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## LARGO BAY

There are articles about Largo Bay on pages 5, 10, 15, 17 & 32

*Photo: Upper Largo Camera Club*

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## Editorial

The team which produces this magazine works very hard to bring you *Largo Links* each quarter. But without your support, it cannot be done.

**Donations.** You may help us financially through the cans in Zaphar's & Andy's shops. Donations have dropped off recently, and it may be because more people are using cards instead of cash. **Please consider contributing electronically.** See below.

**Items for the Newsletter.** Societies & clubs send us reports, and we have some regular columns. But you can make this **your** newsletter, either by one-off articles or by suggestions to the Editor. As we write this, there are no *Letters to the Editor* and no *Family Notices*. Could you contribute anything along these lines?

**Editorial Team.** We have two people who have recently left the team, and we now need someone else to join us. Please read the appeal for a volunteer on page 17.

## C O L O U R

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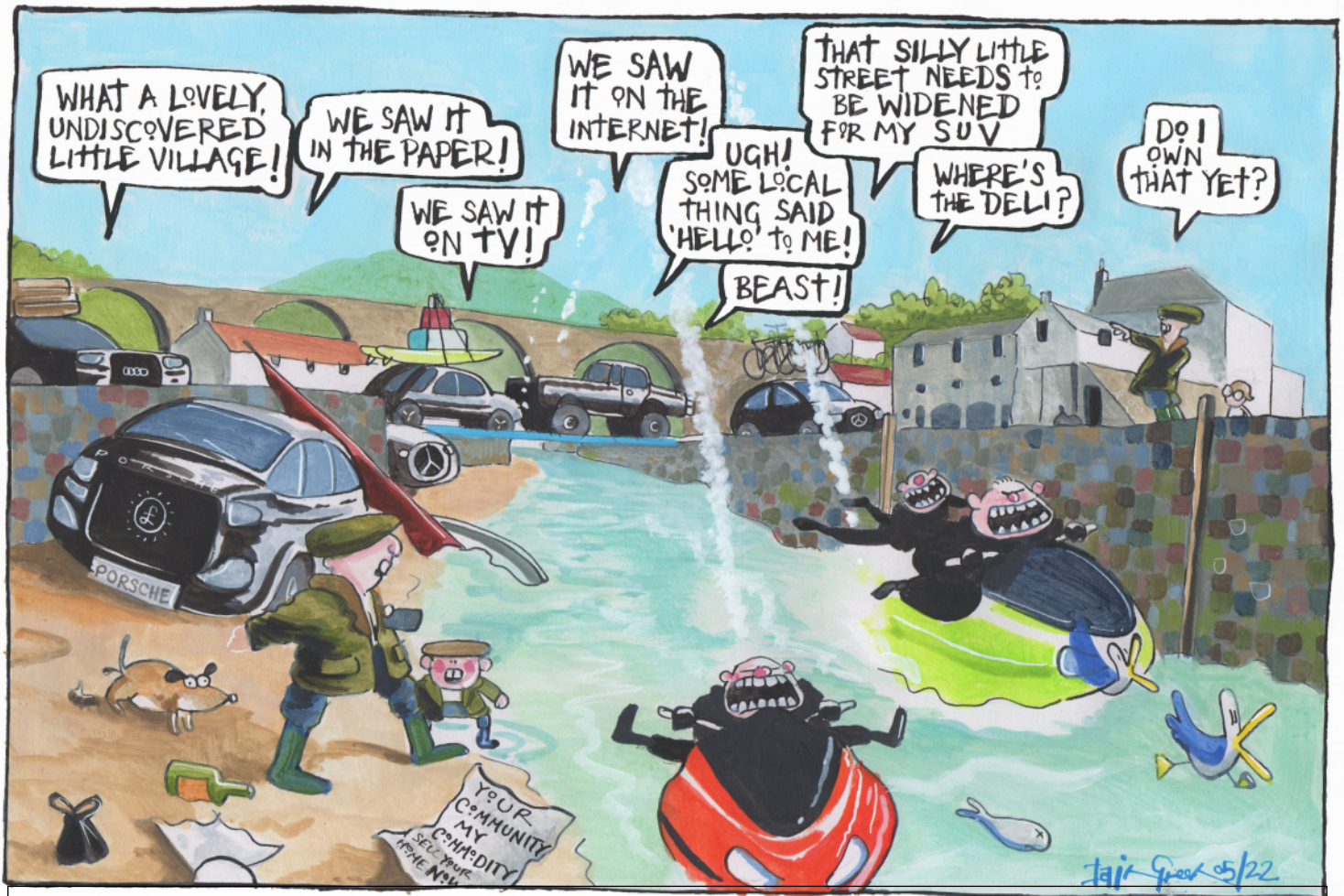
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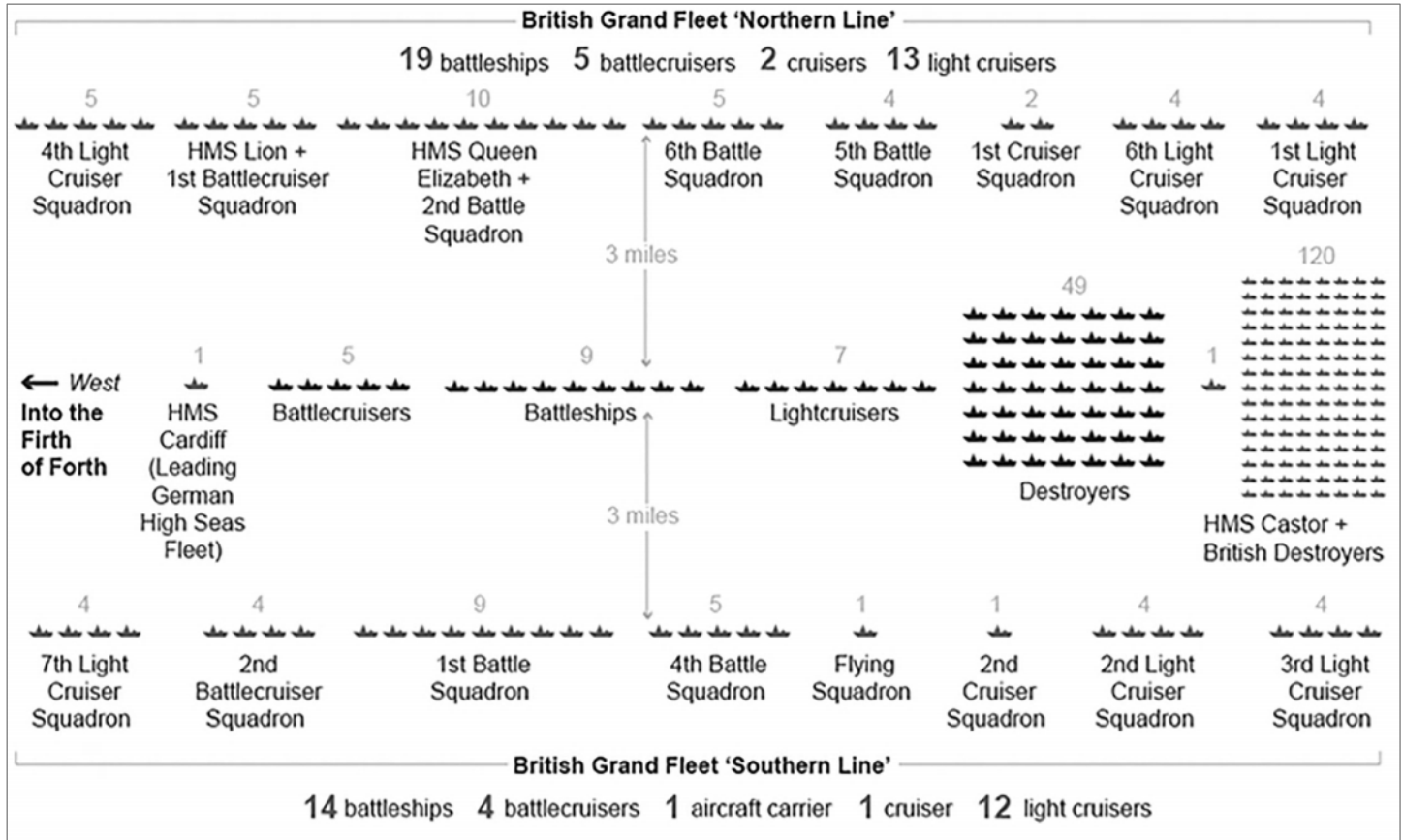
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## The Forth, 21 November, 1918

Many people who “know” about these matters think that the German High Seas Fleet surrendered in Scapa Flow. Even the Wikipedia article about the history of this fleet mentions that *HMS Cardiff* ‘led’ the High Seas Fleet to internment in Orkney. The actual surrender took place in the Forth. It was in Aberlady Bay, directly South from Largo Bay. It was a misty November day, but surely anyone in Largo would have been out to view what they could of the largest fleet the world had ever seen.



