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and the Hospital on pages 12, 13 & 16

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## Editorial

*Largo Links* started as a lockdown publication. It grew out of the regular newsletters which were sent to every household by the Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team. Its predecessors were the annual publication by the Community Council and the occasional newsletters published by the Parish Church. From these sources we had a distribution system which we built upon. In issue 1, we appealed for help with the compilation of your Community magazine, and there was no shortage of volunteers. Publication costs were met initially by a grant from Fife Council, then by your donations and by advertisers.

Now, well into our third year of publication, life has begun to look a little more normal. Our publication costs are, for the moment, well satisfied. But some of our volunteers have found that work and family commitments leave little time for researching and writing of stories. We still receive a regular supply of reports about the activities of our various clubs and societies. These take care of the 'present' in our subtitle. But 'past' and 'future' require more teamwork.

Please read the article on the next page. It describes various voluntary posts which we need to be filled. But if you can offer something extra to the Editorial Team, please don't hesitate to come forward.

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Deadlines for the next issue are:

**Distribution** in June

**Advertising** by 1 May

**Reports** by 7 May

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## Donations

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

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Free delivery of our Community Magazine requires a pool of volunteers to help keep it going. If you think you might be able to help, please email the Editor:

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**Delivery.** We have a pool of about 40 who each take a few magazines to houses in our villages. But we also need reserves, who can stand in when others are on holiday or ill.

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This person would deliver a number of magazines to each shop, hotel, etc. They might discuss whether the number of magazines allocated is suitable, or advertising. For the latter, they would work in conjunction with our Advertising Editor.

**Events/Diary.** We also need an editor to manage these pages in the magazine. It would involve contacting clubs, societies etc in our villages and asking if they have any upcoming events they would like to notify through our pages. There may be an opportunity to work with the *Largo Communities Together* website, as we develop co-operation in making this important information available in print and online.

**Page Makeup.** It would be nice to have a person who can back up the layout of the magazine. We have a couple of people who do this already, but in case of illness or holiday, it would be good to have someone else. This would require an extensive knowledge of **WORD**, not just as a word-processor but as a graphical tool.

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	Lundin Links	11.20 - 12.20
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	Upper Largo	11.25 - 11.55

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

The Editor is James Kay.  
He has been ably assisted by:  
Caroline Boswell, Eileen Reynolds,  
Fiona McCaul, John Ross, Roger  
Ferguson, Sheona Small and Tina  
Campbell.

### Stamps

In our September issue, we reported that Royal Mail was phasing out stamps without barcodes. The deadline for using old stamps was 30th January 2023. They have now announced that there will be a 6-month grace period: you can still use the old stamps until July 31st.

Our Production costs are largely met by our advertisers.  
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## Round of A-Paws for the Wonderful Hatti!

The Hatti ladies (who organise charitable events for local causes) held a yard sale at the end of last year, raising £2,030.49 for Greyhound Rescue Fife. Their fairy-lit marquee, together with carol singing from the Lower Largo Friendship Group, brought light and warmth to a cold December weekend.

Greyhound Rescue Fife was set up by Celia and Jimmy Fernie in 2005 in response to the growing number of unwanted 'greys' reaching the end of their racing careers. They have helped rehome over two thousand abandoned greyhounds and can kennel around fifty on their premises in Kinross.

Often overlooked, greyhounds make amazing family pets. Docile, goofy and (contrary to popular opinion) surprisingly lazy. Most love a couple of 20-minute walks down the beach before heading home to snooze along the sofa!

Lower Largo couple, Ewen MacAskill and his wife Gillian Taylor recently adopted Ollie from Greyhound Rescue Fife. Testifying to his lovely nature, Gillian said: "Once you open your home and heart to a greyhound, there's no turning back!"

If you think you can offer a greyhound a home, or for more information, please contact Celia or Jimmy:

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*Ollie (the dog) with Ewen and two of the Hatti ladies. Raising money in support of Greyhound Rescue Fife.*



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# Puzzle Page

## Farms & Estates

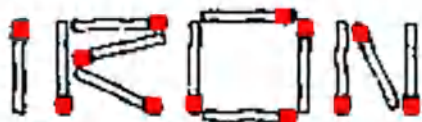


Find these words hidden in the puzzle at the side. They are taken from the church plaque mentioned in the September 2022 issue (page 14), with a few added.

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|---------------|---------------|
| BALCORMO      | BALDASTARD    |
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## Matches

Rearrange these matches to reveal what matches are made of ...



## Countdown

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

100 50 1 5 7 8 **610**

25 10 1 3 3 5 **316**

50 25 10 5 3 3 **546**

## Riddles

1. What gets wetter as it dries?
2. I am easy to lift but hard to throw.
3. What 4-letter word can be written forwards, backwards, and upside-down?
4. The more you take, the more you leave behind.

## Sidekicks

Pair these fictional characters with their companions.

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
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| SHREK         | SALLAH     |
| STARSKY/HUTCH | STEWART    |
| WALLACE       | WATSON     |
| WIMSEY        | WEASLEY    |

## More Riddles

5. Where will you find Friday before Thursday?
6. What has holes all over but still holds water?

*Solutions on page 25*

## Crusoe Kids



Welcome to Crusoe Kids, the brand new section dedicated to our younger readers. In this issue we're launching with a mouth-watering competition. To WIN an Easter egg, simply email [largolinksreporter@gmail.com](mailto:largolinksreporter@gmail.com)

by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March with pictures of your Easter Brownie Bites (recipe below). One lucky reader will be drawn at random from all entries received. Good luck and happy baking!

### Easter Brownie Bites

For the perfect sweet treat this Easter, why not rustle up a batch of these super easy Brownie Bites? The recipe below makes approximately twenty-four.

#### Ingredients

- 175g butter, chopped
- 150g dark chocolate
- 250g light brown soft sugar
- 85g self-raising flour
- 50g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 100g milk chocolate chips
- 24 mini chocolate eggs, plus extra to decorate

#### Method

##### Step 1

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line 24 holes of a mini muffin tray with paper cases. Put the butter, dark chocolate and sugar in a pan and heat it very gently, stirring all the time until the butter and chocolate have melted. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for a few minutes.

##### Step 2

Sift the flour, cocoa and a pinch of salt into a large bowl. Stir in the warm, melted chocolate mixture and the beaten eggs, then add half the chocolate chips and mix until combined.

##### Step 3

Divide the mixture between the cases and place a mini egg into the middle of each muffin, pushing down gently. Bake for 12-15 minutes until cooked but still gooey in the centre. Leave to cool for 10 minutes in the tin before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

##### Step 4

Melt the rest of the chocolate chips in short bursts in the microwave, stirring frequently. Dot a small amount on each cake and stick on some more mini eggs.



