Largo Bay Big Clean

Sunday 26th May: Massney Braes

Saturday 20th July: Temple

Saturday 21st September: Cocklemill Burn

Saturday 30th November: Carrick Villa

Meeting points and directions will be given nearer these dates.

#### Science Saturdays at



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porpoises feature on 9th March and Spring Flowers on 18th May. Booking details can be found on the poster.

Janice Duncan heads the biodiversity monitoring side of our activities and posts amazing photography of local wildlife on our Facebook Group. In November she shared her experiences of travelling to Antarctica. This was a fundraiser to go towards further training on monitoring life in Largo Bay. Since the talk was a huge success, we'll repeat it in February.

As ever we could not do what we do without our volunteers. If you have time on your hands or experience to share, please feel free to come forward. Your input need not be onerous and all are very welcome to join in, in whatever capacity.



## 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 typically around 7-9 miles long. We set off around 10.30am from meeting points reached by bus if possible, or car-sharing is encouraged. All are welcome.

### Upcoming walks:

- Saturday 23 March
- Saturday 27 April
- Saturday 25 May
- Saturday 22 June

You'll find further details on our Coastbusters – community walking groups Facebook page.

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

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## Largo Communities Together: A Year of Collaboration and Achievement



As we enter 2024, LCT is thrilled to reflect on the significant milestones we achieved in 2023. It brings us immense joy to announce the submission of our Local Place Plan. This is community-designed spatial plan to inform the Local Development Plan by Fife Council.

In tandem with this pivotal achievement, our Community Action Plan is now accessible on our website. This is a community-owned and delivered plan that will galvanise local energy and focus,

**To ensure our plans and visions are communicated effectively, we have included a concise yet comprehensive guide as an insert in this latest edition of the *Largo Links*.**

This guide outlines our strategies and invites our community to participate actively in our journey.

We encourage our community members to engage with this initiative as your interest dictates. If you are not on our mailing list or registered as a volunteer and would like to be, this can be done through the link provided on the back page of the insert or by emailing: [priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk). If you use social media, we are also on Facebook and Instagram.

### **What Else Has Been Happening**

In addition to our planning efforts, Largo Communities Together has continued to host weekly Warm Welcome Spaces at the Simpson Institute. These gatherings, featuring the delightful soups by Christopher Trotter and supported by a dedicated team of volunteers, have

become a beacon of warmth and camaraderie.

Largo Library and Community Hub have their own Warm Wednesday mornings at 11 am with Bingo at 11:30!



The success of these events, marked by high attendance, underscores the value of community spaces. We invite those who have yet to experience these Warm Gatherings to join us and feel the warmth of community spirit.

### **We Need Your Skills & Ideas**

LCT is actively looking for volunteers. We aim to build a robust team. This will be used to support ongoing projects, short-term initiatives or one-off events across the Largo area.

Your involvement and enthusiasm are the bedrock of our success, and we eagerly look forward to embarking on this journey with you.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has contributed to our efforts thus far. As we progress, we remain committed to advocating for and realising the incredible proposals outlined in our Local Place Plan with your continued support and engagement.

## Largo Beach Wheelchairs

Recent successful fund-raising activities show that disabled people are keen to access Largo beach.

In September 2022 a steering group was set up to look at improving access for disabled people to the Temple car park toilet facilities. Draft plans were drawn up for a modular building containing a Changing Places Toilet\*, an accessible toilet, and storage space for beach wheelchairs. The existing toilets will also receive a makeover.

\*A 'Changing Places Toilet' is a room large enough with a hoist to help a wheelchair user to transfer, accommodating an adult-sized changing table, a specialist toilet, a privacy screen, waste disposal bins, and a wash-hand basin. Many more people will thus be able to visit our beautiful beach, knowing their needs will be met.

Funding to assist with the project has already been pledged - £100,000 from Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund, working in partnership with Fife Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust.

Funding of over £1,400 has been secured from St Andrews University Community Fund for a beach walker.

