

# Lairg Magazine

LAIRG & DISTRICT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

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## Lairg Gala Week is back!

Lairg Gala week is back in the first week of July – and is bigger and better than ever this year! There are lots of different events and activities to keep everyone happy! From a Gala Market, and Mascot competition to a Topsy Tea Party, Trades Challenge and dance with music by Rhythm N Reel! For more details please pick up your programme - starring this year's Gala Queen Mia Mackenzie on the cover - in the local shops. Hope to see you there!

In other news - LDCI is delighted to announce that after a two year break due to the pandemic, **Winterfest** will be back later this year! We are equally delighted to report that the **Lairg Lunch Club** is also due to start back up again after the summer - see page 8 for more details.

# Recipe of the week

## Pea & Sun-dried Tomato Risotto



### Ingredients:

- 280g jar sun-dried Tomatoes £1.35
- 2 small onions, thinly sliced £0.52
- 200g Arborio Rice £0.70
- 200g frozen peas £0.20
- 70g Parmesan, grated £1.33
- 2 stock cubes (veg or chicken) £0.55

Total £4.65

### Method:

Drain the sun-dried tomatoes, reserving 2tbsp of the oil from the jar. Roughly chop half and finely chop the rest. Heat the reserved oil in a large, deep-sided frying pan over a low setting. Add the onions and cook for 10 minutes, stirring regularly. Add the finely chopped tomatoes and the rice. Cook for 2 minutes, stirring continuously. Add 1 litre boiling stock (using the 2 stock cubes), a splash at a time, stirring, until it has all been absorbed. Add the peas. Simmer until the peas are cooked and the rice is soft. Stir through most of the Parmesan and season with ground black pepper. Divide between bowls and top with the roughly chopped tomatoes and Parmesan to serve.

# TIPSY TEA PARTY

Thurs 7th July 7pm  
Hosted By Lairg Gala Week  
In Lairg Community Centre  
Cocktails on arrival, Tea Party,  
Games, Karaoke, Silent Disco

Raffle proceeds for Highland Hospice

Ticket Only contact 07759502344  
Or message Gala Facebook Page  
£15 Licensed

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# LAIRG WINTERFEST

REINDEER PARADE  
CHRISTMAS MARKET  
ENTERTAINMENT  
SANTA'S GROTTO & MORE!



SAVE THE DATE!  
3RD DEC 2022

TO BOOK A STALL EMAIL: [PROJECTOFFICER@LAIRGINITIATIVE.CO.UK](mailto:PROJECTOFFICER@LAIRGINITIATIVE.CO.UK)  
OR FOR MORE INFO SEE: [WWW.LAIRGINITIATIVE.CO.UK/WINTERFEST](http://WWW.LAIRGINITIATIVE.CO.UK/WINTERFEST)

1. Machu Picchu is located in which South American country?
2. What was the name of Lady Penelope's chauffeur in the TV animation series 'Thunderbirds'?
3. How many squares are there on a chessboard?
4. What is the name of the new 8th Scottish City honoured in the Queen's Jubilee year?
5. Which artist painted 'The Fighting Temeraire'?
6. Which singer came second in the 2022 European Song Contest with 'Spaceman'?
7. What was the one word name of the 1992 film, starring and directed by Clint Eastwood, winning both film and director Oscars?
8. Which Formula 1 driver was killed at the San Marino Grand Prix in 1994?
9. Robert Leroy Parker and Harry Alonto Longabaugh were better known as which robbing partnership?
10. What colour is malachite?
11. The Menai and Britannia bridges provide access to which British island?
12. What is a lamington?
13. Where, in the body, is the epiglottis?
14. Which Greek writer of the film themes 'Chariots of Fire' and 'Blade Runner' died in May at the age of 79?
15. Who invented the bouncing bomb and was played by Michael Redgrave in the 1954 film 'The Dam Busters'?
16. What biblical character begins the names for the largest of each of the following species - spiders, frogs and beetles?
17. Which country singer wrote 'I Will Always Love You'?
18. From which German town did the Pied Piper abduct children?
19. What does a Cooper make?
20. Which nursery rhyme character ran 'upstairs and downstairs in his night gown'?



Credit: zielonamapa.pl



It is back to a bit of normality this term as the school trips got underway.

Nursery went to Lochview Rural Training. They are a social enterprise which aims promote, organise and deliver rural learning based in Lairg.

The children got the opportunity to meet some of the animals and took part in various activities organised.



P1/2 have been learning about their local community. Thanks to Rev Ben and Hannah Fiddian who invited them to the Free Church in Ord Place. Ben and Hannah were lovely hosts letting them explore the church. The highlight of the visit was Hannah's pancakes!



P1-4 all went on a trip to Embo beach. They explored the rock pools for all signs of sea life. The children enjoyed playing in the sand . This was followed to a special lunch at Grannie's Heilan Hame. The staff were most welcoming and going by the clean plates and the exclamations of 'ten out of ten' - I think we can say they enjoyed lunch! Lunch was followed up by the 'best playpark ever'.