**Step 5 ....** Eat and repeat!

### Tell us what you think!

Get in touch to tell us what you think about Crusoe Kids and, more importantly, to tell us what you want to feature in future issues.

Email [largolinksreporter@gmail.com](mailto:largolinksreporter@gmail.com) with your ideas, pictures, stories, jokes or whatever else you want to share with your friends. We look forward to hearing all your ideas!

# UNCRC

UNCRC stands for United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The United Nations are the countries that follow the rules of the children's rights and make it a law. The rules are made to keep children everywhere safe, happy and healthy. Scotland is part of the UNCRC.



Scotland is one of the first countries to become devolved, meaning that the country has its own government and can make their own choices, the Scottish government have made it proper in law for everyone to retain the rights of the child.

It's important to retain these rules, no matter who you are. All children are different, whether it's your skin colour, if a child has a disability or something as small as your favourite food is different to your friends. No matter how diverse the world is, everyone must follow these rules. Our rights show us that our differences are what make us an individual human being. If we were all the same the world would be a very boring place.

The UNCRC believe every child should be able to have fun and play, have rest, get the appropriate food allocation, have fresh, clean water and have a roof above their head and have a warm, safe place to live. We have the rights to have a loving family and to not be separated from our loved ones. We also have the right to an education, not just learning spelling and maths in school, but to be able to grow and develop in our own ways.

It is important that all the countries in the world should respect the UNCRC and keep children across the globe safe, healthy and happy. *Rebecca Smith P7 Kirkton of Largo*

## Super Science Saturday at Largo Library

"Dangerous Donald" recently hosted a Science Saturday afternoon at Largo Library & Community Hub. He brought along samples from his wide and varied collection of fossils, rocks and other interesting treasures, including fossilised animal poo... yuck! The kids got hands on panning for gold, there was great fun with the metal detector and some even got handy with a hammer - smashing rocks to release that eggy sulphur smell!

Science Saturdays are for all ages, but especially for kids. Sessions are free of charge and take place on the last Saturday of the month between 1pm-2pm at the Library. We're always looking for volunteers to come along and teach us something new, so please get in touch if you're interested in getting involved!

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## John Woods Hospital

John Wood, the Founder of Wood's Hospital, was descended from Admiral Sir Andrew Wood of Largo. He spent his youth in Largo before an absence of more than half a century, which included time as a member of the Royal Households of King James VI (James I of England) and King Charles I. Upon his return, he was able to purchase Monturpie Farm and adjacent ground in Upper Largo. In 1659, two years before his death, John Wood instructed that a hospital be built solely for old men who shared the Wood surname. The original building, by Robert Mylne of Edinburgh, had 14 rooms, each containing a bed, a closet and a loom. The first residents took up their places around Candlemas 1667. Rent from the farm helped to keep the hospital.

In 1830 a "tremendous and destructive" flood caused enough damage for the building to be written off. The replacement building was designed by civil engineer James Leslie, son of Largo architect-builder Alexander Leslie. The two-storey Jacobean style building has thirteen bays arranged in a 3-3-1-3-3 symmetrical pattern and was made from stone quarried at Keil's Den. The accommodation was described as "fitted up for sixteen inmates, each having a sitting and a sleeping apartment. In the centre is a large hall, where they are convened to prayers morning and evening; above which is a room for the meetings of the patrons."

Each resident had a monthly allowance and a share of the garden and was encouraged, if able, to undertake tasks

Instead of a picture...

Unfortunately, there seems to be no drawing of the original building. Here is a brief description of it from the diary of Mr John Lamont of Newton (factor to the Lundin family of Lundin).

*1665, Apr. About the begining of this monthe, the Hospital att the Church of Largo in Fyffe, appointed to be buelded by the deceased John Wood, was founded at this tyme, by Robert Mill, measter measson in Edb., and some men that he hyred for the worke ..... About the end of Au. 1665, the rooffe was put on this building, and slaited and glassed. It consisted of thrie rooffes; one to the east, one to the north, and one to the west. The entrie of it looked to the south.*

around the grounds. In 1950 the building underwent significant modernisation. Oil lamps and gas light were replaced with electric lighting. New indoor conveniences replaced old toilets at the rear. By this time, there was no longer a requirement for residents to share the surname of the founder and any pensioner living in the neighbouring district could apply for residence. Further renovation was carried out in 1975, following the sale of Monturpie farm. A few years later, several sheltered houses were built within the grounds. John Wood's Houses (as it is now known) is a supported housing complex, comprising 15 bungalows and 8 flats, for people over the age of 55.

Those interested can read more about local history at: [lundinlinks.weebly.com](http://lundinlinks.weebly.com)

## Largo Parish Church Wall



Largo Kirk has a historic wall built by John Wood in 1657. There is a booklet about the Church and it has this note:

The Diary of Mr John Lamont of Newton 1649-71: *1657 - In April the measons began to build a stone dyke about the church yarde of Largo. It was built at the expense of Johne Wood, sometime a Courtier, one of the house of Largo; it stood him about £50.*

A tablet in the wall above the disabled access ramp commemorates his gift and reads

*"A.D. 1657. After fifty-five years absence, returning from his travels, caused build this wall about this churchyard in memorie that his predecessors and his parents lyes buried in Largo iylle"* - John Wood, Esquire

Tablet restored, 1897.

## Two Old Photos of Largo

The photo at the right shows the top end of Harbour Wynd before Keilburn was built in the late 1970s. The former District Nurse's cottage [far right] was built on Largo Road, behind the war memorial. Note the deep dip in Harbour Wynd at its junction with Largo Road. This was filled in during the construction of Keilburn.



On the left is an aerial photo of Lower Largo. It was taken in the post-war period when they were building the Station Park area – so probably 1946-47. At the top-left is the row of cottages, shown above. The fields occupied by Keilburn, Toll Court and Station Park are now completely built-up. The light field on the right is still unoccupied in its upper half.



Here are two old photos of Largo sent in by some of our readers. Do you have any old photos? Please send them in, and give any details which may interest our other readers.