Various local fundraising initiatives have raised over £3,000; a recent bid to 'Our River Leven Community Fund' was successful and we are now close to being able to buy 2 beach wheelchairs.

Volunteers will be needed for *Largo Beach Wheelchairs*. If you are interested, please contact Priya Logan on [priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)



## From the Fife Herald 31 March, 1842

### NEW GILSTON – Theft

A few days ago one of the workmen employed at Teasses Colliery and who lodged in a respectable house in this place, when looking into his chest found the sum of £9.7s.6d amissing. The money was locked in his chest, and he usually carried the key in his pocket, which was generally left in the house during the early part of the day when he was at work. There is very little appearance of any clue to lead to the discovery of the depredator. The

above circumstances is much to be regretted as the unfortunate and deserving individual had part of it appropriated to a humane and benevolent object – to support his father and mother in their old age.

#### *Editor's Note:*

£9.7s.6d in 1842 is approximately the equivalent of £1,040 today.

## Le Jumelage/Twinning – Largo Area and Villennes-Sur-Seine.

Salutations citoyens, il est temps de ressusciter votre meilleur “franglais” scolaire; so gettez Google Translate, Babel or Duolingo (other apps. are available) et commencez to practice your best school boy/girl French.

We are arriving at a seminal moment in the history of our community: “Le Jumelage” or Twinning event. A contingent from the town of Villennes-Sur-Seine headed by their Mayor, M. Jean-Pierre Lagneau, will be arriving at the village in May this year. They will take part in the second stage of the twinning between our two communities. They arrive on 15/16<sup>th</sup> May and leave on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The events programme involves a visit to the primary school to be entertained by the children. A tree planting ceremony will take place in the grounds of the school and a tree will be gifted to the French contingent to be planted in their village.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, a parade will take place through the village starting at The Temple Car Park and ending at The Crusoe Hotel. This will be headed by a pipe band. All in the villages are invited to attend the parade; the local nursery and school children will be encouraged to take part wearing French-themed fancy dress.