One source states that: *by noon the German main fleet was anchored in six lines between Kirkcaldy Bay and Aberlady Bay. Admiral Beatty made the order that: the German Flag was to be hauled down at sunset and not hoisted again without permission.* In fact, the German Imperial flag was raised once more, on June 21, 1919. It was the final act of defiance as the High Seas Fleet was scuttled at Scapa Flow.



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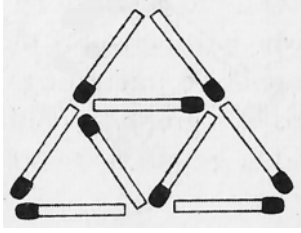
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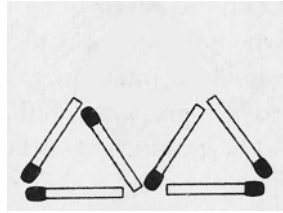
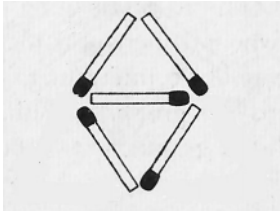
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# Puzzle Page

## Match Triangles



Above is a set of nine matches. It contains five triangles. It is easy enough to move four matches, or just three, to leave two triangles.



But can you remove exactly TWO matches to leave you with two triangles?

## Countdown

Use + - x ÷ to make the large number on the right. It may not be necessary to use all the small numbers.

50 8 6 5 4 3 **412**

75 50 1 4 6 9 **341**

50 75 100 7 6 3 **834**

## Simple Arithmetic

Alice added up some numbers.



$$\begin{array}{r}
 3414 \\
 340 \\
 74813 \\
 \hline
 43374813
 \end{array}$$

That can't possibly be right. Can it?

## Easy Sudoku

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 |   | 6 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |
|   | 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 9 |
|   |   | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 |
| 3 |   | 7 |   |   | 5 | 6 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 |   |   | 2 | 8 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |   |
| 7 | 1 |   | 5 |   |   |   | 4 |   |
| 4 |   |   | 7 | 9 |   |   |   |   |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 |   | 6 | 9 |   |   |

## Hard Sudoku

|   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |  | 3 | 1 |   |   |   |   | 2 |
|   |  |   |   | 5 |   |   |   | 3 |
| 6 |  |   |   | 1 |   |   | 9 | 7 |
|   |  |   | 5 |   |   |   | 6 |   |
|   |  | 8 |   |   | 9 | 3 |   | 8 |
|   |  |   | 9 |   | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
|   |  |   |   | 7 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |  |   |   |   | 9 | 2 |   |   |

## Brain teasers

1. If a brick weighs 9 lb and half a brick, what is the weight of a brick and a half?
2. Rearrange these letters to make one word: DENOORW
3. The windows on all four sides of my house face North. How is that possible?

Solutions on Page 14

## Lundin Bowling Club

The bowling season is now well under way, and we are looking forward to some social events as well.



Members currently enjoy a bowling session on Friday evenings followed by a few drinks at the bar to discuss why they did or didn't play well, or just about anything else you can think of! Sometimes we have a barbecue after the game. We are also looking forward to Cocktails at the Green late June and a Summer Fete in July so look out for dates for these events.

New members are always welcome. Email [secretarylundinbowling@gmail.com](mailto:secretarylundinbowling@gmail.com) for more information.

## ♥ Largo Friends + Neighbours

We continue to offer a weekly telephone befriending service, which is provided by volunteers who live in the community. It is open to anyone in the Largo area who feels isolated from friends, family or the community and would welcome a friendly chat. More recently, as the COVID restrictions have relaxed we have met once a month, in small numbers, and enjoyed a coffee and a chat. Moving forward we are looking to open up this opportunity to more people. Look out for further details later in the summer. If you would like to know any more about the services provided by

Largo Friends and Neighbours or if you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the LACRT helpline on **08000 999 3465**. Jean, the co-ordinator, will then get in touch with further details.



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Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about joining us by emailing me [morag.dawson@btinternet.com](mailto:morag.dawson@btinternet.com)

## Largo and Newburn Horticultural Society

This Spring the Committee organised two presentations by local horticulturists - Stan Green and Kathy Becket, plus visits to two local Gardens led by their Head Gardeners, as well as running the Plant Sale at the end of May. We are now looking forward to holding our Annual Flower Show, (after two years absence due to Covid restrictions) on Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th August. Schedules have been available locally and we look forward to lots of entries. We have introduced a new Section for Floral Art which we hope will be well supported. This Autumn and Winter we plan to hold topical talks and presentations. Details will be posted on the local Facebook page and usual poster sites.

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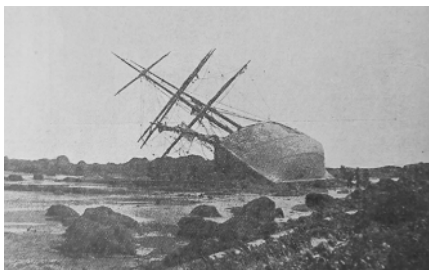


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## Largo Bay

The great sweeping curve of Largo Bay lies between Levenmouth to the west and Kinraig Point to the east. The Largo villages sit behind the centre of the bay with Largo Law as their backdrop. The Victorians were given to describing Largo Bay as “a rival to the Bay of Naples” to attract visitors. The two settings may have similarly sized bays, each boasting a twin-peaked volcano, however, their characters are entirely different. Rather than featuring a large city, Largo Bay offers respite from city life for visitors and tranquillity for locals. From the sea bathing to sailing or simply admiring the view from the shore, the bay offers many leisurely pursuits. But its amenities don't end there. Over time, Largo Bay has provided a source of income to many - whether that be fishing, transport, salt making or artistic inspiration. Being more sheltered than the high seas, the bay provides a site for boats to safely drop anchor. It has also offered a secure place for military practice manoeuvres and for the storage of oil rigs taken out of operation. Nevertheless, on occasion, Largo Bay has briefly become a place of peril. One wreck recorded in Largo Bay was the Norwegian schooner 'Rap' of Stavanger. In 1911 it was wrecked at Lundin Links during a storm but thanks to the rocket apparatus of the Leven Coastguard no lives were lost. Whether you cast your lines in Largo Bay,



paddle in the shallows, capture its seascape with a paint brush or just enjoy a glimpse of it through your window, you will likely agree that there is no need to compare it to Naples or any place else.

Those interested can read more about local history at:

<https://lundinlinks.weebly.com>

## 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 as well as talks and advice on the use of their cameras. The club recently had an exhibition in the Aurrie and is now working on a project with Largo Communities Together. We also produce the cover photograph for *Largo Links* magazine.

Meetings are normally at 7.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of a month in the Simpson Institute (subject to Covid rules). Members can post photographs on our Facebook page.

If you would like to know more, contact Ian Macfarlane on 077525 96380 or at:

[ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com](mailto:ianmacfarlane157@btinternet.com)



## Lundin Links Bridge Club

Please note that we hope to resume play in September 2022. Anyone interested should contact Ian Ritchie on 01333 360815

## No coach to Cupar ...

David Anderson, who was for 66 years the minister in Ceres, wrote that he arrived in Fife on an April day in 1840:

*I left Edinburgh on the Saturday to go to Ceres by the steam boat, which sailed from Newhaven chain pier in the forenoon to Largo, enjoying for the first time the view of various towns on the Fife shore – Dysart, Buckhaven, &c. There was no coach to Cupar when I arrived in Largo, and I had, therefore, to walk to Ceres, carrying my carpet bag.*

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## Signs of Spring

As daylight hours lengthen and we welcome warmer weather, albeit sometimes wetter, the fresh green scents, colourful sights and uplifting sounds of birdsong have awakened from winter's slumber.

In hedgerows and scrubland, the white flowers of Blackthorn burst through before the leaves, whereas on Hawthorn their Mayflowers come after. Sweet-scented Apple and Cherry blossoms also hang heavily on the boughs, whilst the towering Oaks begin to unfurl their leaves. Before the dense canopy creates dappled shade on the swathe of Bluebells on the woodland floor, there's still opportunity to spot many species amongst the branches and challenge yourself on birdsong identification. The resident Great Tits, Robins and Song Thrushes are now joined by summer visitors such as Blackcap, Willow Warbler and the early arriving Chiffchaff.