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Speaking about the accreditation, Andy Cargill, LSC President, said: *“It's been a particularly exciting start to 2023 at the Club. Not only have we been awarded ClubFife, but thanks to part-funding from the Rural Fife Development Fund and the DIY skills of some volunteer members, we've also been able to upgrade our lighting and paintwork across the clubhouse, including in the gym. We're an active and friendly community of tennis, squash and table tennis players, always welcome to new members (whatever your age and level)!”*

More information on coaching & membership of our club is available: [lundinsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:lundinsportsclub@gmail.com) or follow Lundin Sports Club on Facebook

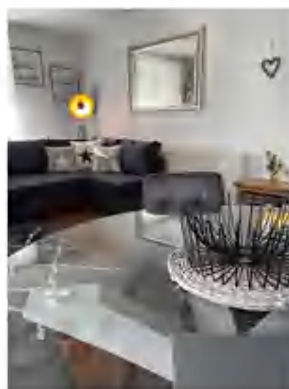


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## Committee Meeting, 1666

The original Wood's Hospital was built following a bequest by John Wood, who died in 1661. During the planning and construction, several meetings of the 'Patrons & Administrators' were held, some in Edinburgh, others in Largo. Here is the bill for one of them:

Bread .....	£3	0	0
Oisters .....	1	4	0
Broth .....	18	0	
Veal Py .....	3	0	0
sodden Beefe .....	1	10	0
rosted Beefe & a Goose .....	3	0	0
Partridges and Moorfowls .....	4	4	0
2 Hens .....	1	4	0
Aples .....	12	0	
Aile .....	1	6	0
Wyne and Sack .....	5	18	0
Tobacco & pypes .....	4	0	
A pint of Wyne after Dinner .....	1	0	0
	<i>lib.</i>	27	8 0

At this Meeting KinCraig received for his charges and expence in coming over .....10 Dollars  
 The Minister of Largo ..... 5 Dollars  
 James Tod, ane of the elders..... 3 Dollars

This information comes from a book *The East Neuk of Fife*, by Walter Wood (1812 – 1882), minister of Elie. It may be consulted in the Library.

## Dollars & Pounds

The prices given in the previous article were in pund Scots, which were eventually (1707) declared to be 12 to the pound Sterling. What I found interesting was that the expenses were quoted in dollars.

When I was at school in the 1950s, a *dollar* was common slang for 5 shillings. At the time, it was believed to be derived from the US\$, which had been for several years 4 to the pound; which meant that \$1 was worth 5 shillings.

Looking at this bill, I realised that dollar must have been in common usage in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Shakespeare, of course, knew this: in *Macbeth*, Act 1, Scene 2, he has Ross say ... *disbursed 10,000 dollars to our general use*.

So what was the 1666 dollar? A little internet research shows that it was a coin, first issued by James VI (called the Thistle Dollar), worth 3 pund Scots. Which, by 1707, would have been valued at ... 5 shillings Sterling.

*James Kay*

*Editor's Note:* We can assure you that we, your Editorial Team, are not submitting expences for Dinner and pints of Wyne.

## Fungus

A Fungus of the following enormous dimensions was found the other day growing from an Oak tree on the lawn in front of Largo House - 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches in length, 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in breadth and weighing 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lbs. This monstrosity may be seen by the curious at the keeper's house, Largo.

*Caledonian Mercury 5/9/1844*







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- **Isolated from friends/family?**
- **Like someone to chat to?**

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Alternatively, do you have an hour a week spare? Would you like to volunteer for Largo Friends and Neighbours and give something back to your local community? If the answer is **YES** – Largo Friends and Neighbours would like you to join our team.

For more information, please contact the LACRT helpline: **0800 999 3465**. Jean, the co-ordinator, will get in touch with you.

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### **Largo Pier Subgroup Report**

We hope you all enjoyed reading *Largo Pier: Past, Present and Future* which was circulated with the last edition of *Largo Links*. We have received a large number of favourable comments and may consider a further print-run should there be demand.

We are now progressing with the Technical Design phase of the work to restore the Pier. This involves the full specification and takes us up to the issuing and receiving of tenders for the work. This phase should be completed by the end of 2023. Progress from there onwards is entirely dependent upon us obtaining large-scale grant awards. We

have submitted an application to the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme and expect a decision in late March/April. Further applications are being made to Historic Environment Scotland, the Community Ownership Fund and the National Heritage Lottery. We can only hope that we put forward a good case which warrants the granting of funds. We still intend to have some open events when you will be able to tell us of your ideas for the future of the restored Pier - more details of these in the near future.

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## Spitfire Fund

Largo set up its own Spitfire Fund Committee in October 1940, the *Leven Mail* of 16 October reported that:

*A splendid start was made in the campaign when whist drives were held in Montrave Hall and Newburn School. There was an attendance of about 200, and Mr. Binnie acted as cardmaster. The prizes, most of which had been gifted, were handed over by Mrs Anderson, Glenairlie. A large number of gentlemen present were Polish soldiers, who made their presence felt by carrying off all the prizes in the men's section.*

Contributions could be sent to the National Bank in Lundin Links or to the committee treasurer, Mr John Adamson. Events up to the start of December raised over £165. By the time that the fund was closed in February 1941, £289 8s 6d had been forwarded from Largo to the overall Fife fund.

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The cost of this publication has been met from parliamentary resources.

## The Arts Society Fife

The Arts Society Fife had a great start to the New Year with our January lecture on "The Genius of Robert Adam" by Janusz Karcewski-Slowikowski. Janusz is a furniture historian with an obvious passion and enthusiasm for his subject. His lecture was superb: knowledgeable, professional and with touches of easy humour throughout. Feedback was excellent and the turnout strong (177 attendees, including 14 non-members).

The Arts Society Fife meets at 2pm on the second Tuesday of every month at The Corn Exchange in Cupar. Full details of our upcoming and varied lecture programme are listed at the end of this article.

Monthly lectures are just part of what we offer. Members can also go on visits and study days or volunteer with local arts and heritage projects. This year, as part of our charitable giving, we have donated funds to the Glenrothes Art Club, supporting arts workshops for young people with profound learning difficulties.

We are always happy to welcome new members and guests. For further information please visit:

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

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

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| 14 March: | <i>The Roaring Twenties: Art, Design and High Society</i> by Joanna Banham              |
| 11 April: | <i>Cedric Morris: Painter and Plantsman</i> by Caroline Holmes                          |
| 9 May:    | <i>Cinema from the Rubble: Post War Politics of Ealing Studios</i> by Benedict Morrison |
| 13 June:  | <i>From Zaha Hadid to Frank Gehrey</i> by Siobhan Wyatt                                 |

## Medical Terms explained

Puzzled by all those medical terms? You need look no further...

