

# LARGO LINKS

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## Robinson Crusoe's Statue

See the story of this statue on Page 7

*Photo: Largo Camera Club*

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## Editorial

The lockdown was painful, but it produced a wonderful community spirit. Among other things the Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team - which was set up in March - sent out several newsletters. These were delivered by volunteers to every household, and were generally well-received.

There were suggestions that a local magazine be developed, and this is an attempt to do just that. Issue 1 is free-of-charge (the printing costs have been covered by donations, mainly from Largo Communities Together).

If it is to become a permanent feature, it needs your support in various ways. There is a questionnaire at the back of this issue. Please take the time to fill it out and return it to us. Only then will we be in a position to judge how to take this forward.

This is your community newsletter. If there are to be more editions, we must be sure of three things:

- **Financial support.** Individuals can let us know that they would be willing to pay, or to make small donations. Businesses can let us know that they would advertise.
- **Distribution support.** If the newsletter is to be free to all households, then we need a pool of volunteers who will undertake this; otherwise we will need a network of premises willing to sell the magazine.
- **Editorial support.** There is a small number of volunteers producing Issue 1. There is a separate article on page 5 which lists the assistance we would need going forward.

Please think about whether you think this to be a worthwhile project.

Issue 2 will be printed next year. In these uncertain times, we cannot see how the Christmas & New Year season will develop, but we wish all our readers a very peaceful time, and a happy move into 2021.

We hope to produce Issue 2 in February. If your Club, Society or Organization would like to submit a report, please send it to the Editor by **January 10, 2021.**

Once this newsletter has been published, it can be read online at:  
[www.largocommunitiestogether.org.uk](http://www.largocommunitiestogether.org.uk)  
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**If you wish to place an advertisement:**

contact the editor, and a member of the team will get in touch with you.

**If your Club or Society wants to send us a report, or if you would simply like to include contact details in the next issue:**

send it to the editor (guide - 80/120 words).

**If you would like to make a donation, or if you would like to return the questionnaire:**

we have collecting boxes at Zaphar's Store, Andy's Store, The Library. Or send it directly to the editor.

**If you would like to help with production or distribution:**

we are looking to recruit a few volunteers to join the team. Please read the separate article on Page 5 indicating what we need.

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## The Simpson Institute

The hall has many user groups which will generally be publicised throughout various notice boards and Facebook. These include dance and fitness classes as well as the Camera Club. The local Horticultural Society and Bowling Club also use the facilities as part of their set up.

The hall is also available for hire for events such as weddings, birthdays etc. It has excellent kitchen facilities and has full lighting and heating along with a stage. There is also an office space available for smaller meetings.

Under normal circumstances a weekly coffee morning is held which is open to everyone in the community. Local MP's also hold their monthly surgeries and again this is publicised for anyone to attend to raise questions and issues.