Seabirds have also returned to our shores, with the Isle of May hosting Guillemot, Razorbill and the much-loved Puffin. Terns have also arrived with breeding colonies also on the May as well as on the mainland. The squeaky call of Sandwich Terns can be heard as they fly up and down the coast, diving into the water for small fish. Gannets, locally nesting on Bass Rock, also move considerable distances to find food and the dramatic feeding frenzies are quite a spectacle and if you're lucky, can be seen close to shore.

*Dominic Rye, Conservation Officer  
Fife Coast and Countryside Trust*

## Largo Bay in Photographs



The Upper Largo Camera Club has provided *Largo Links* with its cover photographs ever since Issue 1. This time, we asked for LARGO BAY. They told us that it was a very wide brief, and sent us four to choose from. The Editorial Team found it almost impossible to choose one from these four: so we decided to put one on the cover and show you the other three. Please write and tell us which you would have chosen, and why.

## Old Largo House

To be let by way of publick roup at Largo House on Friday the 11th day of December instant.

The mansion house, office houses, and pigeon house of Largo, with the gardens and enclosures thereto pertaining, extending to about 26 acres of ground all well enclosed with stone and lime dyke; As also a small labouring of about 40 acres of ground lying contiguous to the said house and parks. The house consists of nine fire-rooms besides closets, and is pleasantly situated within half a mile of the sea, two miles Eastward of the town of Leven, on the coast of Fife. The tack may be for 11 or fewer years, as parties can agree, and the tacksman may have the Kains\* and Carriages of the estate. The

tacksman can enter to the possession immediately.

N.B. On which day also the remains of the household furniture will be sold off.

*Caledonian Mercury 1/12/1741*

Notes: *This refers to the lease or tack of the old mansion house of Largo or castle which was built by Sir Andrew Wood, of which only one tower and a large section of wall now remains. It sat a few yards behind the present ruined Largo House.*

*The present Largo House, whose ruins were pictured in the February 2021 edition of this magazine, was commissioned in the early 1750's by James Durham (1732 - 1808)*

*Kain\* in old Scots law, this was a rent paid in kind, e.g. in poultry, to a landlord.*

### Lundin Sports Club (*Tennis, Squash and Table Tennis*)



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# Largo Library and Community Hub

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The Library is also open for the BloomIN Largo event from 12noon – 4pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Everyone who signs up as a Library member on those days will be entered into a prize draw for a book token.

Events will be starting again soon and will be advertised on the website

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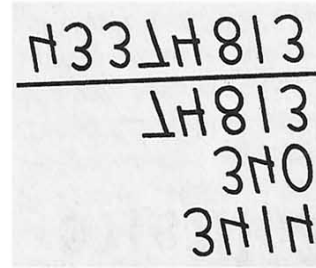
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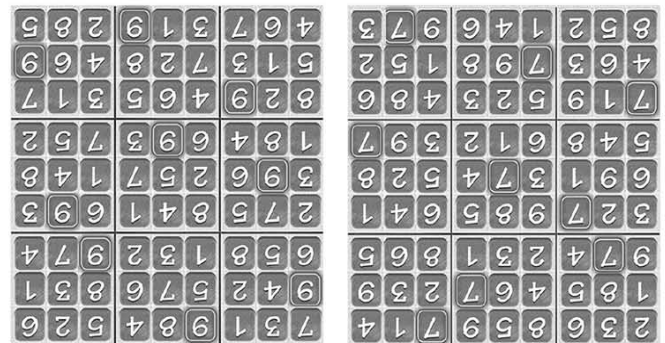


Hold it up to a mirror!

### Simple Arithmetic

- The other half of the brick also weighs 9 lb. So a brick weighs 18lb. A brick-and-a-half weigh 27 lb.
- ONE WORD
- The house is built at the South Pole.

### Brain teasers



Hard Sudoku

Easy Sudoku

$$525 + 300 + 9 = \overline{834}$$

$$100 * 3 = 300;$$

$$75 \times 7 = 525;$$

$$350 - 9 = \overline{341}$$

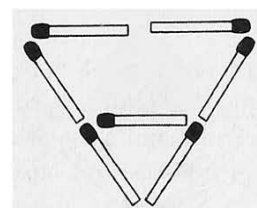
$$300 + 50 = 350;$$

$$75 \times 4 = 300;$$

$$3 \times 4 + 400 = \overline{412}$$

$$8 \times 50 = 400;$$

### Countdown



Match Triangles

## BloomIN Largo

This Open Garden event will be held from **12noon – 4pm** on the weekend of **18/19 June 2022** in Lower Largo, Upper Largo and Lundin Links. **BloomIN Largo** is a celebration of outdoor spaces and how nurturing them helped us during recent challenging times. The event has been organised by a local group for the benefit of others in the villages.



**Largo Library** is the main starting point, admission £5 per adult (children free) valid all weekend. You will receive admission stickers and a map highlighting the participating growing spaces and local places for refreshments. Admission stickers and maps are also available from participating gardens throughout the event, and from the Library during normal opening hours in the week beginning Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Largo Pre-School Playgroup will benefit from any surplus funds. We look forward to welcoming you to our gardens.

### Coastbusters

#### Community Walking Group

The dates and walk details are listed in the diary section at the back of the magazine. The start times have changed - Plodders and Striders start at **10:30am** and Strollers at 2pm.

Contact Moira or Yvonne for more details about these walks and to let us know if you are coming.

#### Rollercoasters

There is also exciting news about a new group, Rollercoasters, starting soon. This is especially for people who use a wheelchair and parents with buggies. In the first instance these will be at the same date/time as the Plodders walks. Please contact Jan Kerr for more details. Updates about all the walks are posted on the Coastbusters Facebook page.

Yvonne Stephenson 07813378512

Moira Bell 07717572035

Jan Kerr 07504980721

### Beach Project

Just as this magazine was being prepared for publication, we heard this news:

Largo Area Community Council are delighted to announce that The Minister for the Environment has awarded designated Bathing Beach Status to the beach at Lower Largo. Work is still ongoing with regard to improving water quality, but this status award will result in a programme designed to improve water quality in the bay at Lower Largo.

*Matt Allan, Vice Chair LACC*

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## Lundie Theatre Group



As you read this, Lundie Theatre Group will have just finished a, hopefully successful, run of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*. Thanks for all the local support. We are now gearing up for our first Pantomime in 4 years: *Red Riding Hood & The Three Little Pigs*, by Dave Crump and Paul Simcox with the traditional panto characters and nonsense.

Auditions will be announced via our Facebook page and shared with the local community page. We'll also share the details with the local schools for the children's auditions.

Performance dates are Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th matinee in November. We meet on Thursday evenings in the Montrave Hall and would love to see new faces, whether that be for treading the boards, directing, set-building, costumes, props or make up.

To get in touch for more details please contact Brenda:

[bs.lundie@gmail.com](mailto:bs.lundie@gmail.com)

or look at our Facebook page.

## The Big Picnic

The Big Picnic is back in 2022 after a two-year break due to Covid. It will take place on Lundin Links Common on Sunday 14 August from 12.30 till 3.30pm.

For newcomers to the area, the Big Picnic is our local version of the Big Lunch, which

is run annually under the auspices of the Big Lottery and The Eden Project. It is a family event and all past and present residents of Lundin Links, Lower and Upper Largo and the surrounding areas, as well as their family and friends, are welcome to come along. All you need is a picnic and something to sit on.

The Big Lunch's mission is to bring people together and encourage them to actively engage with one another and with the places where they live. The vision is to have a world full of happier and healthier communities where people know each other, and neighbourhoods thrive. With that in mind, we try to get as many local groups and organisations as possible together to help with the planning and running of the event.

Our first Big Picnic was held in 2017, with others in 2018 and 2019. Then along came Covid, which disrupted plans for 2020 and 2021. As we've now had two years without a Big Picnic, let's see if we can make 2022 the biggest and best yet.

### Vacancy – Editorial Team



We are looking for a volunteer to join the team which produces this magazine. Much of the work would be liaison with the Editor and the Advertising Editor, to check that articles and adverts were received and acknowledged.

For these tasks, you would need to be familiar with WORD and be able to operate a single-page EXCEL spreadsheet.

If you have an interest in this position, please contact the Editor:

[editorlargolinks@gmail.com](mailto:editorlargolinks@gmail.com)



## The Admiral

This is a book by Nigel Tranter and it is a fictionalised life of Sir Andrew Wood, who was Admiral to James III and James IV. There is a model of one of his ships, *The Yellow Carvel*, in Largo Kirk.

