

Lairg Magazine

LAIRG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Coming to Lairg – The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc!

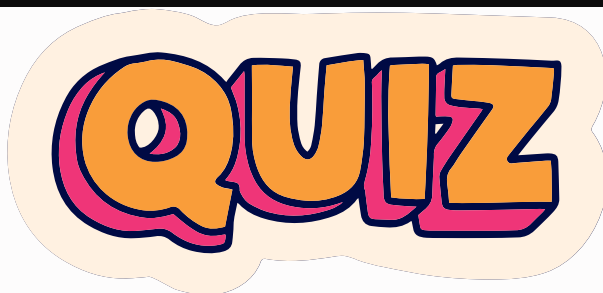
Three nations, three fiddlers, one unforgettable sound. *The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc* at **Lairg Community Centre** on **Saturday 10th May at 7:30pm**. This exceptional trio brings together the distinctive fiddle traditions of Norway, Sweden and Shetland, creating music that is at once powerful, expressive and beautifully intricate.

A must-see for folk enthusiasts and fans of traditional music alike.

BYOB – bring your own refreshments and enjoy an evening of top-class musicianship.



Book here



1. Which famous racehorse was kidnapped in 1983?
2. What is K2-18b and what is its significance?
3. What is the name of the US Vice President?
4. In which Northern Ireland county is Lough Erne found?
5. What were the first names of the comedians 'Little and Large'?
6. King Henry I was part of which Royal House?
7. What colour marzipan covers a traditional Swedish princess cake?
8. Who married Priscilla Beaulieu in 1967?
9. What animals are 'Aimless', 'Graceless', 'Feckless' and 'Pointless' in the novel 'Cold Comfort Farm' by Stella Gibbons?
10. In which country is the Eurovision Song Contest being held in 2025?

Hand Made Poppy Appeal

Following the success of the poppy cascade that was created for the Centenary of the Lairg War Memorial in 2022, the Lairg Branch of the British Legion are looking for donations of hand made poppies to create an additional, longer poppy cascade that will be located at the Lairg War Memorial in November.

Please feel free to make some at home - poppies can be dropped off at the Lairg Library or at the Lairg Learning Centre.

Or if you prefer - why not come along to the Learning Centre's 'Maker Space' classes on the 8th and 22nd May, from 11.30am - 1.30pm, or from 6pm - 8pm.

More dates to follow!



LAIRG

HELPING HAND FUND

IT'S OKAY TO NEED SUPPORT



Lairg & District Community Initiatives' Helping Hand Fund provides one off financial support to households in Lairg Community Council area who are struggling financially.

Grants of up to £250 are available to households who need help to pay an energy bill, or purchase an energy efficient white good - or provide assistance towards the costs of heating system repairs.

Confidential support is provided by our colleagues at the Kyle of Sutherland Development Trust.

Contact Fiona:

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OPEN DAY: 10TH MAY 2025

We're excited to announce that we are holding an **OPEN DAY** on **Saturday, 10th May, from 11am - 3pm.**

The Open Day will include crafting, woodworking, baking, and some lunch! Come and talk to us about our new projects, ask for some IT or sewing advice, make a no-bake cheesecake, paint a flower pot, or craft a wee spinning top from wood; we've got interesting activities for all ages, children and adults alike.

There will also be the opportunity to see the legacy pieces we have made during our **Flight Path** project; beautiful mosaics, handmade storybooks, handmade bird feeders, and (completion pending!) our lovingly sewn 'World Map'.

ALL WELCOME - the open day is free, some activities will need to be booked.

Please book via **Eventbrite** if you would like to join a FREE workshop.

Alternatively, call us: 01549 402050, or email: admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk.

Shells & Brush Strokes: Art on a New Canvas



Monday 12th May
10:00am - 1:00pm

Lairg & District Learning Centre



EMERGENCY FIRST AID IN THE WORKPLACE

3 YEAR CERTIFICATE

TICKETS:
£110

**WEDNESDAY
7TH MAY**

9AM - 3PM

**KINVONVIE SUITE -
LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE**



MAKERS' SPACE
With Jo Henderson ...
THURSDAY 8TH MAY AND 22ND MAY

MORNING SESSION 11:30AM – 1:30PM
MINI MAKERS 3 – 4PM
EVENING SESSION 6PM – 8PM

A time for crafty folks to come together to work on whatever project they have on the go (knitting, crochet, sewing, painting, etc).