Artery	Study of painting
Bowel	A letter like A, E, I, O, or U
Caesarean Section	A district in Rome
Catheter	A stringed instrument
Cat Scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Congenital	Friendly
D & C	Where the White House is
Dilute	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker
Fibula	Small lie
Grippe	Suitcase
Hangnail	Coat Hook
Impotent	Distinguished, well-known
Labour Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	Doctor's walking stick
Morbid	Higher Offer
Nitrate	Cheaper than the day rate
Outpatient	Person who has fainted
Pelvis	Cousin to Elvis
Rectum	Near killed him!
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at airport

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## Unsung Local Heroes The Pharmacy

For those of you who follow the Lundin Links & Largo Community Facebook page, you will have likely seen the post in appreciation of the Lundin Links Pharmacy and staff, who provide an important and supportive role within our local area. Such was the popularity of the post (and in recognition that not all our readers have access to social media), we thought we would use this edition to put names to the friendly faces!



Our hard-working Pharmacy Team comprises Sumit (Pharmacist), Mandy (Manager), Susan (Dispensing Assistant) and Graeme (Delivery Driver). Also worthy of mention is Elanne (Locum Pharmacist) and Gavin (former Delivery Driver). Thank you for the friendly, caring and professional service you provide, even during the most challenging of times.

### Do you know a *Largo Links* Local Hero?

*Do you know a person, business or organisation who goes above and beyond to support our community? Then why not get in touch with the Editorial Team to nominate your "Local Hero" to feature in our pages.*

You can reach us on:

[editorlargo@largo.com](mailto:editorlargo@largo.com)

## Lundin Ladies Golf Club Flag Presentation



Kitty Walker donated the flag to the club and is pictured with Vice-Captain Lorna Palmer and Captain Heather Fleming.

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## Largo Parish Church

**Reverend Gavin Boswell.** Since the summer of 2022, Largo's minister, the Reverend Gavin Boswell, has been on extended sick leave. Gavin's sick leave ended on 31 January 2023 and the congregation were advised on Sunday 5 February he had decided to resign as Minister at Largo Parish Church with effect from that date. It has been confirmed that the Manse family will move to Dunfermline where Gavin has been appointed as a Locum Minister. Fife Presbytery, Largo Kirk Session and congregation offer their thanks to Gavin for his ministry over the last four and a half years, wish him a return to full health, and pray Gavin and Caroline will find happiness in their new home in Dunfermline.

**Very Reverend Dr Russell Barr.** In September 2022, the Presbytery of Fife appointed Dr Russell Barr to serve as the Interim Moderator at Largo Parish Church. Following Gavin's demission we are delighted Russell will remain in post. Until his retirement at the end of October 2020, Russell was minister at Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh, and in 2016/17, he was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.


As well as chairing the regular meetings of the Kirk Session, Russell will help guide the congregation through the vacancy process which will include the implementation of the Fife Presbytery Plan for our area.

Meanwhile the normal life of the congregation continues and details of the Sunday services are noted below. If you would like to enquire about having your child baptised, or if you would like to find out about being married in the church, please contact Russell:

[gbarr@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gbarr@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Russell is also available to support you in the event of a bereavement, and will be glad to help you arrange a funeral service.

### Sunday Services

05 March: <b>Lent 2</b>	Rev Ian Hamilton (10.30am in the church – celebration of the Lord's Supper)	
12 March: <b>Lent 3</b>	Rev Duncan Weaver (10.30am in the church)	
19 March: <b>Lent 4</b>	Rev Ewen Gilchrist (10.30am in the church)	
26 March: <b>Lent 5</b>	Rev Tom McDonald (10.30am in the Durham Hall)	
02 April: <b>Palm Sunday</b>	Rev Ewen Gilchrist (10.30am in the church)	
09 April: <b>Easter Sunday</b>	Early morning worship on the beach - 8.00am – please meet opposite the temple car park towards the east end of Lower Largo – followed by bacon rolls and tea/coffee in the Durham Hall	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	worship led by the Largo Worship group (10.30am in the church)	
16 April	Mrs Elspeth Smith (10.30am in the church)	
23 April	Rev Dr Alistair Donald (10.30am in the church)	
30 April	Rev Fiona Smith (10.30am in the Durham Hall) Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland	

## Largo Library & Community Hub



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Opening Times:

Tuesday: 2 – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 1pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2 - 5pm

Saturday: 10am-1pm

As well as a great choice of books to borrow (adults and children), there are also books for sale. Printing and photocopying service is available (10p per copy), as well as free Wi-Fi, newspapers and local information.

As a community hub, the Library is available for community groups to hire (outwith our opening times). The hire rate is £10 per hour or, for regular groups, £2 donation per person.

We take donations of recent books in excellent condition to add to our stock or for sale. There is also a book bank into which you can put any older books.

The best way to find out about planned events is to join the Library and subscribe to the newsletter. Just come along and fill out a form in the Library, it's free to join! Or email us at [largoLibraryfife@gmail.com](mailto:largoLibraryfife@gmail.com) and we can send a form to you.

We are keen to respond to the needs of the community so, if there is anything you would like to see offered in the Library please do get in touch.

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## Largo & Newburn Horticultural Society

The Committee is changing and one of our longest serving members has resigned due to ill health. She has been the Schools Contact and in charge of the Children's Sections at our Annual Flower Show for over 20 years, so will be hard to replace. We will be electing new Office Bearers for those retiring at our AGM in February. The Annual Coffee Morning and Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 13th May from 10 to 1230 at the Simpson Institute.

### 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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# Puzzle Solutions

## Correction Christmas



In the last issue there were some riddles whose answers were published on page 34. Unfortunately, there were **two** riddles numbered as 3, and we only gave one answer.

- 3 How you can tell that Santa is real?  
One for the Mathematicians among us!
  - 3 Why is Hallowe'en exactly equivalent to Christmas Day?
- Here are the answers:
- 3 You can sense his presents
  - 3  $31_{\text{Oct}} = 25_{\text{Dec}}$  (different arithmetic bases)

### Sidekicks

- BATMAN.....ROBIN
- FOYLE.....STEWART
- HOLMES.....WATSON
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- SHREK.....DONKEY
- STARSKY/HUTCH.....HUGGY BEAR
- WALLACE.....GROMMIT
- WIMSEY.....BUNTER

### Riddles

- 1 A towel
- 2 A feather
- 3 NOON
- 4 Footsteps
- 5 A dictionary
- 6 A sponge.

$$25 + 50 + 3 = 78; \quad 10 - 3 = 7; \quad 78 \times 7 = 546$$

$$25 + 3 + 3 = 31; \quad 31 \times 10 = 310; \quad 310 + 5 + 1 = 316$$

$$50 \div 5 = 10; \quad 600 + 10 = 610$$

$$7 - 1 = 6; \quad 100 \times 6 = 600$$

### Countdown



Matches ...