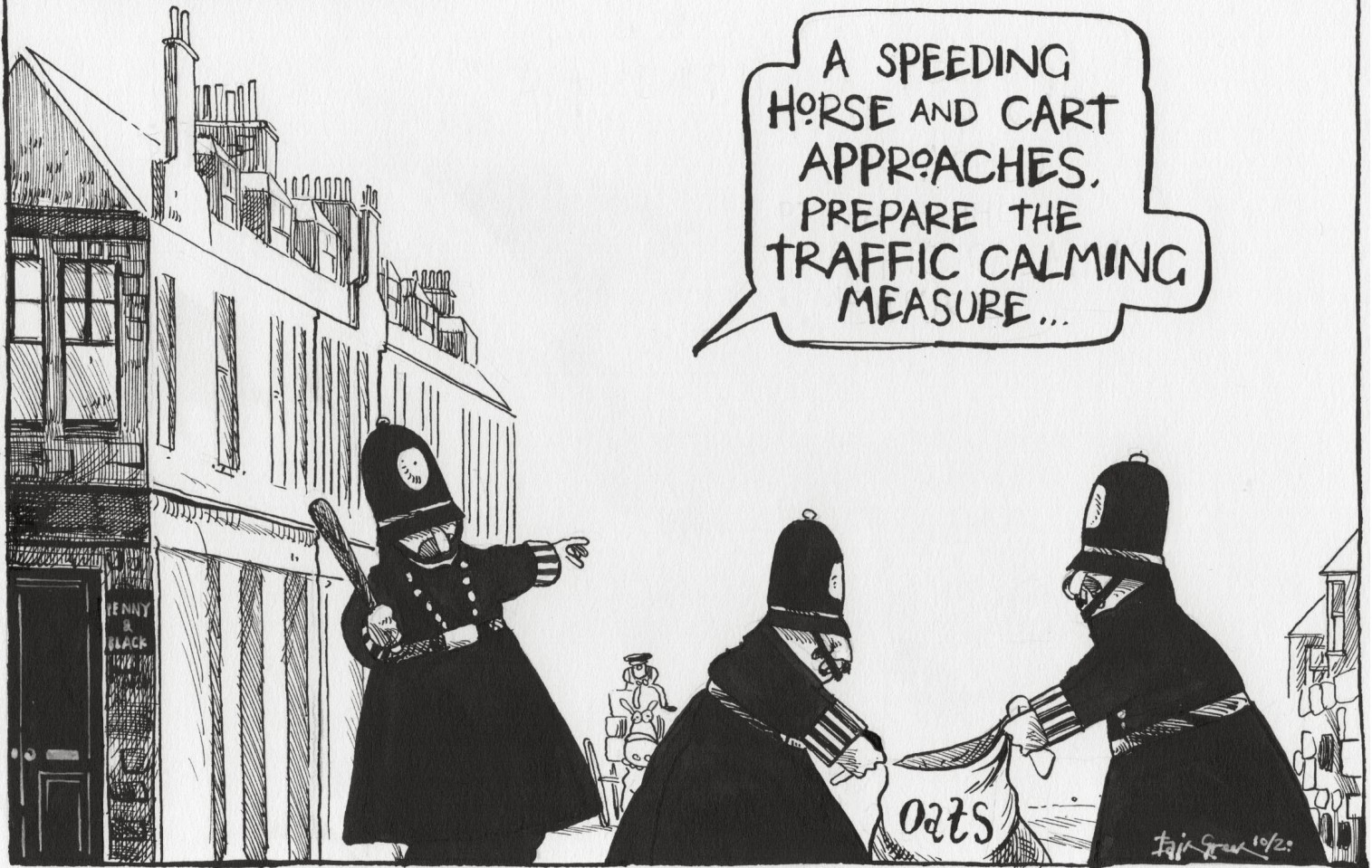
The management team also look to hold regular events to suit all members of the community with the aim of raising funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall.

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### Swans of a Beach

The Swans of a Beach wild swimming group started off with just 2 members 5 months ago. Since starting, it has grown to over 250 members, who now enjoy the benefit of swimming in our beautiful waters. It has become a lifeline for many and offers incredible benefits, both physical and mental. A fantastic way to keep to connected to others while enjoying the spectacular surroundings we are blessed with here in LLLC. Find us on Facebook.

OH, THE GOOD OLD DAYS...



## Lundin Bowling Club

In a 'normal' year Lundin Bowling Club season runs from April to September. We welcome members of all ages with coaching available for those who need it. We run internal competitions and take part in local and national competitions.

We also enjoy just meeting up with other bowlers and having a social game which could be morning, afternoon, or evening. There is a Junior coaching session for P2 to P7 on a Monday afternoon after school.

Again, in a 'normal' year the clubhouse would be open for tea or coffee after the game and on some evenings the bar is open too.

Let's hope that next year we are back to 'normal'.

## Lundin Golf Club

Golf is proving to be a popular pastime in these challenging times: fresh air, exercise and a bite to eat in the clubhouse afterwards. Since re-opening on the 29th May we have seen fifteen and a half thousand member and visitor rounds of golf on our Championship Course.

If you are considering membership there is no waiting list for residents of Lundin Links and the Parish of Largo. Please contact the secretary for further details and application form on 0133332020 or email

[secretary@lundingolfclub.com](mailto:secretary@lundingolfclub.com)

John Baxter  
Vice-Captain

## Appeal for Volunteers

This issue of Largo Links has been produced by a small team. If we are to develop the magazine into something more permanent, we need a few more people willing to undertake some of the work. These are the areas where we need most assistance.

**Proofreading:** we need someone whose language skills are good - to spot errors in spelling or grammar before the magazine is printed.

**Page makeup:** we have someone who set up the pages of this issue, but we need someone else who could do the same job.

**Reporter:** the magazine needs someone who could follow up stories of interest to our readers, and then write them for placing in the magazine.

