

Lairg Magazine

LAIRG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Happy New Year to all our readers.

We hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas and the New Year. This is our first issue since Winterfest, see photos inside and report on the day inside.

If anyone has an article or photos they would like to submit to the magazine please send to
zoe@lairglearningcentre.org.uk



This shows the front of the units looking towards Main Street

The housing project is now in to its 39th week and we can see such a change to the site.

The bathrooms and kitchens have now been fitted, the gardens and landscaping is due to start next week.

Construction of path borders and top soil being laid. You may see the site office being removed as we come towards the end of the project. They are working hard and are still on track for an early spring finishing date.

To find out about allocation of the fit homes please ring 0300 323 0990 and ask for the tenancy sustainment team.

For allocation of the social houses please ring the same number and ask for the social housing team.



Here's a closer view of units 8, 7, 6 & 5

QUIZ

1. Which co-presenter of the BBC quiz programme 'Pointless' reduced his appearances to concentrate on writing books?
2. Which of the UK Nations has become the first to introduce legislation to have a default speed limit of 20mph through areas where vehicles and pedestrians mix?
3. The game of backgammon starts with how many pieces on the board?
4. What name is given to a medical professional, specially trained to extract your blood?
5. Which of the planets in our Solar System can only be seen with a telescope?
6. The month of January is named after which two-faced Roman god?
7. What was the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit?
8. What name is given to the lines that run from North to South on a map of the world?
9. Cerys Matthews was the lead singer of which of these bands? Catatonia, Stuporous or Zonked out
10. Olin G. Blackwell was the last warden of what notorious prison?

Lochview Rural Training

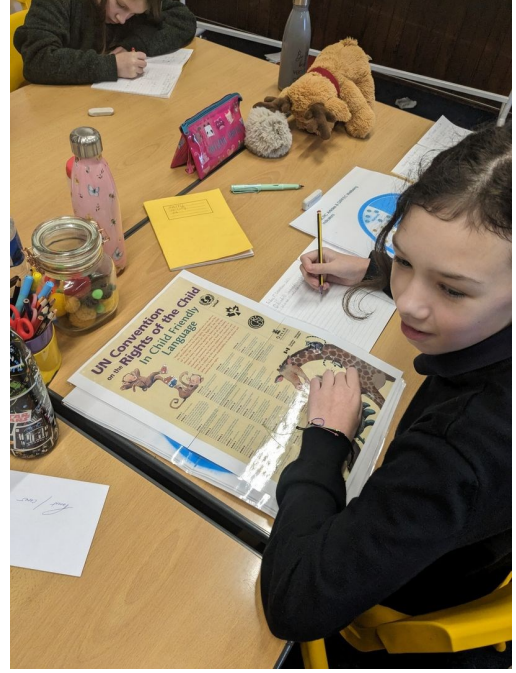


Chunky Blanket - Arm Knitting

Join us for a fun and cozy event where you can learn the art of arm knitting and create your very own chunky blanket! This hands-on workshop will take place on **Saturday, January 20, 2024** from **10:30am to 2:30pm** at our venue.

During the event, our experienced instructor will guide you through the process of arm knitting, a technique that uses your arms instead of traditional knitting needles. You'll learn how to create a beautiful and warm blanket using chunky yarn, perfect for snuggling up on chilly days.

No prior knitting experience is necessary - this event is suitable for beginners and knitting enthusiasts alike. All materials will be provided, so you just need to bring your enthusiasm and creativity! Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn a new skill and create a gorgeous chunky blanket. Grab your friends and join us for a fun-filled day of knitting and laughter!



Children's Rights

Lairg Primary School are working towards becoming a Right's Respecting School. P6-7 have been learning about our rights so we can know that we're important and looked after. One of the ways we learned about our rights is by linking our rights to SHANARRI. SHANARRI stands for Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.

We looked at each letter of SHANARRI and put what rights belonged to each one.

We also learned about our rights through our school play, 'Children of the World.' We learned about different traditions from Malawi, Poland, China, USA, Ireland, and Australia. This links to article 29- We have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for other's rights and the environment.

By Anwen and Jess P7





Winterfest is growing year by year with more groups taking part and so many activities for all ages.

The day started with the usual Reindeer parade, a massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Claus for coming along, and to Matt for ringing the church bell to get us started. The Lairg Fire Brigade joined the parade this year and were a big hit with young and old. The reindeer stayed for the afternoon, we were very lucky this year as The Cairngorm Reindeer Centre brought two baby reindeers along who were learning the ropes, they were so cute.

The craft fair was extremely popular with over 40 crafters taking part, and with every room in the Lairg Community Centre filled to the rafters. Buttons and Bows kicked us off playing lovely tunes to put us all in the Christmas mood.

The library ran a crafting workshop for the children with the RSPB, the Learning Centre put on an array of different Christmas themed classes, and we had a magician who kept not only the children but also the adult's entertained. A big thank you must go to the ladies of the Crofters show for putting on an amazing spread in their cafe.

This event is only made possible because of the generous support we receive from local businesses.

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I would like to say a massive thank you to the local Estates and Wind farms who very kindly sponsored the day.

This years surplus from the event is being used solely on the LDCI's Ferrycroft Play park project.

I will finish by saying we could not put this event on without the support and volunteers who turnout Friday night to help us set up and then are on duty all Saturday helping the day run smoothly.