Farms & Estates

## 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.

A recent club project was to photograph "The Weather" and we also had a session with the Friendship Group, taking photographs and mounting them in cards.

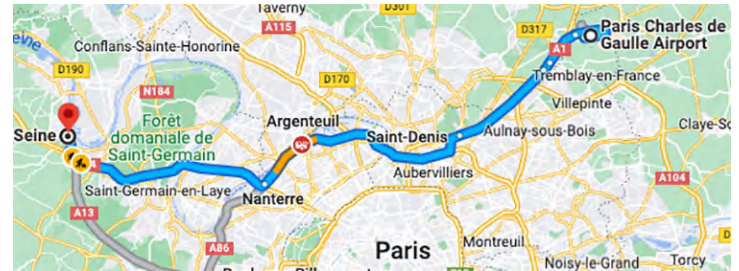
We also produce the cover photograph for *Largo Links* magazine.

Meetings are normally at 7.30pm on the 2nd and 4th 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)

## Twinning

Largo Area proposes to twin with Villennes-sur-Seine. This is a town of about 5,000 people on the banks of the River Seine about 30 kilometres from Paris. The two main airports of Paris, Orly and Charles De Gaulle, are about one hour away by car from Villennes-sur-Seine.



Map showing Villennes-sur-Seine, Paris and Charles de Gaulle airport

It is hoped that the twinning will afford opportunities for:

- Exchange visits of school students to improve language skills
- Email student "pen pals" to improve language skills
- Exchange visits of adults

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Community Council have already had two meetings in Largo with Michel and Elisabeth Tardivat. They live in Villennes-sur-Seine, but have family in Largo. The Golden Wedding of Michel & Elisabeth was reported in the September issue of *Largo Links*.

LACC has been in contact with the local primary schools and secondary schools and the majority of them are very much in favour of the twinning, particularly to improve language skills.

The Community Council would very much like to know the views of the community. Please contact Peter Aitken (Chairman):

email: [peteraitken988@gmail.com](mailto:peteraitken988@gmail.com)

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This extract is from a book, dated 1907, in the Library's Reference section.

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## Christmas Decorations

The YarnBombers and others were busy in the runup to Christmas,



## Local Place Plan Update



Largo Communities Together had a busy end to 2022 with business engagements, farmer and landowner engagements, and

community group open days. By inviting all businesses large and small in the area, we were able to build a picture of what the needs and offers of business people are. This will inform our plan moving forward. We were joined by Jeremy Harris of the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust who gave us a great talk on the wide-reaching work and vision of the Trust. Among other things there was a desire expressed for more collective promotion of the Largo Area identity and more working together which has already started to happen as well as the development of other working relationships.

We are looking to wrap up our work on drafting a local place plan by mid-year. We have reached a few general consensus main issues which will also be firmed up.

- The local area has a high level of pride. In addition, the villages are friendly and cooperative.
- On the whole across all age groups people hold the unique natural spaces, culture, and heritage of the Largo Area very dear.
- Largo Arts Week and the Pier Restoration project have shown the community's pride and support.
- In the Community Life Survey (2015), 'belonging' ranks extremely high in the Largo Area and we found this strongly mirrored in our survey.

- We are rich in community spirit: A variety of people with spare time, skills and resources are willing to contribute to projects.
- The Largo Area is home to many community halls, groups, and volunteer-led hubs. Gilston Hall, LACRT, *Largo Links* magazine, Hatti group, Largo Library, and Warm Welcome are a few of them.
- Additionally, there are many fun and varied activities.
- There is also recognition that the Largo Area has a number of high-quality venues, shops, cafes and hotels that add value.

There is a cross-generational interest in increasing accessibility and making it easier to walk, cycle, and use a wheelchair to get from one place to the next.

- Would improve connectivity between the area and Leven, as well as the East Neuk.
- A pathway between New Gilston and Woodside is necessary.
- There is no speed limit on the road that connects the villages currently, making it unsafe for walkers and families.
- Lower Largo needs Changing Places & Toilets. Access for beach wheelchairs should be looked at as resources for the disabled.
- There is an unsafe pathway between Lower and Upper Largo.
- A few Largo Area villages lack resources and amenities. Community-led facilities make up for this, but we should preserve, value, and protect them.

These aren't all the possible issues and topics. There's too much to cover in a short summary. Our deeper dives will help us develop a comprehensive plan that will preserve, improve and protect the locality of Largo for a long time to come.

For more information, feel free to contact [priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)

## Winter Warm Welcome

Largo Area has offered a Warm Welcome over the winter months. This project has been funded by Fife Council's Warm Spaces initiative and kickstarted by Fifiers in The Community who gave us lots of advice, funding and practical assistance.

Warm Welcome sessions ran at venues across our community on a weekly or fortnightly basis over the winter months and were open to any local resident. Participants were provided with piping-hot drinks, homemade soup and rolls and most importantly a warm space for socialising.

In addition to creating a dedicated Community Volunteer Team, Largo Area's Warm Welcome will strengthen connections between local groups. As community projects arise, this team can be called upon to assist. We are currently looking for Community Volunteers, so if you are interested, please email

[priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:priya@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk) or [warmwelcome@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:warmwelcome@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)

Local venues, organizations and businesses worked together to create Largo's Warm Welcome programme. They included:

*Largo Communities Together*

*Largo Library and Community Hub*

*Rotary Leven*

*Fife Voluntary Action*

*Simpson Institute*

*New Gilston Village Hall*

*Durham Hall*

*Lundin Ladies Golf Club*

*Paxton Centre*

*Largo Parish Church*

*Upper Largo Hotel*

*Largo Walled Garden*

*The Aurrie*

*The Lundin Coffee Co*

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## Celebrating Seasonal Fife

We are so fortunate to live in Fife. It is a microcosm of Scotland as a whole, and when it comes to our raw produce, we have it all! More importantly we can also follow the seasons with our produce and make the most of what we grow here. By sourcing, preparing and cooking our own produce, not only are we looking after our economy, by supporting local business, we are also helping to reduce food miles and wastage. Ultimately of course we are helping ourselves, the health benefits of eating food that has not travelled far is well-documented.



### So what to look for in March and April

All the root vegetables will still be available, but look out for purple sprouting broccoli, young kale and some salad leaves. Rhubarb is also available.

Roe deer is available and this wonderful wild, lean meat makes not only good eating but it is also helping to protect the countryside, as deer have no predators and we need to keep them under control to protect arable crops.