The cover picture of *Largo Links* is of Largo Bay, so we thought that our readers might be interested in this book. On its first page, we meet the young Andrew Wood, looking over the bay:



*“The young man gazed out from the eastern horn of Largo Bay, as so often he did. Great was the prospect south, east and west, across the Forth estuary, to the mighty rock-stack of the Craig of Bass sixteen miles off, rising out of the sea backed by the conical hill of North Berwick Law, westwards to the distant heights of Arthur’s Seat, Edinburgh Castle and the Pentland hills ...*

*“Frequently, Andrew came here to gaze, however much his good mother declared that he should be doing other things more useful, tending their sheep on Largo Law, aiding her brother at La’hill Mill, working for their kinsman, Sir John Lindsay at nearby Pitcruvie Castle ...”*

This book may be borrowed from the Library

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### Kilconquhar Castle (Timeshare)

We bought week 4 (late January) of Woodcutter’s Cottage not because we wanted to use it, but to become owners of a property on the Estate. This way we were able to use the facilities which include: pool, gym, badminton, snooker, driving range, putting. Now that we no longer use the facilities, we would like to pass ownership to someone else. The maintenance fees (currently £701) are paid up to July 2023. In return, we ask a donation to a local Charity which helps Ukrainians.

Woodcutter’s cottage can be viewed on this link,

and from there the Castle website can also be seen. [www.kilconquharcastle.co.uk/wc](http://www.kilconquharcastle.co.uk/wc)

**CONTACT: Irene Kay: 07455 005 968**



## Lt Col WH Anderson, VC

Lieutenant Colonel William Herbert Anderson (known as 'Bertie') was born in Glasgow in 1881. He had a privileged upbringing sharing time with his three brothers between their parents' home at Strathairly, Upper Largo and a town house in Glasgow. He served in the army for almost 8 years until his marriage to Gertrude Campbell.



*yard in force. Col Anderson again led the counter-attack in person and showed disregard for his own safety. Although the counter-attack succeeded the Col lost his life in the action, he died within the enemy's lines.*

He is buried in the cemetery at Marincourt, Somme. His name is inscribed on the Largo War

Memorial.

In September 1914 William Anderson was recommissioned as a Captain and served with distinction for most of the war but was invalided home during 1917.

However, he again returned to France, and a year later he was Commanding Officer of The 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Highland Light Infantry. He died in battle on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1918 age 36.

Lt Col William Anderson was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross that is on display to the public at the Imperial War Museum, London. His citation tells us that: *the enemy attacked a position in a wood held by the Battalion with the real danger that their whole position would be overrun. Seeing this danger Col Anderson made his way across open ground in full view of the enemy, he managed to gather what remained of 2 companies and then personally led the counter-attack and drove the enemy from the wood, capturing 12 machine guns and 70 prisoners and so restored the original line.*

*Later the same day, the enemy had penetrated the outskirts of the village (Marincourt) and were holding a timber*

In fact, Bertie Anderson was William and Nora Anderson's fourth and final son to die in the Great War.

Captain Charlie Anderson, also of the HLI, had been killed in action on 19 December 1914 during fierce fighting in northern France. He was 26. Second Lieutenant Ronnie Anderson, also of the HLI, had been killed in action on the Western Front on 8 October 1915. He was 31. Teddie, the youngest boy, who transferred from the HLI to the Royal Flying Corps, died on 16 March 1918 from the multiple wounds that he received the previous day when crashing during a test flight over Hampshire. He was 21.



The Anderson Brothers

## **Weekend Breakfast**

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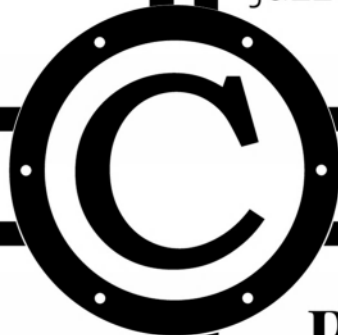
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# Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team

**LACRT – 0800 999 3465**

- **Helpline**
- **Support In Times of Need Fund**
- **Upper Largo Telephone Box**
- **Largo Villages Resilience Plan**
- **Befriending Service**
- **Community IT Support**
- **Homes for Ukrainians**
- **Happy Beaches Clean Ups**
- **Largo Links Magazine Distribution**

## Upper Largo Telephone Box

Well the Upper Largo Telephone Box is certainly ringing the changes! Its transformation is now complete and is being used for all sorts of things.

Budding youngsters from Kirkton of Largo Primary School are regularly exhibiting their artistic talents. In the month of March a range of colourful international flags decorated the inside. In April there were beautiful water colours of Sunflowers on display – their thoughts were clearly with others.

There are various pieces of information about up-and-coming events around Largo and further afield; books and jigsaws for exchange; compost bags and doggie poo bags!! While you're reading all the information and admiring the young people's talents, you can even charge up your phone!

Ian and Inga Barnes are our caretakers. What a great job they're doing – keeping information up to date, moving the stock on and even cleaning the windows! How lucky we are to live in Largo where our community is so supportive!! A huge thanks to Inga and Ian.

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*Editor's Note:*

*See also the photograph on page 22*



Many local residents can be seen regularly going around our villages and beach, litter-picking and keeping our little bit of heaven as neat and tidy as possible. A local clean-up is a great way to improve our neighbourhood and get everyone in our community together.

“Meet Up, Clean Up” is a campaign that brings the Council, residents and neighbourhoods together in a joint effort to eliminate litter on our streets and play parks. Fife Council will provide waste bags, litter pickers, disposable gloves and in certain circumstances a skip. The Council will uplift the litter afterwards.

If you are thinking of organising a community clean up go to: [fife.gov.uk](http://fife.gov.uk) then fill in the search box “Meet Up and Clean Up”. You will get further information and an application form. A huge thanks to all of you who are already doing this on a regular basis. Don't forget we've placed a new seat/box store in front of Andy's store. The seat contains bags, gloves and pickers. Happy picking!

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## Homes for Ukrainians

No one can help but be distressed by the media cover of the Ukrainian War. There is a feeling of helplessness among us. As a caring community we want to do



whatever we can to alleviate the horror being rained down upon our fellow human beings on mainland Europe.

The Largo community has already stepped up to the plate in fund-raising, material and financial giving, and the offer to host Ukrainian families. As a Community is there more to be done? We think so!

The Chairs of LCT (Largo Communities Together), LACC (Largo Area Community Council) and LACRT (Largo Area Community Response Team) have been taking advice from our MP, MSP, Councillors and officers at Fife Council.

The Scottish Government has developed and financed the Super Sponsor Scheme and it is the responsibility of local Councils to implement the scheme called "Homes for Ukrainians".

Local Councils expect the Hosts to aid the families with Community integration but we as a Community believe we can do more. Could we support a Ukrainian family or families in Largo by giving them a home using the financial support by the Scottish

Government? Could the government funding be enhanced by financial pledges from the members of our community not only giving a home but quality of life? This is

what is currently being explored.

Additionally there is an opportunity for us to design an infrastructure where we can organise community support for both Hosts and Guests and work in tandem with the statutory and voluntary sectors. We want Ukrainian families who find themselves in Largo to be welcomed, supported, have access to health, housing, finance, education and employment, build upon language skills and develop friendships.

We hope to hold a Community Awareness-Raising meeting to test the level of support available locally and will advertise this widely when we have all the information to hand.

You will understand the situation is a complex one. Bureaucracy is not our friend, but neither is it a blocker to us doing the right thing and that's what we're trying to do ..... watch this space ..... we'll keep in touch.

*Chairs:- LCT, LACC, LACRT*

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## Singing in the Rain



Elsewhere in this magazine, you will find an article about the Upper Largo Telephone Box. It was used recently as a postbox, for returning the postcards sent out by LCT at the time of the March issue of *Largo Links*. It can be used as a library – anyone can leave a book, or borrow one.

One of our reporters happened to walk past it recently, and thought you might enjoy this picture. Some kind people had left a few umbrellas for anyone who needed one.

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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.

Should you have any matters for LACC, please use the contact form on their website or speak to one of the members of your Community Council and attend the monthly meetings.

### **All input is vital.**

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

[peteraitken988@gmail.com](mailto:peteraitken988@gmail.com) (01333-320574)

Please note that copies of the LACC minutes are available on line at:

<http://www.largo-area-cc.org.uk/>



Out of these minutes, the following items are expanded below:

### Homes For Ukrainians

Many of you may have offered rooms in your own homes (or holiday homes or second homes) to Ukrainian refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

The Community Council are gathering information on the number of rooms available for refugees in Largo Area and whether accommodation has been offered to adults and/or children to enable us to coordinate the provision of health education and other services for the refugees.

For example, it will help schools and GPs to know how many refugees will require these services.