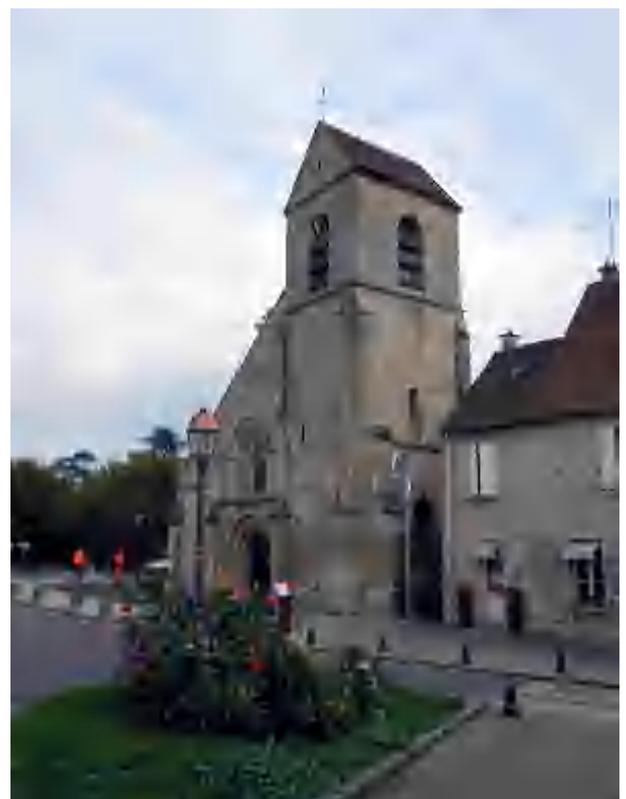


*This is St Nicolas Church in Villennes-sur-Seine*

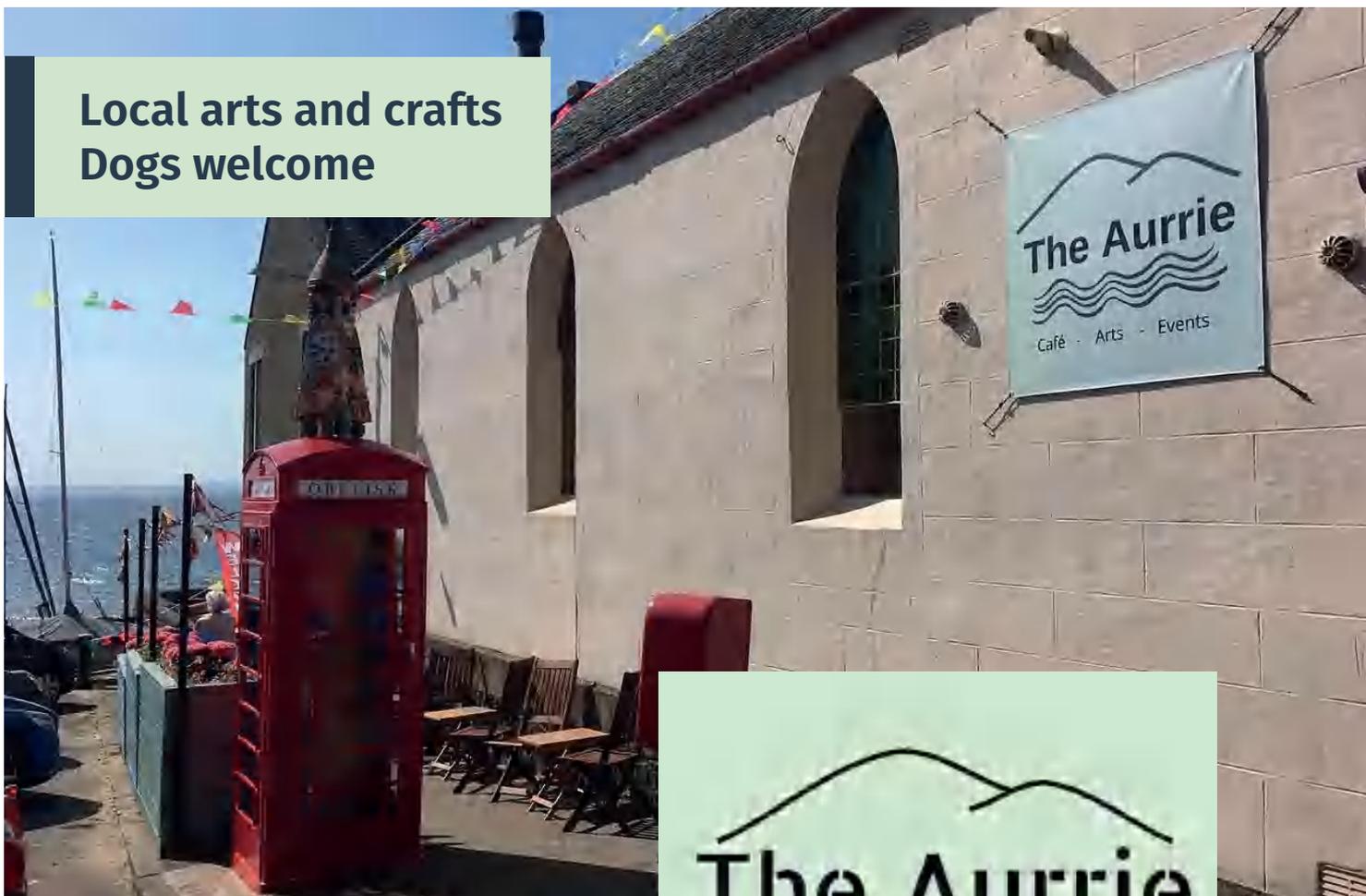
The Mayor of Villennes-Sur-Seine will present prizes to the best-dressed child from each age group. The Crusoe is offering French-themed food for sale to the public in the Crusoe Courtyard. There will be a Civic reception at The Crusoe Hotel, hosted by The Provost of Fife: (The Civic reception is by invitation only.) On the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> May, there will be a ceilidh with a buffet; a limited number of tickets will be available. More information to follow.