Mackerel start to be abundant again and is an inexpensive fish with a wide variety of ways it can be prepared. But why not visit your local fish supplier and simply ask what have you got? I could plug my own fish cookbook here!! But it is worth remembering that wild fish has its season, so look out for such fish as Hake and Coley.

From the wild try making soup with nettle tops and wild garlic is just beginning to emerge, it makes a superb pesto in place of basil or you can buy it made by local company Trotter's independent.

**For fish** try Lowrie's or G and J Wilson in St Monans

**For game** try Ardross, St Monans and Balgove Larder, St. Andrews

**For vegetables** try Blacketyaside, Ardross, Largo Walled Garden or the wonderful organic East Neuk market garden

Christopher is an award-winning food writer. His books may be bought from his website:

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The books are also available from Blacketyaside, Ardross, Balgove and the fish one in Lowrie's

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## Lundin Bowling Club

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If you haven't played before, don't worry, we will give you 4 free coaching sessions. There is a social side too when we have drinks at the bar, BBQs, music nights, games nights, Cocktails at the Green to name but a few. Come along and have a go, you know you want to!

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

## Scottish Country Dancing

We meet at the Durham Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm until 29th March. After an Easter Break we resume again on 19th April to 31st May.

No previous knowledge is necessary as we walk each dance through to familiarise everyone with the content before introducing the Music. Our aim is to have an enjoyable afternoon among friends as well as getting exercise.

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## Coastbusters Walking Group

The Community walking group continues. The dates and walk details are listed in the diary section. The start times have changed - Plodders and Striders start at 10:30am and Strollers at 2pm.

The numbers attending are being limited so, if you wish to attend, please contact Moira or Yvonne before coming along.

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## Friends of Largo Bay



There have been a number of very well-attended meetings and days with the primary schools. We will develop priorities for working with the marine

environment. We continue our tie-in with *Fife Coast and Countryside Trust* regarding their priorities.

*Seawilding* - a conservation project from the West Coast - has been funded by *NatureScot* to train a small group of volunteers to monitor biodiversity.

*NatureScot* has also given us funding to purchase rockpooling kits and underwater cameras for the community to use.

As we work on the restoration and protection of the coastline, which is so dear to the people of Largo, we will have a solid foundation upon which to build. Seaweed enthusiast Amanda Root has offered to help develop a programme to explore seaweed's uses and distribution.

For more information or to get involved

[largobay@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](mailto:largobay@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)

Event dates have not yet been finalised

### What's On Page

Our Events Diary appears on pages 42 & 43 of *Largo Links*. But Largo Communities Together has also developed a **What's On** page on their website:

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

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## Christmas 2022

### @ The Aurrie

We had a magical Christmas Day at the Aurrie. We opened the doors from 11am-2pm with help from local volunteers, the Hatti group, donations from LACRT and local donations.

We hosted individuals, families and couples who may just wish to be with other folk for whatever reason on what can be a hard day. The fire was lit, and the atmosphere was just as warm. Fizz was poured on arrival with a buffet filled with yummy nibbles, as well as sweet treats. Time passed quickly, with laughter and chatter filling the air.

Local musician Greg came and started with a Christmas sing-song which had everyone joining in. Hugs, good wishes and doggy bags were given as everyone left – some getting lifts home from our wonderful volunteers.

Special thanks of course to all those who gave their time, or donations. We couldn't have done it without you.

## Lundie Theatre Group


We were delighted with the local response to our Christmas pantomime, *Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs*. Four sold out shows with brilliant audiences booing, cheering and laughing along with our cast. Thank you to everyone involved and to all those who came along.



We are now in the thick of rehearsals for our spring production: *Ladies Day* by Amanda Whittington. The play is set in 2005 and based around four women who work in a fish processing factory in Hull. The foursome embark on a trip to Royal Ascot, where they meet a variety of characters and where various stories unfold. It is a comedy about everyday people with a real feel-good factor. We look forward to welcoming you to the performances on Thursday 18th, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Montrave Hall.

For further details on how to get involved or for ticket information, please get in touch.

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

 Lundie Theatre Group

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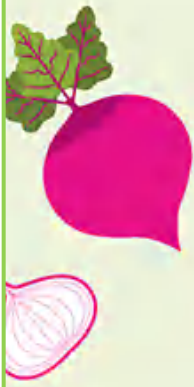
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## Daniel Defoe

Daniel Defoe is best known, of course, as the author of *Robinson Crusoe* but was also famous as a political pamphleteer, and is often called the father of modern journalism. He was born as Daniel Foe in 1660, but used the grander-sounding 'Defoe' as his pen name. He was pilloried and imprisoned in 1703 for a pamphlet he wrote satirising High Church Tories. He later wrote pamphlets for both the Tories and the Whigs. His novels also included *Moll Flanders*. His three-volume travel book, *Tour Through the Whole Island of Great Britain*, was published between 1724 and 1727, and was innovative partly because Defoe had actually visited the places he described. He died in 1731.

While in prison, Defoe had written to William Patterson, the Scot who founded the Bank of England – and who was the part-instigator of the Darien Scheme. Through Patterson, he contacted Robert Harley who became Queen Anne's Secretary of State, the de facto Prime Minister of England. Harley in due course arranged for Defoe's release in order that he should work for him. In 1706, Defoe was ordered to Scotland:

*You are to use the utmost caution that it may not be supposed you are employed by any person in England ...*

*You are to write constantly the true State how you find things, at least once a week ...*

*You may confidently assure those you converse with, that the Queen & all those who have Credit with her, are sincere & hearty for the Union.*

*You must shew them this is such an opportunity that being once lost or neglected is not again to be recovered. England never*

*was before in so good a disposition to make large Concessions ...*

Defoe's feelings were mixed - troubled by the pro-French ethos that persisted north of the border, he was also attracted to a country in which his fellow Presbyterians were not oppressed. He came to feel that union would not just help Scotland economically, but would be good for Protestant England facing threats from the continent. As a Presbyterian, he was accepted as an adviser to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and committees of the Parliament of Scotland. By mixing with the people of Scotland,



Defoe was able to pass back to London comments that would not make it back through more formal channels.

Among his first reports to his English masters, he said that: *A Scots rabble is the worst of its kind ...* Years later John Clerk of Penicuik, a leading Unionist, wrote in his memoirs that it

was not known then that Defoe was reporting to England:

*... to give a faithful account to him from time to time how everything past here. He was therefor a spy among us, but not known to be such, otherways the Mob of Edin. had pull him to pieces.*

The powers in London feared a rebellion among the common people. Such an insurrection could throw up leaders that were not so open to persuasion through titles and honours as were the Scottish nobles they were currently dealing with; the men that Robert Burns would later characterise as *A parcel of rogues*.