For the above, please contact the Editor, and say what you could do to assist the magazine.

**Distribution:** if we are to deliver the magazine to every household, we need a number of people who will take a "round" and deliver it to the doorsteps. At the moment we do not need names; but if you could be of service, please tick the relevant box on the questionnaire (back page). That way we could be sure that there is a pool of volunteers who could respond if needed.

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With Christmas approaching, here is a gift idea: my family portrait vouchers (valid until Nov 2021).

My sessions are what are termed as 'environmental portraits' in that they take place outside. We are lucky enough in Fife to live near beautiful beaches and countryside so there is a wide choice of amazing backdrops.

*Please note I don't do family portraits from November to end of March due to the 50 shades of grey that is the Scottish winter!*

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# Homelands - Lodges and the Paxton Centre

## Homelands - Lodges

I think it is fair to say it has been a very strange year at Homelands, as it has been for everyone. Our entire operation was closed down on 22nd March, along with many other businesses, and we did not reopen until 17th July. In order to reopen, we have had to follow some very strict, new cleaning and changeover protocols to ensure we are as Covid secure as we can possibly be. These new protocols have taken a little getting used to, however, we are now running at full speed with them.

Bookings have been good since lockdown ended, but the recovery is fragile, as the move out of lockdown is not, and will not be, plain sailing.

We are delighted to have received the building warrant for our second phase of lodges and are now proceeding to choose a contractor with a view to starting work in the first quarter of 2021



## Paxton Centre

The new cleaning protocols and the requirement for our admin and housekeeping staff to be able to socially distance in the workplace mean that, unfortunately, we are unable to reopen the Paxton Centre at present. It is our intention to reopen the Paxton Centre but, given the current restrictions, we do not believe that this will be before spring 2021.

Simon Allan, General Manager

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## The Montrave Hall



The Montrave Hall is an established 120+ year old village hall. The back hall is home to Largo Pre School Playgroup which is currently in a safe bubble with no other users accessing the hall. Usually the hall has many groups that regularly train, perform and exhibit such as Lundin Links Community Choir, Largo Bay Arts Club, Lundie Theatre

Group, Yoga classes, karate classes, art classes, fitness and Pilates classes for all ages and abilities. There are also recycling facilities and clothing banks in its car park that are constantly being utilised by the local community.

When restrictions are lifted the main hall can be rented out for private functions at weekends and for week blocks during the summer months. We will advertise on Facebook and our banner will go up when we can re-open!

To book contact Mary on 01333 320269.

## Robinson Crusoe's Statue

Unveiled on 11 December 1885, the statue of Robinson Crusoe (Alexander Selkirk) was the result of a long-standing desire among Largo folk to create a permanent monument to their famous local son. David Gillies, net manufacturer and great-great-great-grandson of Selkirk's eldest brother, ultimately bore the expense of Thomas Stuart Burnett's bronze sculpture. Celebrations began with a procession around the three villages of several hundred people, led by the Largo Brass Band. Later, when Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived at Largo Station, a grand parade unfolded, described in the *Fife Herald* of 16 December 1885 as follows:

*"...the bobbin winders, the guarders and other net workers in Cardy Works; the fishermen and fisher lasses of Largo; the former accompanying the fishing boat "Robinson Crusoe" mounted on a cart...the nimble fingers of the fisher lasses as they sat "baiting the line" attracting much attention. Then came the fish-cadgers, the boat-builders, the cork-cutters...oil workers...bakers...bedecked with white caps and aprons...Masons, joiners, plasterers, blacksmiths, bottle-top makers and others followed - all busily engaged in practical illustrations of their respective handicrafts."*

Following speeches, and the pulling of the cord by Lady Aberdeen to unveil the statue, dancing was engaged in on the beach and there was a display of fireworks. As one of the eldest villagers exclaimed "**There was never a day like this in Lergie**".

Those interested can read more about local history at:

<https://lundinlinks.weebly.com/>

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## Largo Library

Largo Library and Community Hub is open! Please come along to browse, borrow and return books. We also have books and DVDs for sale, printing and photocopying services, free Wi-Fi and tourist information. And don't forget to collect your free food waste disposal bags. We are now happy to accept your good quality book donations and we have also installed a Book World book recycling bank outside the library so you can dispose of any unwanted older books. We have introduced measures to keep you safe, including hand sanitiser, limiting visitor numbers, face masks, perspex screens and enhanced cleaning practices.