Use any of our machines! Jo will be here to help you with any questions you might have.

POP BY TO USE OUR:
Sewing Machines
Overlocker
Cricut Machine
& more



01549 402050

THESE DROP IN SESSIONS FOR ADULTS ARE FUNDED BY



Join Jo at Makers' Space for the usual fun, creativity, and plenty of laughter! Whether you're crafting, designing, or simply having a blast with others, it's the perfect place to let your imagination run wild.

PLUS: Don't miss out on our exciting **Mini-Makers** sessions, taking place at **3pm on both days!** These sessions are perfect for young creators and their families. **Please note: Mini-Makers is for children in P4–P7 only, and booking is essential.**

Make sure to book in advance so we can provide plenty of yummy snacks and ensure that all necessary parental or carer permissions and contact details are in place.

Booking forms will be available from Monday—make sure to secure your spot early! For more information or to book, simply email us at admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk. We can't wait to see you there and create some amazing memories together!

CLEAN SWEEP FOR LAIRG

Join us for a fun and fulfilling **litter pick** as we give back to our beautiful community, all thanks to Police Scotland.

We've got some funds to put to good use, and we want you to be part of it!

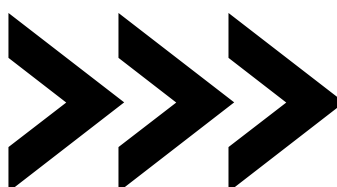
Sunday, 11th May, 11.30am–2.30pm
Starting at **11.30am**, we will meet at the Church Hill Woodland and begin from there, continuing on to Lochside & back to Main Street.

Lunch will be provided, along with bags, pickers, hi-vis jackets, etc. Help us to keep our town clean and tidy.

Book through **Eventbrite** if you can, so we have numbers for lunch - please let us know of any allergies!



**FOLLOW THIS QR CODE
TO OUR EVENTBRITE**



Term 3 has been full of excitement, creativity and hands-on learning at Lairg Primary!

We kicked off the term by celebrating **World Book Day** with our friends at **Rosehall Primary**. It was a fantastic day filled with storytelling, reading activities and plenty of imagination. The children loved coming together and sharing their favourite books.

On **Friday 21st March**, we marked **Red Nose Day/Sport Relief** with a special **sports activity day** here at school. Junior Leaders from both Lairg and Rosehall led fun sessions in football, curling, yoga and tennis. Everyone got into the spirit by dressing as superheroes or wearing sporty clothes—it was a great day all round!

P3/4/5 had a particularly creative term, diving into *Tell Me a Dragon* by **Jackie Morris**. They invented their own dragons, complete with names, passports, stories and artwork.



The class also visited the **Newton Room in Dingwall** to learn all about energy through exciting STEM challenges, including:

1. Designing and building a **marble run** to move a toy car.
2. Constructing a **wind turbine** to generate electricity.
3. Creating a **working battery circuit**.



Everyone had a brilliant day, learning by doing and working together in teams. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged, asking questions and showing such creativity and problem-solving skills. The visit really helped bring their classroom learning to life in an exciting, hands-on way.

Another big highlight for **P3/4/5** was their **six-week block of swimming lessons in Golspie**. The pupils not only improved their swimming skills and water confidence, but also showed great determination and teamwork throughout the block. It was lovely to see how proud they were of their progress each week. A huge thank you to our wonderful **Parent Council** for their generous support, which helped cover transport costs and made the sessions possible.



We brought Term 3 to a close with a joyful **Easter celebration** for the whole school and Nursery. Children took part in a lively **Easter Egg Hunt**, searching the school grounds to find 100 hidden eggs—there was lots of excitement and laughter! We're so grateful to the Parent Council once again for kindly providing the eggs and sweet treats. Back inside, the fun continued with a special class viewing of Paddington in Peru, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

We also kept the Easter tradition alive with **egg decorating**, followed by the much-loved **egg rolling** down the hill in the adventure playpark. It was a brilliant way to wrap up the term and head into the holidays with smiles all round! 🥚





VOLUNTEERING DAY

17 June, 11.30am – 2.30pm

We are hosting a volunteering day to welcome anyone new that would like to come find out more about Lochview Rural Training and its volunteering opportunities.