## 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, Councillors and other bodies, public and private (and vice versa).

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

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



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

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

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

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

Minutes for the January meeting will be available following approval at the February meeting

### Lundin Links Hotel

The Liquidator has given the Community Council no information and no risk assessment was carried out, despite warnings from the Fire Chief. It is felt that Scottish Water did not give a satisfactory reply to the Community Council's concerns over the local water supply although Peacehaven now has an extra tender if required. Following the enquiries about high volume pumps, the Fife Brigade let us know that it is a specialised vehicle costing £1/4 Million and there is one in Central Scotland. Mr Aitken will ask for a meeting to suggest to The Scottish Government, should there not be at least two High Volume Pumps to cover Fife. Perhaps Jenny Gilruth MSP can get a result.

### Bathing Water

An update meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November with Jenny Gilruth MSP, Scottish Water, SEPA, Mr Aitken and Mr Allan. Scottish Water stated that intense water sampling had taken place over the summer and it was hoped to have the testing finished by the end of November and they are now assessing the results, which will take some considerable time. SEPA reported that samples had been taken from the bay next to the Keil Burn, Temple Burn and Strathairly Burn. The samples showed high levels of E.coli bacteria with the Temple Burn showing consistently high levels. It is thought to be predominantly from human source and it was suggested that it was from pipes going into the bay rather than from the burns.

Next steps - There is a statutory requirement from SEPA to display 'poor' classification which will be presented at the start of the next bathing season. Fife Countryside Trust will erect this poster on the beach notice board with the summary of the classification.

Scottish Water was asked what their ideal plan for reducing the level of E.coli bacteria in the bay was and the suggestion was to put in secondary and tertiary treatment.

### Agenda items also included:

- *Largo Place Plan*
- *Durham Wynd Wall partial Collapse*
- *Burnbrae Terrace- eroded pathway*
- *Yellow lines on Emsdorf Street*
- *Temple Car Park Toilets*
- *Police Scotland Front Counters*
- *Village Halls*
- *Ukrainian Refugees*
- *Road Works, Traffic Lights & Speed Monitoring*
- *Parliament Boundary Change*

Largo Area Community Council Meetings	
Date	Venue
20/March	Largo Library
17/April	New Gilston Hall
15/May	Durham Hall
19/June	The Stables
July- no meeting	
21/Aug	New Gilston
18/Sept	Durham Hall
16/Oct	The Stables
20/Nov	New Gilston Hall
Dec – no meeting	



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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 6UH



## Contacting a Doctor out of hours

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

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

It is helpful to have the following details to hand:

### Personal Details:

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

### Clinical Details:

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

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

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



## Local Directory - Telephone Numbers

<b>LACRT Helpline</b>	0800 999 3465	Levenmouth Police Station	0845 600 5702
<b>Local Shops and Businesses:</b>		Levenmouth Foodbank	07966 502 854
Zaphar's Premier Store	01333 320 851	National Domestic Abuse Helpline	0808 2000 247
Stuart's of Buckhaven	01333 320 213	National Emergency <i>Fire, Police, Ambulance</i>	999
Blacketyside Farm Shop + Meals	01333 423 034	NHS 24 (includes Mental Health Hub)	111
Archer's Fish	07734 804844	Over 50's Help	0800 1244 222
Lundin Links Pharmacy	01333 320 274	Psychological Services/Emotional Wellbeing of children	01592 583 349
<i>All above are currently delivering</i>		Samaritans	116123
Zubi's Store (formerly Andy's)	01333 329 237	Scottish Gov. Business Helpline	0300 244 4000
Allan Moncrieff Alarms	01333 320 075	Scottish Welfare Fund	0300 5550 265
Coates IT Consulting	01333 329 118	SAMH mental health ( <b>not crisis</b> )	0344 800 0550
Crusoe Hotel, Lower Largo	01333 406 775	<u>Scoonie Medical Practice</u> ( <i>Includes Leven Health Centre</i> ) Drs Hilton, Richardson, Andrew, Stevens, Cook, Barr, Stevenson & McDonald)	01333 432 588
Donaldson and Son Joiners & Undertakers	01333 360 228	Victoria Hospital Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Forth House Caravan Site	07718 788 317	Universal Credit Helpline	0800 328 5644
Headrush, Upper Largo	01333 360 437	Women's Aid-Fife	0808 802 5555
Hillhouse Boarding Cattery	01333 360 582	Women's Aid-Scottish	0800 027 1234
Jane's at Nineteen	01333 320 266	<b>Council &amp; Utilities Helpline Numbers:</b>	
Largo Library & Community Hub	01333 329 417	Fife Council	03451 550 000
Martha Watt Podiatry	07909 964 898	Fife Social Work	03451 551 503
Mercury Motorsport	01333 320 158	Fife Housing Register Emergency Accommodation.	03451 550 033
Monturpie Guest House & Caravan Park	01333 360 254	Fife Council (Roadworks/Emergencies) (and out of hours)	→ 03451 550 011 → 03451 550 099
Old Manor Hotel	01333 320 368	Fife Rent issues	03451 550 044
Penny & Black	01333 320 415	<b>Utilities Helpline Numbers:</b>	
The Finishing Touch	01333 320 956	Electricity Emergency	0800 092 9290
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The Studio	01333 320 174	National Power Cut Helpline (from a mobile)	105
The Taxi Centre	01333 300 300	Scottish Power	0800 027 0072
Upper Largo Hotel	01333 360 347	Scottish Water Emergencies	08000 788 788
Upper Largo Chandlery	01333 360 217	SEPA Floodline	0345 988 1188
Vintage Barber, Lundin Links	07562 390 361	<b>Politicians, Councillors, Churches</b>	
Woodland Gardens Caravan and Camping Site	01333 360 319	MPs / MSPs	
<b>Medical and Mental Health Helpline Numbers:</b>		Wendy Chamberlain, MP	01334 656 361
Age Scotland Helpline: <i>Confidential service for older people, carers and families. Call free</i>	0800 12 44 222	Jenny Gilruth, MSP	01592 764 815
Breathing Space ( <i>low mood/anxiety</i> )	0800 83 85 87	<b>Local Councillors:</b>	
Carers UK	0808 808 7777	David Alexander	01333 351 014
Childline UK	0800 1111	Eugene Clarke	07917 039 683
Citizens Advice and Rights, Fife.	0345 1400 095	Colin Davidson	07864 619 335
Community Police and Police Scotland	101	Alistair Suttie	07515 289 170
Continuing Care North East Fife	0746 888 7900	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
Dental Advice Helpline	01592 226 555	St Margaret's Episcopal Church	01333 426 609
East Neuk Emergency Planning Team ( <i>ENCEPT</i> )	0800 999 6543	Coastline Baptist Church (Pittenweem))	01333 312 041
Fire and Rescue	01333 424 719		
Fife Covid 19 Helpline	0800 952 0330		
Gingerbread Lone parent Helpline	01592 725 210		