We look forward to seeing you at 7 Lundin Square, Lundin Links KY8 6BH, Tuesday 2–5pm, Wednesday 10-1pm, Thursday 10-1 and 2-5pm and Saturday 10-1pm. Or email us at [largolibraryfife@gmail.com](mailto:largolibraryfife@gmail.com)

## Largo Communities Together AGM

Mon 9 Nov 2020, 7-8pm **on Zoom.**

If you are an LCT member and would like to attend, please email

contact@largocommunitiestogether.org.uk to allow us to send you a link.

You can vote online (if attending) or by proxy. A pack with all the documentation can be obtained in the Largo Library. It can also be viewed on the LCT website, or it can be posted to you. To receive a voting pack, please call 01333 329 417 and leave your name and address.

If you are not already a member of LCT, please consider joining. Membership application details can be found on the website at:

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

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Autumn brings many changes and at times it may seem that everything in nature pauses until Spring comes around once more!

However, where wild birds are concerned, the progression of seasons heralds a change of shift; and as some species migrate away from our shores, others arrive! On a warm early autumn day, during a walk along the Coastal Path, you can still listen to the buzz of bumble bees as they forage on the flowers of tansy and knapweed. On sheltered rocks and south facing walls and dykes butterflies and even the occasional dragonfly seize the opportunity to bask in the sunshine. Grasshoppers can still be heard in the grassy verges and dunes and gleaming white gannets can be spotted diving off shore for fish.

Indeed, early Autumn can still feel like summer until you hear the wild wintry sound of pink footed geese high overhead as they arrive in increasing numbers from their northern breeding grounds. On the shore, other winter migrants arrive, including busy flocks of Sanderlings chasing the tide for morsels of food after breeding in the high arctic. So, far from being a quiet time for wildlife, Autumn is full of diverse interest and bustle, and it gives us a rare opportunity to observe both winter and summer visitors, as well as other species which may simply pass through on their way to different destinations!

A wonderful time to head out and enjoy the rich and varied nature this season has to offer!

Deirdre Munro, FCCT Ranger



# Largo Pier Group

The Crusoe Hotel has been put on the market and we expect the sale to be completed quite quickly, probably before Christmas. The Crusoe Hotel owns Largo Pier and the car park, and the property will be sold complete.



Largo from Lundin Pier

LCT and the Pier Group consider that our community will be best served if the Hotel continues to operate as such. Open access to the harbour and to the pier is important to many, and we are therefore opposed to any change of use.

However, we consider it unlikely that any new owner would be prepared to fund restoration to the extent that we believe appropriate.

Our recent appeal for funding enabled us to do some preliminary work, and the results are favourable. We have put further work on hold until we have a working agreement with new owners. Our funds allowed us to make emergency repairs last year, and we are now in position to do this again if necessary.

Finally, we were very pleased to have been given £5,000 by the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, FCCT, an independent charity who manage the Fife Coastal Path, amongst other amenities such as the Fife Pilgrim Way. This grant took our total funds raised for the Pier to about £20,000, against our original target of £15,000.

We hope that this new connection will develop over the next few months, and welcome FCCT's perception that the Hotel and Pier is vital to our community and to those who pass through it as visitors and users of the Coastal Path.

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## Largo Estate

In the light of the expansion of special interest groups in LCT, "Largo Estate Group" has formed this year as a distinct group, Chaired by Martin Schmidt and Vice Chair, Stan Green. They have eight members drawn from local and subject knowledge experts. They have kept an open dialogue progressing with the owners and have been actively exploring our options as a community for access and possible purchase with our partner organisation DTAS, The Development Trust Association Scotland.

The group are utilising your views from the large community consultation which took place over 2019 in 8 locations. The report of September 23, 2019 can be read here (click on the "News" button):

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

Legislation has significantly changed in April 2020, which widens our options as a community. We expect this to be an area of significant shifts this year!

Lou Robb

# Lockdown Photos

## Upper Largo, Lower Largo, Lundin Links

*[As we entered lockdown, many of us probably thought that this would be a chance to get things done which we had been putting off, or to develop a new project. This is the story of one person who thought of a lockdown project - **and** carried it out.]*

As a photographer I felt that I wanted to make some record of this extraordinary time in history, so I put out a message on the local community facebook page to see if anyone would be interested in taking part.