On the final day of their visit, the Visitors will be given a tour of the East Neuk and shopping time at St Andrews.

The next meeting of Largo Area Community Council is on 18<sup>th</sup> March at The Stables, Upper Largo and the twinning event will be on the agenda. This is all about our community getting to know their community, so please come along and share your thoughts and ideas with us. *Matt Allan, Chairman LACC*



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With spring now upon us and a new Commodore at the helm, we have an exciting programme of racing and events planned. We shall also have the huge task of rebuilding our boat shed at the Temple

after last July's fire and replacing some of the vessels that we kept there.

### Early season highlights include:

- **14 April:** First scheduled racing.
- **4 May:** Open day, come and join us to try out sailing!
- **22 June:** Annual Open Regatta.



## Eugene Clarke

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Come and watch “Allelujah” starring David Bradley, Judi Dench and Jennifer Saunders.

**Open Mic: Thursday 25 April at 7.30pm (Bar and Doors open at 7pm), Free.**

Read an extract from your favourite book, a poem or the lyrics of a favourite song. Or, just come along to listen. The library will be open for those who wish to become a member (free) and/or borrow books.

**Garden Party, Talk and Afternoon Tea: Saturday 15 June at 2pm, Tickets £5.**

Celebrate the opening of our Reading Garden followed by a talk by Stan Green, Horticulturist and owner of Growforth (incorporating The Green Room at Blacketside). Afternoon tea, with home baking, will be served and there will be a plant and book stall.

### Regular Events for Children:

**Book Bugs** sessions for pre-school children.

**Book Bairns** sessions for primary school children at 3.15pm every Tuesday.

**Science Saturday** events for primary school children at 1pm. The next will be on **Saturday 18 May** and will be all about the **Spring Flowers** that can be found

locally. It’s being run for us by Friends of Largo Bay and will include fun activities.

Our children’s section has been updated and refreshed. There’s a seasonal theme, an interactive activity and we want to hear what you like to read and what you would like us to do for you in the Library. Bring your parents along and see what’s going on!

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## The Largo Area Community Council (LACC)

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, Matt Allan, can be contacted at:

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The following extract is from the draft minutes of the January 2024 meeting.

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

### **Flooding A915**

See update, bottom-right of this page.

### **Lundin Links Hotel**

There has been activity on the site which was work being carried out across the road. The Community Council has received no further communication from the administrators, however there is information suggesting that the site has been sold.

### **Temporary Access Road/Restoration of Verge**

Mr Allan met with the farmer who stated that to restore the field fit for agricultural use would require removal of rubbish, replacement of topsoil and levelling at a cost of £80,000. Neither Council nor the developer are willing to restore the field and there was a suggestion that in this instance the landowners should be responsible for carrying out the work. SEPA, who have enforcement powers have been unable to get a reply from Largo Estate, who are the landowners. The Community Council will keep pursuing this matter.

### **Planning Report**

Land 60m East of Briar House 14 The Temple Lower Largo - Siting of mobile sauna unit. As long as there would be no interference with any public right of way there was no objection.

### **Changing Places at the Temple Car Park**

Funding for a 'Changing Places' unit in The Temple car park is in place and things are moving forward. A funding authority along with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust will be in control and carrying out the work, along with Fife Council taking responsibility. It is hoped that volunteers will do the hands-on work once the unit is in place.

### **Agenda items also included:**

- **Ukrainian Refugees**
- **Pedestrian crossing**
- **Twinning**
- **Fife Council Report**
- **Local Development & Largo Place Plans**
- **Bathing Water Quality Designation**
- **Levenmouth Rail Link**

<b>Future LACC meeting dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>
18 March	<b>The Stables</b>
15 April	<b>New Gilston Hall</b>
20 May	<b>The Library</b>
17 June	<b>Durham Hall</b>
19 August	<b>The Stables</b>
16 September	<b>New Gilston Hall</b>
21 October	<b>The Library</b>
18 November	<b>Durham Hall</b>

### **Update on Flooding**

I had a site meeting with Ross Walker of Fife Council Roads Dept. to have him assess the flooding and find a solution. It is on the road from Lower to Upper Largo, between Durham Wynd and Eagle Cottage. The Council attended last week and did some work to help resolve the problem. The surface water gutter drain opposite the temporary bell mouth access to the field is now functioning. There is still flooding at the corner towards Upper Largo. I will write him again and get feedback on what else they propose to do.