## 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
Therapeutic Arts Class .....	Mondays .....	12 → 2pm Paxton Centre, Homelands
Social Squash .....	Mondays .....	6 → 7.30pm, Lundin Sports Club (for visitors)
Social Table Tennis.....	Mondays.....	7.30 → 9pm, Lundin Sports Club (for visitors)
Mindful Partnership .....	Mondays .....	2pm Session Paxton Centre, Homelands
Pilates.....	Mondays .....	6 → 7pm, Simpson Institute
Yoga.....	Mondays .....	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links
Lundin Links Karate Club .	Mondays & Thursdays .....	6→7pm, Montrave Hall
Rollercoasters .....	Tuesdays .....	10.30, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Lower Largo Friendship Group.	Tuesdays & Thursdays .....	Lunch, Paxton Centre, (starting soon)
Community Choir.....	Tuesdays .....	7.00pm, Montrave Hall
Book Bairns .....	Tuesdays .....	3.05pm → 4.30pm, Largo Library
Junior Tennis Coaching....	Tuesdays & Fridays .....	3.15 → 6.0pm, Lundin Sports Club
Lundin Links Bridge Club .	Tuesdays .....	6.30 → 9.30pm, Durham Hall
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Tuesdays .....	11am → 1pm, Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
Games Night .....	Wednesdays .....	6.30 → 10.0 pm, The Aurrie, Lower Largo
Dance Class .....	Wednesdays .....	7.30 → 9.30pm, Simpson Institute
Largo Bay Art Society.....	Wednesdays .....	7→ 9pm, Durham Hall, Lower Largo
Pilates Class.....	Wednesdays .....	6→7pm, Simpson Institute
Reading Round .....	Wednesdays .....	10.30 → 12noon, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Wednesdays .....	12 noon → 1pm Largo Library & Community Hub
Scottish Country Dancing.	Wednesdays .....	2 → 4pm, Durham Hall, Lower Largo- <i>see notes:</i>
Yoga .....	Wednesdays .....	6.45pm, Montrave Hall
Art Club .....	Thursdays .....	2pm, Montrave Hall
George the Potter.....	Temporarily Suspended until	Autumn 2023
Drop-in Coffee Morning ....	Thursdays .....	10.15 → 11.30am, Simpson Institute
Art Club .....	Thursdays .....	2pm, Montrave Hall
Pilates Class.....	Thursdays .....	6.30 → 7.30pm, Durham Hall
Mindful Partnership .....	Thursdays .....	2pm Session, Paxton Centre, Homelands
Warm Spaces Initiative.....	Thursdays (fortnightly) .....	11am → 1pm, New Gilston Village Hall
SWI.....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays excl. July .....	7.30 pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Inspire Theatre Workshop.	Fridays (term time only) .....	3.45pm, Montrave Hall
Largo Parents and Tots....	Saturdays.....	10.00 → 11am, Largo Library
Craft Class.....	Saturdays.....	10.30 → 12.30 Paxton Centre, Homelands
Super Science .....	Saturday (last of month) .....	1pm → 2pm, Largo Library

### Notes:

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

Simpson Institute ..... look out for regular updates - enquiries to: [simpson.institute@gmail.com](mailto:simpson.institute@gmail.com)

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

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George the Potter sessions may re-start after summer. Check [hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com](mailto:hallbookinglargochurch@gmail.com)

The Scottish Country Dancing Group will have an Easter Break for two weeks on 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April then will continue until 31<sup>st</sup> May

# Largo Links Events Diary

## Occasional Events

### March 2023

Community Fruit Planting.....	Saturday 4 .....	10.30 → 3pm Largo Walled Garden
Horticultural Society Committee .....	Monday 6 .....	7pm, Simpson Institute
Community Fruit Planting.....	Saturday 11 .....	10.30 → 3pm Largo Walled Garden
Big Garage Sale .....	Sat/Sun 11/12.....	10 am → 4.0pm 25, Durham Wynd, Lower Largo
The Arts Society Fife.....	Tuesday 14.....	2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 16.....	7.30pm, New Gilston Hall
Travels in Nepal by Steve Wood.....	Saturday 18 .....	7.30pm, Simpson Institute
Film "Ticket to Paradise" .....	Saturday 18 .....	7pm, Largo Library & Community Hub
Coastbuster Walk.....	Saturday 25 .....	10.30am, Balcaskie Estate near Colinsburgh
Mother's Day .....	Sunday 19.....	All day, hopefully everywhere
Community Council .....	Monday 20 .....	7pm, Largo Library & Community Hub
Spring Craft Fayre.....	Sunday 26.....	10am, Montrave Hall, Lundin Links

### April 2023

Lundin Ladies Golf Club Open Day...	Sunday 2.....	10am → 12 noon. Drop in for a chat
The Arts Society Fife.....	Tuesday 11 .....	2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar
Community Council .....	Monday 17 .....	7pm, New Gilston Village Hall
Coastbuster Walk.....	Saturday 22 .....	10.30am, Keil's Den and Largo Law
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 20.....	7.30pm, New Gilston Hall

### May 2023

The Arts Society Fife.....	Tuesday 9 .....	2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar
Annual Plant Sale & coffee morning..	Saturday 13 .....	10 → 12.30 Simpson Institute, Upper Largo
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 18.....	7.30pm, New Gilston Hall
Lundie Theatre Group Production.....	18/19/Sat 20 .....	7.30pm <i>Ladies Day</i> @ Montrave Hall
Community Council .....	Monday 15 .....	7pm, Durham Hall
Horticultural Society Committee.....	Monday 15 .....	7pm, Simpson Institute
Coastbuster Walk.....	Saturday 27 .....	10.30am, around Crail

### June 2023

The Arts Society Fife.....	Tuesday 13 .....	2pm, Arts lecture, Corn Exchange, Cupar
New Gilston & Woodside SWI.....	Thursday 15.....	7.30pm, New Gilston Hall
Community Council .....	Monday 19 .....	7pm, The Stables, Upper Largo
Coastbuster Walk, Pilgrim Way.....	Saturday 24 .....	10.30am, Kennoway to Ceres (circa 9 miles)

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