The idea was that on my daily walk I would go by their house, keeping the social distancing rules and take a quick photo on the doorstep or in the garden of whoever was in the household. I explained that there was no need to think about it just come out in whatever you are wearing and with any pets. I would take a picture from at least 6 feet away [ I have a long lens!] and maybe eventually I could have a local exhibition of the images.



Veronica & Ewan Macleod, Eilidh & Cameron

The response was phenomenal with over 130 people contacting me to say yes and what a brilliant idea. One lady said it was the most exciting thing to have happened since lockdown began!!

I also asked the question - from a personal point of view what do you consider to have been a positive thing to have come out of lockdown? The overwhelming response was ‘the community spirit’ followed by ‘family time’, ‘slowing down’, ‘time to re-think and re-

consider values’ ‘the kindness of neighbours and getting to know neighbours’

From my point of view it has been absolutely brilliant to chat to such a lot of lovely people that I had never met before - and all local! It has also kept me very fit!!

It’s a unique time in our lives which will hopefully never be experienced again.

Caroline Trotter

## Lundin Sports Club

Find us just off Victoria Road, Lundin Links. All members enjoy the use of our 3 tennis courts, 2 squash courts, 2 table tennis tables and small gym. We have regular practice nights and normally have teams playing in regional tennis and table tennis leagues.

In the near future we hope to get coaching for both adults and juniors back up and running.

All level of players are encouraged to come and join us.

A new membership year starts in October. Membership details for 2020-21 and more info available on our Facebook page:

@LundinSportsClub

and on Clubspark

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LundinSportsClub>

## Largo Preschool Playgroup

Veronica MacLeod who runs the Largo Preschool playgroup was very pleased to receive a surprise gift of educational equipment last month. A local Ecoschools coordinator from the village and three senior Fife technicians obtained parts destined for the crusher. They recycled the parts into 20 powerful 2-in-1 laptop computers. "This will prove an invaluable contribution to the children's learning. . It's great to have this additional resource!" said Veronica.

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## Lawview Christian Fellowship

At the beginning October 2018 a group of friends were meeting in the Simpson Institute in Largo. Rev Daniel Pollin Minister of Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem, was approached to help lead the group and he willingly stepped in to help. Since then the group has been meeting every Sunday afternoon at 4.00 pm, enjoying times of worship, praise and prayer.

There is a warmth in the small fellowship and they have a heart to care not just for one another but to reach out into the local community and be a witness there.

With the current restrictions we are unable to meet together but publish a weekly Newsletter online and we jointly present the Sunday morning Radio programme on K107 at 11.00am, "Here I am to Worship".

We also meet for coffee each week, we meet for study and prayer and each month we meet to celebrate communion...all of this courtesy of Zoom.

If you would like to join us or receive more information, please check our website: [www.lawview.online](http://www.lawview.online) You can leave a message and we will be happy to get in touch with you.

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## **Largo Area Community Council**

LACC has been in existence for over 40 years. It exists to serve the interests of the Largo Area community and works with other community organisations such as Largo Communities Together and Largo Parish Church. These three organisations are working together through LACRT to respond to the current pandemic.

LACC also monitors planning applications which have a community interest; is working with LCT on the Largo Pier project; have represented the community in a number of major developments in the Largo Area; and have represented the community at two Public Inquiries into developments in Largo Area.

LACC meets in public on the third Monday of each month at 7pm in each village in rotation but currently by Zoom. Members of the public are invited to submit issues for discussion at the monthly meetings and are welcome to attend. Members of the public can request an invitation to join the Zoom meetings of LACC by contacting the following:-

Chairman: Peter Aitken 01333-320574  
peter.aitken@lundinconsultancyservices.co.uk

Secretary: Donna Stewart 07882-514983  
donnastewart1804@gmail.com

Minutes are available in the library and are posted on the LACC website:  
[www.largo-area-cc.org.uk](http://www.largo-area-cc.org.uk)

LACC twinned Largo Area with Robinson Crusoe Island, Juan Fernández, Chile (where Alexander Selkirk was marooned 300 years before) in 2004.