Please email or telephone Peter Aitken with a note of the number of rooms available and whether accommodation is available for adults and/or children.

- to ensure that the greenfield entrance to Lower Largo is kept intact.
  - to ensure that the flood plain provided by the above land is not lost causing flooding to the village.
  - to ensure that “lineal creepage” does not occur towards Upper Largo.
  - To ensure that development of the above land does not result in development of the field in front of Largo House.
2. The Community Council have a statutory duty to consult the whole of the community in Largo Area on the above for your views and we shall be glad to hear from you.
  3. In particular we wish to know your views on the following:-
    - the provision of affordable housing.
    - the maintaining of the school rolls at:-
      - i. Lundin Mill Primary School.
      - ii. Kirkton of Largo Primary School.
      - iii. Waid Academy.
    - the infrastructure including roads, traffic and safety, cycle paths, footpaths, sewerage etc

Please let us know your views by emailing or telephoning Peter Aitken.

If there is any other land in Largo Area you consider would be suitable for allocation for housing please let us know.

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### Land At Largo Road/Durham Wynd And To The North Of Selkirk Grove

1. A number of residents in Donaldson’s Court Durham Wynd and Castaway Lane Lower Largo have requested that the above land remain agricultural land, that the above land be designated a Special Landscape Area and that the above land not be allocated for housing for the following reasons:-



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## Largo Bay Art Society

Largo Bay Art Society has finished its weekly meetings for the year but over the summer it is having a joint exhibition with all their talented artists displaying at Montrave Hall. The display will be held at the same time Largo Arts Week is running, July 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, so when you're out and about make sure Montrave Hall and Largo Bay Art Society is on your list of places to visit. There will be quite a few different artists all in one place, so if you are looking for that special piece then you may just find it here.

The club resumes weekly meetings and classes in September. If you would like to join us contact Sue for more details on:

[semilne160@gmail.com](mailto:semilne160@gmail.com)

## Largo Parish Community Council

LARGO PARISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL.  
This Council was formed in 1931, and as it is the first of its kind in Scotland, it seems well to include a list of the associated bodies in the Parish Book.

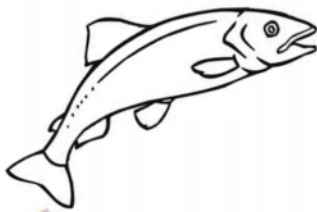
### LIST OF ASSOCIATED BODIES, SEASON 1931-32.

Largo Kirk Session.  
Lundin Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club.  
Lundin Homing Club.  
Largo Amateur Swimming Club.  
Lundin Golf Club.  
Girl Guides' Association.  
Largo and Newburn Nursing Association.  
Lundin Curling Club.  
Largo Women's Rural Institute.  
Largo Liberal Association.  
Simpson Institute.  
Largo Bowling Club.  
Largo and Newburn Horticultural Society.  
Largo Pier Committee.  
Largo and Lundin Links Social Club.  
Lundin Amateur Dramatic Society.  
Largo Baptist Church.  
Largo Curling Club.  
St David's Church, Lower Largo.  
Largo District Silver Band.  
Largo Branch Girls' Friendly Society.  
Largo and Newburn Unionist Association.  
42nd (Largo) Fife Troop Boy Scouts.

*This is a page from the Largo Village Book, 1932.  
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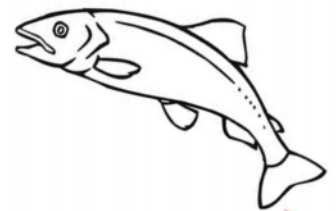
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## Largo Arts Week 2022 – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Largo Arts Week (LAW) is now a firmly established annual event held in the third week of July each year. Preparations for this, the third LAW, are well underway and it promises to be a wonderful week of arts, crafts, music, conversation and family events.

**LARGO  
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This issue of *Largo Links* coincides with the launch of Largo Arts Week 2022 in the national press, the publication of the LAW brochure and the updated website, where details of all exhibitors, studios, events and ticketing requirements can be found. See us at:

[www.largoartsweek.com](http://www.largoartsweek.com)

Reflecting the ethos of LAW to be an inclusive event for the community as well as for the many visitors, and a vehicle for the nurturing of local talent, this year's festival is timed to coincide with the Largo Bay Arts Club annual exhibition, and welcomes 20 participants exhibiting for the first time as part of the Open Studios. Expect to see some 70 local artists and makers in their studios along with a few pop-up exhibitors, across the three villages. In Upper Largo The Stables will host a group of 6 artists and makers from a bit further afield representing the creative collective "Made in Fife". This brings Upper Largo firmly into the fold of LAW, but still keeps the whole event small, manageable and inclusive of the whole community. Note that this year there is no single central hub for activities and events, but three venues, also providing food and drink – The Crusoe, The Aurrie and the Upper Largo Hotel.

There will be music by local bands, covering genres such as blues, bluegrass and retro 80's, with the welcome return, too, of Fifers Rab Noakes and Charlotte Whittle. Many music events will be free, you may just need to book a table at the relevant venue, but in the spirit of inclusivity and community involvement no-one will be turned away.



There will be more family events this year, the prize painting competitions and a free outdoor concert at the harbour, generously supported by Andy's Shop and the Crusoe. And it wouldn't be LAW without one or two well-known celebrities. The festival will be bookended by appearances of two of Fife's greatest crime writers "in conversation with....." at the Crusoe – Val McDermid, and Ian Rankin (also with the involvement of Richard Jobson from the Skids).

LAW relies on sponsorship, some of which is still being negotiated. If you would like to sponsor the event and be mentioned on the website and brochures, please contact Dougi McMillan [douгимcmillan@largoarts.co.uk](mailto:douгимcmillan@largoarts.co.uk)



## MP → PM

We once had a Prime Minister represent us in the Westminster Parliament. Herbert Henry Asquith was elected as a Liberal MP for the East Fife Constituency in 1886. In

that year, he presented this photograph to Mr W. Gillies, his agent in Largo.

He was Home Secretary (1892-95) and Chancellor (1905-1908) before becoming Prime Minister (1908-16). In the middle of the war, he was replaced by Lloyd George as PM, and he lost his re-election to Parliament in the 'khaki election' of 1918. Asquith died in 1928, and his tombstone reads: *Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister of England*. Bill Bryson (an

American author who has lived in Britain for many years) commented: ... *a man whose descendants had apparently forgotten exactly what he was Prime Minister of ...*

## Tolls

In 1872, there was a toll between Largo and the station, and another between Largo and Lundin Links ... They paid 1s for a carriage and pair of horses, 6d for a cart and one horse, and 4d for a riding horse ... "It was an awful nuisance, especially coming home late, after the toll-keeper had gone to bed, and we had to knock him up and he took a long time to come, sometimes."

In 1883, the roads were taken over by the Road Trust, and tolls were stopped.

This information comes from the *Largo Village Book* (1932). It may be consulted in the Library.



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## The Arts Society Fife

The Arts Society Fife held its first lecture back in The Corn Exchange, Cupar on 12th April, This was the first time we had been in the hall since March 2020 (lectures since then having been hosted online). Paul Atterbury came to talk to us about “Arts and Crafts Ceramics”. Many of you will know him from his appearances on the BBC’s “Antiques Roadshow” and will be aware he has a wide-ranging knowledge of the arts which includes a special interest in ceramics. Paul began with a brief history of the arts and crafts movement, this style of ceramics becoming increasingly popular with their appearance in department stores. Although mass produced, each pot had its own individuality. Paul took us around the country, focusing on some of the more prominent potteries and telling us about how the various techniques, glazes and

designs were arrived at. The ceramics we were shown on screen were truly beautiful, made even more so by his explanation of the technical difficulties. Prior to the pandemic, we served teas and coffees after lectures. We have not started back with catering, but hope to do so in June.

The last lecture for this session is on 14<sup>th</sup> June when Simon Seligman is will speak about the treasures of Chatsworth House (this may be subject to change). We start back for our 2022/23 session on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The lecture programme for 2022/23 is currently being finalised. We are always happy to welcome new members and guests. For more information please visit

[www.theartssocietyfife.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietyfife.org.uk)

or email [info@theartssocietyfife.org.uk](mailto:info@theartssocietyfife.org.uk)

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## Homelands Trust Update

It is an exciting time at Homelands. In August 2021, after 5 years of fund raising, planning and building warrant applications etc. Homelands embarked on its exciting Phase 2 development. This development is now clearly visible from Leven Road (next to the bowling club) where our five new accessible holiday lodges are taking shape. These new lodges will add to our current portfolio of 4 lodges, which are heavily oversubscribed, and will allow us to provide many more respite breaks and holidays for those with disabilities, life-limiting conditions and their unpaid carers. The lodges have been purposefully designed by local architects Hurd Rolland Partnership to accommodate our guests’ needs with extra wide doors, zero threshold entrances, full wet rooms and a raft of specialist items such as ceiling tracking hoists and closomat toilets.