*Matt Allan Chairman LACC*



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- Nicotine Replacement Therapy
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- Medicines Waste Disposal
- Unscheduled Care
- Out Of Hours Services

## 1964 (60 years ago)

Crossing the viaduct, a train approaches Largo Station. It appears to have coal waggons at the back, and a couple of passenger carriages in front. Can any of our readers recall travelling on this soon-to-be-discontinued service?



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### The Post Office

The PO Van will call on

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Mondays:	Lundin Links	9.00 - 10.00
	Upper Largo	10.15 - 11.15
Tuesdays:	Lower Largo	10.15 - 11.15
	Lundin Links	11.20 - 12.20
Wednesdays:	Lundin Links	10.15 - 11.15
	Upper Largo	11.25 - 11.55

These times were correct at the time of publication.  
They may be subject to change.



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### 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](http://www.largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)



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

Click on the button



Community Projects

### 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



# Local Directory - Telephone Numbers

## Local Shops and Businesses:

Zaphar's Premier Store	01333 320 851
Stuart's of Buckhaven	01333 320 213
Blacketside Farm Shop + Meals	01333 423 034
Archer's Fish	07734 804 844
Lundin Links Pharmacy	01333 320 274

### All above are currently delivering

Zubi's Store	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 360 304
The Finishing Touch	07939 413 425
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: <i>Confidential service for older people, carers and families. Call free</i>	0800 12 44 222
Breathing Space ( <i>low mood/anxiety</i> )	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: <i>Telephone advice service for any energy billing or supplier issues</i>	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 ( <i>ENCEPT</i> )	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 <i>Fire, Police, Ambulance</i>	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 ( <b>not crisis</b> )	0344 800 0550
<u>Scoonie Medical Practice</u> ( <i>Includes Leven Health Centre</i> ) 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) (And out of hours) →	03451 550 011 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 (Pittenweem))	01333 312 041

## Largo Links Events Diary - Regular Events

Church of Scotland .....	Sundays .....	10:30am service in the Largo Church
	<i>last Sunday of each month .....</i>	<i>service will be in the Durham Hall</i>
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..	7.30pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Therapeutic Art 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)
Pilates .....	Mondays.....	6 → 7pm, Simpson Institute
Yoga .....	Mondays.....	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
Lundin Links Karate Club..	Mondays & Thursdays.....	6→7pm, Montrave Hall
Evening Craft Group .....	Mondays.....	7pm start, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Bridge Club .....	Tuesdays (until end of April) .....	6:30pm→9:30pm, Library, Lundin Links
Carpet Bowls .....	Tuesdays.....	7pm-9pm. New Gilston Village Hall
RollerCoasters .....	Tuesdays.....	11am-12:30pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Community Choir .....	Tuesdays.....	7.00pm, Montrave Hall
Book Bairns .....	Tuesdays.....	3:15pm → 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
Arts Society Lectures.....	Tuesdays (Sep to June) .....	2pm Corn Exchange, Cupar
Board & Card Games .....	Wednesdays.....	6.30 → 10.0pm, The Aurrie, Lower Largo
Scottish Country Dancing .	Wednesdays.....	2pm-4pm, Durham Hall (not 3 & 10 April)
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
Warm Wednesdays .....	Wednesdays.....	11:30am-1pm. Largo Library (until 27 March)
Yoga .....	Wednesdays.....	6.45pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Senior Sides .....	Wednesdays.....	from 6.15pm. Largo Cricket Club
Music Group .....	Wednesdays.....	7pm → 9pm, The Stables, Upper Largo
Ladies Night.....	Wednesdays (1 <sup>st</sup> of month) ..	Paxton Centre, Homelands
Art Club.....	Thursdays.....	2pm, Montrave Hall
George the Potter .....	Thursdays.....	12noon → 3pm. The Stables
Drop-in Coffee Morning ....	Thursdays.....	10.15 → 11.30am, Simpson Institute
Lower Largo Friendship Group .	Thursdays.....	12noon-3pm, Forth View
Pilates Class .....	Thursdays.....	6.30 → 7.30pm, Durham Hall
Lower Largo Friendship ....	Thursdays.....	12noon-3pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative ....	Thursdays (fortnightly).....	11am → 1pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Mindfulness.....	Thursdays.....	6:30pm-8pm. Paxton Centre, Homelands
SWI .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays excl. July.....	7.30 pm, 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 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 .....	10:30am-12noon. Paxton Centre, Homelands