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## **Largo Bay Art Society**

Like many other clubs we have not met since early March. We know that some of our members have continued with their art work, although others have lost their mojo. As relaxation increased we had hoped to run day workshops in the main Montrave Hall, but with continuing limits to numbers we don't know when this will be possible. We are trying to use our creative skills to find other means to keep in touch with our members such as Facebook and our Website. Unfortunately whilst we might be imaginative, we have few technical skills. On a happy note, we congratulate Ian Malcolm, a longstanding club member, who was a winner in the Fife Art Exhibition.

Sue Milne Co-President  
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## Largo Bay Sailing Club

What a strange year here at LBSC. Covid restrictions meant that our normal activities of Open Days, Regattas and Training were all curtailed for this year. We were eventually allowed back on to the water in July with lots of restrictions but with no racing activity. Since then we have been able to get on the water with social sailing on Sunday afternoons but only when conditions were favourable. We will keep sailing until the end of October. We

are keeping our fingers crossed that the virus will be under control by the time we restart our 2021 season next April, when racing can begin again in earnest.

If anyone in the community wants to find out more about the clubs activities then please feel free to contact us at:

[socialmedia@largobaysc.org.uk](mailto:socialmedia@largobaysc.org.uk)

07967 291216

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

Facebook: @largobaysailingclub

## Largo Jam

“Largo Jam” meets in the Stables Upper Largo on the 3rd Wednesday of each month 7.30 – 9.30pm (no meetings at present due to Covid 19). We are a group of folk who just like to sing and play music. Our abilities range from the complete novice to accomplished professional with all steps in between! We have keyboard and accordion players, guitarists and ukulele, singers and poets. We just meet to have a song and a tune, to generally enjoy ourselves and have a good time. If you'd like join us or have more information on “Largo Jam” please email me at [irklargo@gmail.com](mailto:irklargo@gmail.com)

## Lundie Theatre Group

The Theatre Group meets regularly on a Thursday in Montrave Hall to rehearse their next production. New members are always welcome whether it is to act on stage (or off!), make costumes, help with stage creation or production. There is always something that needs doing! We have a Spring Production each April/May and we alternate a Play and a Panto each November/December. We are saddened that we have not been able to perform this year but hope that we will soon be on stage again to entertain you. If you would like to join us, please email [bs.lundie@gmail.com](mailto:bs.lundie@gmail.com)

# Largo Women's Rural Institute



LWRI is one of the oldest in Scotland, founded in 1918 by Miss Evelyn Baxter. Although we presently have a small membership we would like to see our local Institute survive for many more years. We meet on the second Monday of each month, except July and August, in the Montrave Hall, Lundin Links, from 2.00 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. Our subscription is £25 per annum. We also welcome guests who pay £2.50 per meeting.

We warmly welcome anyone to come along to a future meeting, as a guest, to experience an afternoon of entertainment and friendly chat over a cup of tea and cakes.

Under the present Government restrictions, however, we are unable to hold our meetings, but if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary, Miss Margaret Bell. Tel: 01333 320100 / 07485042801 or e-mail: [margaret@tweb.co.uk](mailto:margaret@tweb.co.uk)

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## Hello from Largo Bowling

We are a small but friendly club ideally suited to the less serious bowler.

Largo Bowling Green is situated behind the Simpson Institute in Upper Largo. New and non-members are always welcome. Join us on a Tuesday evening at 6:15pm or on a Saturday afternoon at 1:45pm The green is open from April-September. Why not come along, keep fit and have fun.

For more details please call Ian on 01334 840 411.

## Beach Designation Project

This project was initiated by the Largo Area Community Council in 2018. If it is successful, it will mean that the beach - extending from the steps by Alan Fauld's statue to the end of The Temple - will be designated by SEPA as a bathing beach. This will be good for the community and visitors alike and should help to boost the local economy. The outcomes of having designated bathing status:

- The water quality will have to meet bathing standards and will be monitored by SEPA during the summer months.
- Toilet facilities, signage for visitors and access to the beach will be improved.

We have already achieved some of the major criteria for designation such as the number of people using the beach. We are waiting on the outcome of an audit by Scottish Water on the impact of their storm drain discharge points on water quality. This is due in November.

They will probably have to undertake some modifications to their facilities in order to meet the required standards.

Matt Allan. Vice Chair LACC

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

## Gilston & Woodside WI

In normal circumstances New Gilston & Woodside Rural meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in New Gilston Village Hall. We aim to have a guest speaker from a variety of organisations, businesses and craft groups in the area to speak or give a demonstration, culminating in a buffet tea. This is hosted by members on a rota basis giving all members and guests a chance to chat. No meeting is held in July but a coach outing is arranged.