The names of the 5 new lodges; Emsdorf, Lundin, Largo, Selkirk and Durham, were chosen by children from Lundin Mill primary school and recognize names in the local community (as per our 4 original Lodges Massney, Keil, Cardy and Drummochy).

Our new lodges are scheduled to be completed by mid-October 2022 and handed over to the Trust to furnish and prepare with a view to their being available for our guests by Christmas 2022.

## Largo Communities Together



What happens around where you live is important to all of us. That is why Largo Communities Together (LCT) and Largo Area Community Council (LACC) have embarked on developing our own Local Place Plan (LPP).

So what is this and what does it do for us?

A Local Place Plan (LPP) is our ideas for what we do and don't want to happen in our communities. It will be lodged with Fife Council. They are duty bound to consult that plan before they make any changes in our Community Assets. To this end we have employed part time, our own Community Development Officer Priya.

Priya's role is to help us build our very own LPP, then over the coming years, help us deliver the things we can do for ourselves. For instance, our Sea Day on the 11 June (Restoring our beach and sea) and our Housing Consultation. Over the coming months as we continue to build on our Local Place Plan postcard campaign, watch out for the face-to-face themed sessions that will be running throughout our community halls and cafés over 2022.

Even if all you can do is respond online or drop us an email, we will be delighted to hear from you.

### How you can find us

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## Housing Consultation Drop In

There will be two local housing consultations organised by Largo Area Community Council and Largo Communities Together in June:

Durham Hall, Lower Largo

Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm – 9pm**

New Gilston Hall

Tuesday **21<sup>st</sup> June, 6pm – 9pm**

If you are unable to make these dates there will be an online option at:

[largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](http://largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)

We want as many local residents to come along, or get online, and share their views

on the proposed and possible housing developments. Your views will be communicated back to Fife Council and be part of our Local Place Plan.

There is a lot to think about including:

- location of housing;
- retaining the identities of the villages;
- planning applications being processed;
- infrastructure required;
- the local school rolls;
- and the need for affordable housing.



## Community Sea Day

Because of what was so positively reflected in the Place Plan, we will host an open event that will coincide with the United Nations Oceans Day. On **Saturday the 11th of June** we will host a Community Sea Day in Lower Largo.

**At 1pm**, we will start with a path and beach clean-up, kicking off at the Temple Car Park. We will be looking at ways to make this physically accessible.

This will be followed by a stroll along the coast; a wild swim with the Swans Group (for those brave enough); a wander by the sailing club; some rock pooling when the tide gets low enough; and some “sand pier” building at the back of the Crusoe Hotel. Wear your wellies and bring a bag for rubbish and your bucket and spade! This part of the Community Sea Day will wrap up around 4pm. You are invited to join in the activities or just come and hang out.

We will also have an evening event at the Aurrie from **7pm until around 9pm**. There will be a showing of *Into the Oceanic* by Rob Page and Elizabeth Oglivie. They will be there to talk about what inspired their film about marine health and the many relationships people have with the sea. There is more information online at: [largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](http://largocommunitiestogether.org.uk) and tickets are available at the Aurrie.

There will be an exhibition of Sea-inspired art with prizes. Drop any entries in to the Aurrie between the 1st of June and the 8th of June or email:

[priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)  
for any more information.

## Riding for the Disabled

East Fife and Scooniehill Riding for the Disabled is now located at Balcormo Stud. They continue to host groups and individuals but are getting a big rebuild over the summer which means they will be able to host many more activities from around August.

They would like volunteers for: physical help around the stables; the new gardening area; some ongoing construction and maintenance support. If you are interested in getting involved and can offer anything get in touch:

Tel: 01333 313652 or  
07545 056797

email: [fcpe.rda@gmail.com](mailto:fcpe.rda@gmail.com)

## Lucky Ewe



Lucky Ewe is a great new charity located just outside New Gilston that provides foundation skills in animal care and husbandry for those with additional support needs.

The aim is to give confidence, healing and ability to people who may have barriers to being included and finding employment. They have big plans to have a core group of interns and are building momentum solidly.

If you would like to learn more or get involved, please contact them:

website: [luckyewe.org.uk](http://luckyewe.org.uk)

phone: 07817 278630

email: [office@luckyewe.org.uk](mailto:office@luckyewe.org.uk)



## Silverburn Flax Mill Project

The Silverburn Flax Mill has been granted National Lottery Heritage Funding of just over £3.47 million to bring the derelict building back to life.

A visitor centre, backpackers' hostel, café, artists' studios, community space and a shop are part of the plans to restore the much-loved heritage site as the beating heart of Levenmouth.

The project will also create around 130 jobs, including construction trainee placements for local young people, and roles for people experiencing mental health problems. Activity plans include volunteering activities that will specifically target groups from under-represented communities.



The ambitious five-year community-led project is being delivered by Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT) and Fife Council and aims to encourage tourism, support local businesses, and provide social prescribing activities for mental health and wellbeing.

The B-listed building, dating from the 1850's, is an important reminder of Fife's central role in the linen industry which ended in the 19th century. Owned by the Russell family until the 1970s, the Silverburn Mill and its 27-acre park on the Fife Coastal Path, was gifted to the people of Leven. Later uses included an animal farm, a craft centre and an events venue. These activities ceased and the buildings closed during the 1990s.

The grant from the National Lottery adds to funding from other donors including: Fife Council (£2 million); Scottish Government (£1.5 million); Historic Environment Scotland (£510,000); and nearly £40,000 generated by the Levenmouth community.

FEAT CEO Duncan Mitchell said:

"It's nearly ten years since we started work on proposals to regenerate Silverburn Park and so what a wonderful result from a decade of hard work!"

The planned opening date for the mill is Easter 2026. The Levenmouth Railway Link will also be operational, opening up Leven to visitors from Edinburgh and the South.

Silverburn Park also lies within the Levenmouth to Lundin Links Green Network Area, and contains significant trees and woodland areas, waterbodies and a watercourse. The project will promote the natural heritage of the pond, the wider park and the nearby Fife Coastal Path and shoreline, which is visited by 3.6 million people annually.

*The articles on pages 30 – 33 are provided by Priya, on behalf of Largo Communities Together. They all concern matters which LCT wishes to bring to your attention.*



## Largo Pier

Those of you who are members of LCT will be aware that the Consultants working on our behalf and assisting us with our fundraising strategy carried out a Community Focused Online survey. I am pleased to advise you that the Consultants reported that they had seldom seen such a strong response to a community online survey and such a high degree of community support and demonstration of need for a capital project. We were very pleased to receive this information and many thanks to all who responded to the survey in such positive terms.

We have now received the final drawings from David Narro, our consulting civil engineers, and we hope to have these available for you to examine at the LCT Open Evening at the Aurrie on 11<sup>th</sup> June. We are now in a position to start making applications for substantial grants from major funders such as the National Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic

Environment Scotland. Obtaining these grants will not be easy and it could be a long and tortuous business. However, we are confident that the restoration of Largo Pier meets many of the conditions set by these bodies. We shall keep you advised of progress.

*Jimmy Simpson  
Chair, Largo Pier Sub Group of LCT.*

## Scottish Country Dancing Group

We meet at The Stables on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4pm. Our dance routines are somewhat informal and despite our best efforts do not always conform to the required "standard". Fortunately, this makes for a very friendly and humorous afternoon. A break for tea and biscuits halfway through allows us to catch our breath and be refreshed for the second half. We are limited for space and our maximum is for 3 sets, but we will welcome new members when we resume in September.

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Ian and Kathryn Forgan of **MERCURY MOTORSPORT** have kindly provided full sponsorship of the Community Sea Day (See the article on page 32). LCT want to say a very big thank you very much to them.

## Woodside and New Gilston SWI

SWI members of Woodside and New Gilston were delighted to resume their meetings in April. 32 members attended, friendships and acquaintances renewed and new members welcomed.

The meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month and a 6 month syllabus is now in place. Topics such as:- Genealogy, the work of Largo Communities Together, Bring a Friend and hear about the SWI, Jewellery making demonstration and Bee Keeping will be covered.

There are competitions at every meeting which allow members to demonstrate their culinary, handiwork and gardening skills. This can lead to winning one or more of the numerous Woodside and New Gilston trophies which have been donated by members over the years.