No previous experience required but it would be beneficial if you have prior knowledge of working with children, livestock and also growing vegetables.

Please email lochviewruraltraining@gmail.com to book a place.

Quiz Answers

1. Shergar

2. A distant planet with chemicals associated with life

3. J D Vance

4. Fermanagh

5. Syd and Eddie

6. Normandy

7. Green

8. Elvis Presley

9. Cows

10. Switzerland

Lairg Community Centre – April Update

Things are as busy as ever here at the centre! Our regular schedule is posted every Friday on Facebook and the noticeboards, so you can keep up to date with what's on.

We've rooms available for hire—ideal for meetings, events, activities or celebrations. Just get in touch if you'd like to book or need more info.

April Market

Our market on 21st April was another great success—thank you to all who came along! Markets are held on the **third Monday of each month** until December. Expect local produce like venison, cheeses, preserves, plus handmade crafts, art, candles and more. Support local makers and small businesses!

Community Car

The Community Car is now available again for medical appointments where no other transport is an option (subject to availability). Book by calling **01549 402843** between **9am–11.30am**, Monday to Friday, or leave a message/email lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com.

Get Involved!

We've badminton and table tennis gear available in the hall, and a stage perfect for drama or music. Volunteers are always welcome too—whether you've a little time or a lot, we'd love to hear from you.

Also at the Centre

- **Voluntary Groups Sutherland (VGS)** are now based in our office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ring them on **01408 633001**.
- Our **local library** is open too—check their social media for times.

Thanks for your ongoing support—it's truly appreciated!





Join Our Team at The Pier!

We are currently looking for friendly, enthusiastic people to join our lovely front of house team at The Pier. Immediate start dates are available, with both seasonal and permanent opportunities on offer. We welcome applicants looking for either full-time or part-time work.

If you love working with people, thrive in a busy environment, and want to be part of a supportive team, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information or to apply, please message Catriona on 07970 767361.







Family Beetle Drive – Fun for Everyone!



Book in now for a fun-filled session of Family Beetle Drive at the Kyle of Sutherland Hub!

Bring the whole family for an evening of laughter, fast-paced games, and friendly competition.

Whether you're a beetle drive newbie or a seasoned player, everyone's welcome!

-  Fabulous prizes to be won
-  Refreshments available
-  Perfect for all ages
-  Venue: Kyle of Sutherland Hub
-  5th of May, 10:30am-11:30am
-  Contact: 01863 769170

Don't miss out—spaces are limited, so reserve your place today!

beetle drive

THE HUB

Bank holiday
family fun
FREE – booking
essential

05 | MAY | 2025

10.30AM – 11.30AM

Fab prizes
Fun for all





The Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS) switch-off is scheduled for June 30, 2025. This will affect households that use older electricity meters to heat their homes and hot water

Why is RTS being switched off?

- RTS meters are older electricity meters that use radio signals to switch between peak and off-peak rates.
- The radio signal and supporting infrastructure and systems will be shut down.
- RTS was introduced in the 1980s and has reached the end of its natural operational life.

What will happen if my RTS meter is switched off?

Your heating and hot water supply may stop functioning as normal.

What can I do?

Contact your electricity supplier to find out if your meter needs replacing.

If you think your meter might use the RTS, speak to your landlord.

Ask your landlord to find out whether your meter uses the RTS and to contact the energy supplier if it does.

What will replace RTS meters?

RTS and DTS meters are being replaced with smart meters. Smart meters work in the same way as your meter does now.

For further information see: <https://www.energy-uk.org.uk/customers/the-radio-teleswitch-service-switch-off-what-you-need-to-know/>



Thank you for reading issue 79 of the Lairg Magazine! If you would like to submit something to the magazine, please send it to: zoe@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

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The deadline for the next issue is the 19th of May.