They also hold an Annual Show in May with handcraft and housewife competitions open to all members plus an Institute competition.

New Gilston & Woodside Rural are always pleased to welcome women of all ages.

For more information please contact the Secretary, Maggie Free either by email [jmf102@btinternet.com](mailto:jmf102@btinternet.com) or telephone 01333 329123.

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## Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team

LACRT was established in March 2020 in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. It is a collaboration of 3 local voluntary agencies:- the Community Council, Largo Communities Together and the Parish Church.

LACRT has volunteers and a free helpline number:- **0800 999 3465**

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- support with internet devices including laptops, tablets and phones.
- befriending service for older people – to start soon.

We have been happy to give support to:- the Leven and Anstruther Foodbanks, Peacehaven Care Home, Waid Academy, Lily's Larder and Happy Beaches. We also supported local young people through our "Kites for Kids" events.

If you need help with any of the above please call us on the free helpline number.



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## Jenny Gilruth MSP



**Constituency MSP for Lundin Links & the Largos**

Please get in touch for a telephone surgery appointment:

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# Largo Parish Church

The church is part of community life in Largo and we hope local residents feel its theirs too. We hope to offer support and care to those in our parish during these very difficult times.

Regular Sunday worship takes place at 10.30a.m but Covid has brought restrictions:- shorter services; reduction in worshippers; booking a place; track and trace and no singing all detract from normal worship. This however offers a time of peace to listen quietly to organ music and pre-recorded hymns.

We will hold a service of Remembrance to allow us to pay our respects. If you'd like to attend any of our services please book a place – details at the close of this article.

Advent and Christmas will soon be upon us, and I hope the services will bring a sense of celebration as we give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, who is at the heart of our Christian faith. Christmas is a time of love, a time to be with family and friends, yet we know this year will be different. We may not be able to see or be with family or harder still - some will have lost loved ones and their absence will be sorely felt. This is when we as a community can be there to support each other.

Our church has been part of the Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team. The support given by the community was greatly appreciated through the help of over 100 volunteers, local shops and businesses. We witnessed that wonderful sense of community spirit.

As a congregation, we are part of that spirit and we are here for you. We offer spirituality as well as care, friendship and fellowship and we aspire to be a place where love makes for a place of welcome.

As autumn turns to winter, stay safe, keep well and may the peace and grace of Christ Jesus, be with you all.

Rev Gavin Boswell.

Book a place:- <http://www.largochurches.org.uk>

Facebook:- <https://www.facebook.com/Largo-Parish-Church>

Email:- [infoLargoChurches@gmail.com](mailto:infoLargoChurches@gmail.com)



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# Local Directory

## Telephone Numbers

**LACRT Helpline** 0800 999 3465

### Local Shops:

Zaphar's Premier Store 01333 320 851  
 Stuart's of Buckhaven 01333 320 213  
 Blacketside Farm Shop+ Meals 01333 423 034  
 Archer's Fish 01333 329 850  
 Lundin Links Pharmacy 01333 320 274

All above are currently delivering

Andy's Store 07754 329 042 (Text)  
 01333 329 237 (Shop)

Headrush, Upper Largo 01333 360 437  
 Jane's Gift & Coffee Shop 01333 329 266  
 Penny & Black 01333 320 415  
 Upper Largo Hotel 01333 360 347  
 Old Manor Hotel 01333 329 368