The Pandemic opened up the opportunity to meet for coffee in the Upper Largo Hotel. This proved to be successful and continues on the first Monday and Wednesday of each month. Other activities take place – Summer Outing, Christmas Lunch, Quiz nights, Drama evenings and film nights. Fund raising is important too and this year Women's Aid and the East Neuk Emergency Fund are our chosen charities.

Come and join us! Our next meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in New Gilston Village Hall when our speakers will be Louise Robb – Chair of Largo Communities Together. Louise will be accompanied by Priya Logan, Community Development Worker and we will hear about what's going on in Largo.

For further information contact the Secretary:- Maggie Free at **01333 329 123**. Please come along – a warm welcome awaits!

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## Cat fish (wolf fish) with mushrooms and wild garlic

Cat fish is an excellent firm fish, ideal for deep frying but I thought that adding a touch of oatmeal gives it a nutty crunch and the mushrooms and garlic add lovely savoury flavours.

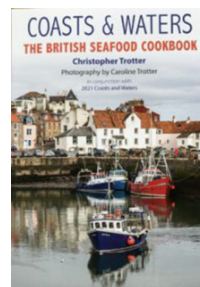


### INGREDIENTS

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 4 fillets Cat fish                 | 50g medium oatmeal                        |
| Red onion, finely chopped          | 200g button mushrooms, sliced             |
| 1 tsp Trotter's wholegrain mustard | Hand full of wild garlic leaves, shredded |
| Wild garlic flowers to garnish     |   |

### METHOD

1. Cut the fish into strips or "goujons"
2. Lightly season and roll in the oatmeal
3. Heat a pan with a little vegetable oil and butter, and fry the fish on all sides for a few minutes to colour the oatmeal. Set aside, keeping warm.
4. Reduce the heat on the pan and add a little more butter and stir in the mushrooms, cook quickly, add the onions and cook briefly to soften them, then stir in the shredded wild garlic and the mustard. Cook gently for a few more minutes and stir to combine.
5. Place in the centre of 4 plates and then place the fish strips all over and garnish with the wild garlic flowers.



My new fish book "Coasts and Waters The British seafood cookbook" is as much about using wild fish from our waters as it is about seasonal availability. This month's recipe focuses on a less well known fish as much as seasonality. I hope you have all been making full use of the wild garlic everywhere – loads in Kiels Den, but in June the plant flowers and these flowers make a very pretty addition to any dish.

Christopher is an award-winning food writer. His books, including Coasts & Waters, may be bought from his website:

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## Celebrating 100 Years

Marguerite Lavinia McDouall's father, John, was a doctor from New Zealand, who trained in Dunedin and studied tropical medicine in Liverpool. For many years he worked in West Africa. On one of his leaves in England, he met Madge's mother, Marguerite. They corresponded for over three years, and married in 1914.

Madge was born in Coomassie in the Gold Coast (now Kumasi, Ghana), but moved to England at just 3 months old. She lived in Dorset and Kent, and went to The High School for Girls, Ashford Kent.

In 1941, Madge married Captain Ian McCormick RAMC and they had three children, Jenny, John & Marguerite. After leaving the Army, Ian's work took the family to Rothesay and Bristol before finally coming to Fife where he was later to become Chief Medical Officer of Chest & Infectious Diseases.

Madge lived in Ceres, Earlsferry, Windygates, East Wemyss and Cupar before moving to Lundin Links in 1951. This was followed by ten years at Balchrystie before returning to Lower Largo in 1972.

Madge has always been a knowledgeable worker, very determined and resourceful. She became a social worker with Fife Council, including a two-year period of unpaid leave. During this time, she funded herself through a qualification course at Jordanhill College.

Madge was never idle. She was a keen gardener and baker. She made her own jewellery and when watching TV or in conversation, she would be knitting. Her son John remembers that Mum made his first ever school blazer.

At her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, in Monturpie Restaurant, she was joined by friends and by 31 of her numerous descendants: three children, eleven grandchildren and twenty greatgrandchildren.



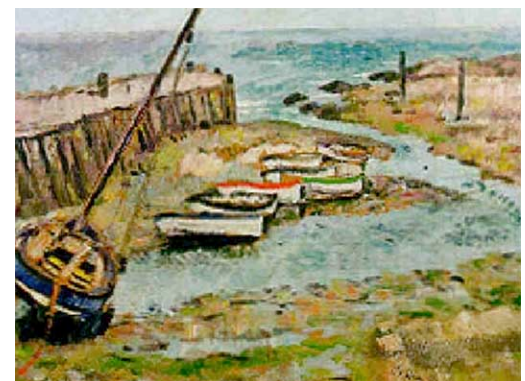
Madge McCormick was 100 years old on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. She is seen here reading her card from the Queen.

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## Leslie Hunter

Hunter was a Scottish artist (1877 – 1932) who lived in the USA for many years. His early work was destroyed in a fire following the San Francisco earthquake in 1906, and shortly after he returned to Scotland.

Many of his paintings were of Lower Largo. This one is said to have been completed in 1922.



## Largo Parish Church



As you digest this issue of *Largo Links*, it will be time to celebrate the third major Christian festival in the year. Pentecost (Whitsun) commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples as described in Acts 2.

We will also enjoy a longer bank holiday weekend in early June as we commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Socialising with friends and neighbours is something we all have longed for during these past two years. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are thankful to be able to mix a lot more again.

On that note, Largo Church is now open for worship each Sunday. On the last Sunday of each month we gather in the Durham Hall for a less formal service with our praise band. The lifting of restrictions now means you can come and join us at a worship service without needing to book a place at church. Face masks are now also no longer required and many are enjoying singing freely again.

We would love to welcome you to a service of worship in our beautiful church, whether you have lived in the villages for many years, have recently moved here, or simply are on holiday. Our service is at 10:30am every Sunday. We also record the service – but do not live-stream it - and this can be viewed online by going to the Largo Church website where you will find the link.

All blessings and have a wonderful summer.

*Rev Gavin Boswell*

Website: [www.largochurches.org.uk](http://www.largochurches.org.uk)

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|---|----------------|---|---|
| <b>LACRT Helpline</b>   | 0800 999 3465  | National Emergency <i>Fire, Police, Ambulance</i>   | 999                                     |
| <b>Local Shops and Businesses:</b>  |                | NHS 24 (includes Mental Health Hub)   | 111                                     |
| Zaphar's Premier Store  | 01333 320 851  | Over 50's Help  | 0800 1244 222                           |
| Stuart's of Buckhaven   | 01333 320 213  | Psychological Services/Emotional Wellbeing of children  | 01592 583 349                           |
| Blacketyside Farm Shop + Meals  | 01333 423 034  | Samaritans.   | 116123                                  |
| Archer's Fish   | 01333 329 850  | Scottish Gov. Business Helpline   | 0300 244 4000                           |
| Lundin Links Pharmacy   | 01333 320 274  | Scottish Welfare Fund   | 0300 5550 265                           |
| <i>All above are currently delivering</i>   |                |   |   |
| Andy's Store (Text)   | 07754 329 042  | SAMH mental health ( <b>not crisis</b> )  | 0344 800 0550                           |
| (Shop)  | 01333 329 237  | <u>Scoonie Medical Practice</u> (Includes Leven Health Centre) Drs Hilton, Richardson, Andrew, Stevens, Cook, Barr, Stevenson & McDonald) | 01333 432 588                           |
| Allan Moncrieff Alarms  | 01333 320 075  | Universal Credit Helpline   | 0800 328 5644                           |
| Coates IT Consulting  | 01333 329 118  | Women's Aid-Fife  | 0808 802 5555                           |
| Crusoe Hotel, Lower Largo   | 01333 406 775  | Women's Aid-Scottish  | 0800 027 1234                           |
| Donaldson and Son Joiners & Undertakers   | 01333 360 228  | <b>Council &amp; Utilities Helpline Numbers:</b>  |   |
| Forth House Caravan Site  | 07718 788 317  | Fife Council  | 03451 550 000                           |
| Headrush, Upper Largo   | 01333 360 437  | Fife Social Work  | 03451 551 503                           |
| Hillhouse Boarding Cattery  | 01333 360 582  | Fife Housing Register Emergency Accommodation.  | 03451 550 033                           |
| Jane's at Nineteen  | 01333 320 266  | Fife Council (Roadworks/Emergencies) (and out of hours)   | → 03451 550 099                         |
| Martha Watt Podiatry  | 07909 964 898  | Fife Rent issues  | 03451 550 044                           |
| Mercury Motorsport  | 01333 320 158  | <b>Utilities Helpline Numbers:</b>  |   |
| Monturpie Guest House & Caravan Park  | 01333 360 254  | Electricity Emergency   | 0800 092 9290                           |
| Old Manor Hotel   | 01333 320 368  | National Gas Helpline   | 0800 111 999                            |
| Penny & Black   | 01333 320 415  | National Power Cut Helpline (from a mobile)   | 105                                     |
| The Finishing Touch   | 01333 320 956  | Scottish Power  | 0800 027 0072                           |
| The Green Room (Florists)   | 01333 317 051  | Scottish Water Emergencies  | 08000 788 788                           |
| The Studio  | 01333 320 174  | SEPA Floodline  | 0345 988 1188                           |
| Upper Largo Hotel   | 01333 360 347  | <b>Politicians, Councillors, Churches</b>   |   |
| Upper Largo Chandlery   | 01333 360 217  | MPs / MSPs  |   |
| Vintage Barber, Lundin Links  | 07562 390 361  | Wendy Chamberlain, MP   | 01334 656 361                           |
| Woodland Gardens Caravan and Camping Site   | 01333 360 319  | Jenny Gilruth, MSP  | 01592 764 815                           |
| <b>Medical and Mental Health Helpline Numbers:</b>  |                |   |   |
| Age Scotland Helpline: <i>Confidential service for older people, carers and families. Call free</i> | 0800 12 44 222 | <b>Local Councillors:</b>   |   |
| Breathing Space ( <i>low mood/anxiety</i> )   | 0800 83 85 87  | David Alexander ( <i>Co-Leader Fife Council</i> )   | 01592 764 815 / 03451 555555 Ext 490127 |
| Carers UK   | 0808 808 7777  | Eugene Clarke   | 07917 039 683                           |
| Childline UK  | 0800 1111      | Colin Davidson  | 07864 619 335                           |
| Citizens Advice and Rights, Fife.   | 0345 1400 095  | Alistair Suttie   | 07515 289 170                           |
| Community Police and Police Scotland  | 101            | Alternative number for Councillors  | 03451 555 555 Ext 44232                 |
| Cosy Kingdom: <i>Telephone advice service for any energy billing or supplier issues</i>             | 01592 807 930  | <b>Local Churches:</b>  |   |
| Covid 19 Community Helpline   | 0800 952 0330  | Largo Parish Church   | 01333 320 850                           |
| Deaths/Still Births Registrations   | 0345 155 0099  | St Agatha's & St Giles RC   | 01333 423 809                           |
| East Neuk Emergency Planning Team (ENCEPT)  | 0800 999 6543  | St Margaret's Episcopal Church  | 01333 426 609                           |
| Fire and Rescue   | 01333 424 719  | Coastline Baptist Church (Pittenweem)   | 01333 312 041                           |
| 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  |   |   |