# Largo Links Events Diary - Occasional Events

## March 2024

Science Sat (whales & dolphins).....	Saturday 9 .....	1pm. The Library, Lundin Links.
6-Nations Super Sat. Rugby.....	Saturday 16 .....	Pratis Barns
Largo Area Community Council .....	Monday 18 .....	The Stables, Upper Largo
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 21 .....	7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston
Coastbusters Community Walking ....	Saturday 23 .....	10.30am. (see page 28 for details)
Film Night – ‘Allelujah’ .....	Saturday 23 .....	7pm. The Library, Lundin Links
Lundin Ladies GC Open Day .....	Sunday 24.....	10am-12 noon. Lundin Ladies Golf Club
Easter Vigil .....	Friday 29.....	1pm →3pm. Largo Parish Church
Son Rise Sevice .....	Sunday 31.....	8am, Largo Beach

## April 2024

Course Opens .....	Friday 5.....	Dumbarnie Links (golf)
First Scheduled Racing .....	Sunday 14.....	Largo Bay Sailing Club
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 18.....	7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston
Bron at the Barns Wellness Retreat..	Sunday 21.....	Pratis Barns
Open Mic .....	Thursday 25.....	7pm. The Library, Lundin Links
The Collective.....	Saturday 27 .....	Pratis Barns
Lundin Bowling Club Open Weekend	Sat/Sun 27/28 .....	10am-4pm. Lundin Bowling Club
Coastbusters Community Walking ....	Saturday 27 .....	10.30am. (see page 28 for details)
Songs for a Spring Evening.....	Saturday 27 .....	7pm. Upper Largo Church
Wedding Showcase.....	Sunday 28.....	Pratis Barns

## May 2024

Largo Bay Sailing Club Open Day.....	Saturday 4 .....	Largo Bay Sailing Club
Horticultural Society Plant Sale .....	Saturday 11 .....	10:00am-12 noon. The Simpson Institute
An Evening of Theatre.....	W Th F 15/16/17 ..	7:30pm. Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 16.....	7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston
Science Saturday (Wild Flowers) .....	Saturday 18 .....	1pm. The Library, Lundin Links
Largo Twinning Event Parade .....	Saturday 18 .....	The Temple Car Park, Lower Largo
Largo Twinning Event Ceilidh.....	Saturday 18 .....	Details later
Coastbusters Community Walking ....	Saturday 25 .....	10.30am. (see page 28 for details)

## June 2024

Garden Party .....	Saturday 15 .....	2pm. The Library, Lundin Links
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 20.....	7:30pm. Village Hall, New Gilston
Coastbusters Community Walking ....	Saturday 22 .....	10.30am. (see page 28 for details)
Annual Open Regatta.....	Saturday 22 .....	Largo Bay Sailing Club
Cocktails at the Green.....	Sunday 23.....	12 noon-4pm. Lundin Bowling Club

## Notes

*Simpson Institute*.....enquiries to: [simpson.institute@gmail.com](mailto:simpson.institute@gmail.com) or phone 01333 360663

*Montrave Hall*.....enquiries to: [montravehall@gmail.com](mailto:montravehall@gmail.com)

*Durham Hall & The Stables*.....enquiries to: [hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com](mailto:hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com)

*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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