Thank you all
See you next year

Kaye Hurrion
LDCI Chair



LDCI Quiz Answers

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| 1. Richard Osman | 5. Neptune | 9. Catatonia |
| 2. Wales | 6. Janus | 10. Alcatraz |
| 3. 30 | 7. Brooklands | |
| 4. Phlebotomist | 8. Longitude | |

We are an independent learning centre base in Lairg, Sutherland. Our mission is to make community learning available and accessible to our communities through delivering fun, affordable classes, workshops and learning opportunities both physically and digitally to people in Sutherland and across the world.

The Centre will be closed for our Christmas holidays from the 21st of December and will re-open in the New Year on the 8th of January 2024.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Fri 26 Jan	Beginners Sewing for Teens	1:30pm - 3pm	LDLC, Room1
Fri 26 Jan	8 Week Introduction to Gaelic - Dornoch Hub	2:30pm - 4pm	Dornoch Hub
Mon 29 Jan	6 Week Art for Wellbeing	1:30pm - 3:30pm	LDLC, Room 1
Tue 30 Jan	Cook Together	4pm - 5:30pm	LCC, Main Hall
Wed 31 Jan	Bake & Blether	11am - 1pm	LCC, Kinvonvie Suite
Wed 31 Jan	iPads & Tablets	2pm - 3pm	LDLC, IT Suite
Thurs 1 Feb	(Lairg) Beginners Sewing - 6 Week Workshop	10am - 12pm	LDLC, Room 1
Thurs 1 Feb	5 Week - Family ART	3:30pm - 5pm	Doll Hall, Brora
Thurs 1 Feb	(Doll Hall) Beginners Sewing - 6 Week Workshop	6pm - 8pm	Doll Hall, Brora
Mon 5 Feb	(Bettyhill) Beginners Sewing - 6 Week Workshop	11am - 1pm	The Hut, Bettyhill
Mon 5 Feb	8 Week Beginners Gaelic Course - Online	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Online - Zoom
Tue 6 Feb	4 Week Introduction to Woodworking	10am - 12pm	LDLC, The Cabin
Tue 6 Feb	4 Week - Maker Space: The Cabin Sessions	2pm - 4pm	LDLC, The Cabin

Our programme of classes is updated on a regular basis via Eventbrite which you can find by searching **Lairg & District Learning Centre** or contact us on 01549 402050 or admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk.

Date	Activity	Time	Location
Thurs 8 Feb	4 Week - Maker Space: The Cabin Sessions	10am - 12pm	LDLC, The Cabin
Thurs 8 Feb	4 Week Introduction to Woodworking	2pm - 4pm	LDLC, The Cabin
Sat 10 Feb	Willow Ball Decoration	10am - 4pm	Knockdhu Plants, Lairg
Sat 17 Feb	HCWP Day - Kefir & Fer- mented Oats	10:30am - 12pm	YMCA, Golspie
Sat 17 Feb	HCWP Day - Vegetable Fermentation	1:30pm - 3:30pm	YMCA, Golspie
Mon 19 Feb	Let's Talk About Gaelic	10am - 11:30am	LDLC
Thurs 22 Feb	Manx Quilting Workshop	10am - 1pm	LDLC
Sat 24 Feb	Gaelic Song Workshop	11am - 1pm	LDLC
Wed 28 Feb	Emergency First Aid in the Workplace	9am - 3pm	LCC, Kinvonvie Suite
Sat 2 Mar	Get Growing Ready + Seed Swap	10am - 2pm	Knockdhu Plants
Wed 6 Mar	Coding for Kids	3pm - 4pm	LDLC
Thurs 7 Feb	Coding for Kids	3pm - 4pm	LDLC
Wed 13 Mar	First Aid for Mental Health Awareness	9am - 1pm	LCC, Kinvonvie Suite
Sat 23 Mar	Composting + Garden Planning	10am - 2pm	Knockdhu Plants

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Loch Shin Swimmers' Twixmas Challenge

For most inhabitants of the village, a dip in Loch Shin towards the end of December was probably not on the menu. But on the morning of the 29th December, five ladies from Loch Shin Swimmers' group, (Marie, Jean, Alex, Sue and Danielle) took the plunge, literally.

Although some of us have been swimming in the loch regularly of late, this was a particularly special dip, and indeed swim, fundraising for the challenge 'Cold Water Dip for Young Lives vs Cancer'.

It certainly was a cold water dip! We estimated the temperature of the loch to be around 5 degrees (and special hats off to Danielle who braved it in a swimsuit!) We even had a flurry of snow at the finish. Needless to say we warmed up afterwards with hot drinks, chocolate and cake.

At the last count we've raised nearly £900 for the cause, which supports children, young people under 25 and their families in the fight against cancer. That's a fantastic amount and we'd like to thank everyone who donated so generously.



Lairg Lunch Club

Lairg Lunch Club meets on a Thursday during the school term time.

if you would like to join please contact Kaye on chair@lairginitiative.co.uk

or phone 07500453301.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the club for more information on how to become a volunteer contact Kaye as above.

Lairg Community Centre

The Lairg Crofters Show are holding a concert on the 9th February 2024 at Lairg Community Centre featuring Gary Innes, Ewen Henderson and special guest Rory Matheson tickets are available online.



Lairg Magazine

The magazine is nearly 4 years old now, where has that time gone?

You can pick up a copy in both shops, the Library and the Learning Centre.

It is also available to read online or on our website...

Lairg and District Community Initiative

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of producing it, you can contact us via email at chair@lairginitiative.co.uk or write to us at the LDCI, Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD



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