# Largo Links Events Diary

## Regular Events

|                              |                                      |   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Church of Scotland.....      | Sundays.....                         | 10:30am service in the Largo Church.      |
| 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    |
| Pilates.....                 | Mondays .....                        | 6 -7pm, Simpson Institute                 |
| Yoga.....                    | Mondays .....                        | 10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links         |
| Karate.....                  | Mondays & Thursdays .....            | 6pm, Montrave Hall                        |
| Sensory Bubble Classes ..    | Tuesdays .....                       | 9.30am, Montrave Hall                     |
| Community Choir.....         | Tuesdays .....                       | 7.00pm, Montrave Hall                     |
| Book Bairns .....            | Tuesdays .....                       | 3.05pm → 4.30pm, Largo Library            |
| Largo Bay Art Society.....   | Wednesdays .....                     | 7pm - 9pm, The Stables, Upper Largo       |
| Children's Bible Class ..... | Wed ( <i>temp. suspended</i> ) ..... | 3-5pm Simpson Institute                   |
| Dance Class .....            | Wednesdays .....                     | 7.30 - 9.30pm, Simpson Institute          |
| Scottish Country Dancing.    | Wed (until Sep) .....                | 2pm - 4pm, The Stables, Upper Largo       |
| Yoga .....                   | Wednesdays.....                      | 6,45pm, Montrave Hall                     |
| Drop-in Coffee Morning ....  | Thursdays .....                      | 10-15 → 11.30am, Simpson Institute        |
| Art Club .....               | Thursdays .....                      | 2pm, Montrave Hall                        |
| Inspire Theatre Workshop     | Fridays (term time only) .....       | 3.45pm, Montrave Hall                     |
| Largo Parents and Tots....   | Saturdays.....                       | 10 -11am, Largo Library                   |

## Occasional Events

### June 2022

|                             |                              |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Plodders/Rollercoasters ... | Tuesday 7 .....              | 10:30am, walk from Largo Library                 |
| Largo Sea Day .....         | Saturday 11 .....            | See article, page 32                             |
| Stroller Walk .....         | Sunday 12.....               | 2pm, Temple Car Park                             |
| The Arts Society Fife.....  | Tuesday 14 .....             | 2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar          |
| Housing Consultation .....  | Tuesday 21 .....             | 6pm → 9pm. Durham Hall. See article page 30      |
| BloomIN Largo .....         | Saturday 18 & Sunday 19..... | 12:00 - 4pm each day (open gardens)              |
| As above .....              | As above.....                | 12:00 - walk starting @ Library/Community Hub    |
| Community Council .....     | Monday 20 .....              | 7pm Durham Hall, Lower Largo                     |
| Housing Consultation .....  | Tuesday 14 .....             | 6pm → 9pm. New Gilston Hall. See article page 30 |
| Strider Walk .....          | Saturday 25 .....            | 10:30, Ceres-Scotstarvit Tower - Ceres (c 11km)  |
| Cocktails at the Green..... | Sunday 26.....               | 2-6pm, Lundin Bowling Club                       |

### July 2022

|                              |                                      |   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Queen's Jubilee Picnic ..... | Saturday 4 .....                     | Noon →4pm, Silverburn (Rotary and FOSP)   |
| Plodders/Rollercoasters ...  | Tuesday 5 .....                      | 10:30am, walk from Largo Library          |
| Stroller Walk .....          | Sunday 10.....                       | 2pm, Temple car park                      |
| Summer Fete.....             | Saturday 16 .....                    | Lundin Bowling Club                       |
| Largo Arts Week.....         | Sat 16th →Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 10am-5pm Various Studios                  |
| Art Exhibition .....         | Sun 17th →Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 6pm Largo Bay Art Society-Montrave Hall   |
| Strider Walk .....           | Saturday 23 .....                    | 10:30, Ravenscraig<->West Wemyss (c.11km) |

# Largo Links Events Diary

## Occasional Events (cont)

### August 2022

|                             |                 |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Plodders/Rollercoasters ... | Tuesday 2       | 10:30am, walk from Largo Library               |
| Stroller Walk .....         | Sunday 14       | 2pm, Temple Car Park (provisional)             |
| The Big Picnic .....        | Sunday 14       | 12.30 -3.30pm Lundin Links Common              |
| Community Council .....     | Monday 15       | 7pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo             |
| Strider Walk .....          | Saturday 27     | 10:30am No organised walk check Facebook       |
| Annual Flower Show .....    | Sat 27 & Sun 28 | 2-5pm Horticultural Society, Simpson Institute |

### Sept 2022

|                             |             |  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Plodders/Rollercoasters ... | Tuesday 6   | 10:30am, walk from Largo Library                         |
| Stroller Walk .....         | Sunday 11   | 2pm, Temple Car Park                                     |
| The Arts Society Fife ..... | Tuesday 13  | 2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar                  |
| Community Council .....     | Monday 19   | 7pm Durham Hall, Lower Largo                             |
| Strider Walk .....          | Saturday 24 | 10:30, Lwr.Largo <-> Elie (option to return walking/bus) |
| Lundin Links Bridge Club .  | Tuesday 27  | 6.30pm- 9.30pm Durham Hall, Lower Largo                  |

### Oct 2022

|                              |             |   |
|------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Lundin Links Bridge Club..   | Tuesday 4   | 6.30pm- 9.30pm Durham Hall, Lower Largo                     |
| Plodder/Rollercoasters ..... | Tuesday 4   | 10:30am, walk from Largo Library                            |
| Stroller Walk .....          | Sunday 9    | 2pm, Temple Car Park  |
| The Arts Society Fife .....  | Tuesday 11  | 2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar                     |
| Community Council .....      | Monday 17   | 7pm Simpson Institute, Upper Largo                          |
| Strider Walk .....           | Saturday 22 | 10:30, Silverburn Park, Blacketyside, Letham Glen circular. |

### 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)



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| Largoward              | Village Hall - 25 St Andrews Road (A915) KY9 1HZ |
| Lower Largo            | Andy's Store 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           | 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 6UH              |



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