### Medical and Mental Health Helpline Numbers:

Breathing Space (low mood and anxiety)  
 0800 83 85 87

NHS 24 111

Scoonie Medical Practice and Lundin Links  
 Branch 01333 432 588

Leven Health Centre  
 (Drs Page/McDonald/ Stevenson) 01333 432 555

Carers UK 0808 808 7777

Childline UK 0800 1111

Covid 19 Community Helpline 0800 952 0330

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife 0345 1400 095

Community Police and Police Scotland 101

Deaths/Still Births Registrations 0345 155 0099

Levenmouth Police Station 0845 600 5702

East Neuk Emergency Planning Team  
 (ENCEPT) 0800 999 6543

Fife Social Work 0345 155 1503

Fire and Rescue 01224 728 600

Fife Covid 19 Helpline 0800 952 0330

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
 0808 2000 247

National Emergency Fire Police Ambulance 999

Over 50's Help 08001244 222

Psychological Services/emotional  
 wellbeing of children 01592 583349

Samaritans 116123

Scottish Government Business Helpline  
 0300 244 4000

Scottish Welfare Fund 0300 5550 265

SAMH mental health (not crisis) 0344 800 0550

Woman's Aid 0800 027 1234

### Council & Utilities Helpline Numbers:

Fife Council 0345 155 0000

### Utilities Helpline Numbers:

National Power Cut Helpline 105

National Gas Helpline 0800 111 9999

Scottish Water Emergencies 08000 788 788

Fife Council (Roadworks and  
 Emergencies and out of hours) 0345 1550 099

Fife Council local office 0345 1550 000

Fife Rent issues 0345 1550 044

Scottish Welfare Fund – Fife 0300 5550 265

Electricity Emergency 0800 40 40 90

National Power Cut Helpline 105

National Gas Helpline 0800 111 9999

Scottish Water Emergencies 0800 0788 788

### Politicians, Councillors, Churches

MP's / MSP's

Wendy Chamberlain, MP 01334 656 361

Jenny Gilruth, MSP 01592 764 815

### Local Councillors:

David Alexander (Co-Leader Fife Council)  
 01592 764 815 / 03451 555555- 490127

Colin Davidson 07864 619 335

Graham Ritchie 01334 828 969

Alistair Suttie 07515 289 170

### Local Churches:

Largo Parish Church 01333 320 850

St Agatha's & St Giles RC 01333 423 809

St Margaret's Episcopal Church 0131 225 6357

Coastline Baptist Church (Pittenweem)  
 01333 312 041

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## Local Events

In more 'normal' times, we would be reporting on events which would be expected to take place in the next three months. As it is, we do not know what will be happening next week, so we feel that any such page would be rapidly out of date.

In the next issue, we hope that our diaries will become fuller. If any Club or Society plans an event which they think **WILL** go ahead, then please contact the editor with your details.

# Local Directory

## Websites/ email addresses

### Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team Largo Communities Together

LACRT@largocommunitiestogether.co.uk  
www.largocommunitiestogether.co.uk

### Social, Health & Information:

Over 50's Help

www.ageuk.org.uk

Citizens Advice

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Fife Council Coronavirus advice

covid.communityhelpline@fife.gov.uk

Helpline Money & Benefits advice

www.fife.gov.uk/moneyadvice

Fife Health and Social Care

www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org

Fife Voluntary Action/Helping Hands

www.fva.org

information on volunteering, prescription delivery, pandemic support & shielding

Health Guidelines and Status

www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

NHS

www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental health

### HEALTH Websites Relating to self

Scottish Government

www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/

Fife Health/Social Care Partnership

www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/

Health advice about the impact of coronavirus on Fife's

hospital and clinical services

coronavirus.nhsfife.org/

NHS Inform – Coronavirus advice

www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental health

SAMH -about mental health

www.samh.org.uk/

### Utilities/Council Websites and Helpline Numbers

Fife Council

Fifedirect.org.uk

Fife website has links to forms, helplines and information  
on bins/waste and recycling and business rates

Bin Collections for your area

Fife.gov.uk/bin calendar

### Tradesmen

Community Police recommend using

www.trustedtrader.scot

### MP's / MSP's

Wendy Chamberlain MP

Wendy.Chamberlain.mp@parliament.uk

Jenny.Gilruth.MSP

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### Defibrillators can be found at the following locations:

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 Greenkeepers Shed, Links Road

Lundin Links

Homelands Trust KY8 6AT

Lundin Links

Stuarts the Bakers KY8 6AQ

Lundin Links

Lundin Bowling Club, Largo Road KY8 6A

Upper Largo

Simpson Institute KY8 6EN



# Questionnaire

Please use this page to expand upon any responses to the questions on the back of *Largo Links*. See **Contact Us** (page 3) for a list of ways to return this page to the editorial team.

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## **Podiatrist**

**Bob Harper**

Will call at your house  
throughout the Largo Area

**Telephone: 01333 311833**



# Questionnaire

The *Largo Links* editorial team would welcome feedback about this first issue. If you wish to expand on any of your responses, the back of this page has been left blank for you to continue.

Please send your responses to the Editor (contact details on Page 3).

We are looking for a general response from our readers, so we are not asking you to give personal details.

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