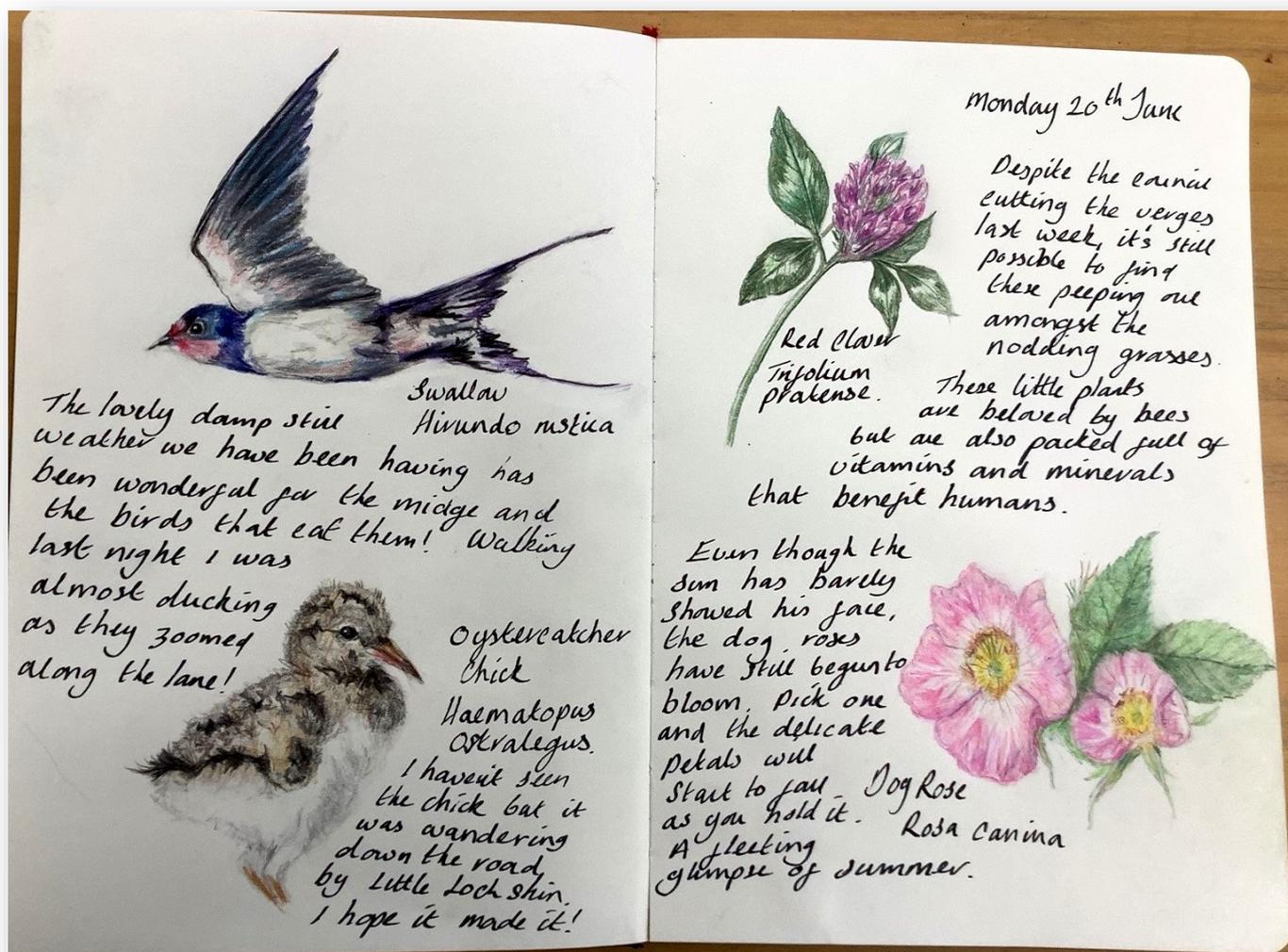
P1/2 were inspired by the beach to create seascape pictures.



This week P5-7 have headed to Fairburn Activity Centre, the children have been really looking forward to their trip!

Thank you to local artist Jan Blackwell for allowing us to print excerpts of her illustrations and notes from her own journal. Here is June's diary entry. If you would like to see more of her work you can follow her on Facebook and Instagram. See:

[www.facebook.com/janblackwellhighlandjournal/](http://www.facebook.com/janblackwellhighlandjournal/) and [www.instagram.com/highland\\_journal\\_art/](http://www.instagram.com/highland_journal_art/)



### LDCI Quiz Answers

- |                |                                       |                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Peru        | 8. Ayrton Senna                       | 15. Sir Barnes Wallis |
| 2. Parker      | 9. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid | 16. Goliath           |
| 3. 64          | 10. Green                             | 17. Dolly Parton      |
| 4. Dunfermline | 11. Anglesey                          | 18. Hamelin           |
| 5. JMW Turner  | 12. Sponge cake                       | 19. Barrels           |
| 6. Sam Ryder   | 13. Throat                            | 20. Wee Willie Winkie |
| 7. Unforgiven  | 14. Vangelis                          |                       |

### How did you do?

1-5/20	5-10/20	10-15/20	15-10/20
Poor	Okay	Good	Excellent



**25th June - 3rd July**



**Classes & Events**



**Make A Personalised Pillow Case**

at Lairg & District Learning Centre  
June 21 | 6PM - 8PM

Learn to sew a pillow cover using recycled material and design your own graphic to put on it with our Cricut Machine



**Foraging & Soup Making Workshop**

at Lairg & District Learning Centre  
June 25 | 10AM - 1PM

Walk through Ferrycroft Woods and forage for the ingredients to make a delicious and seasonal soup.



**Make a Drink Holder from a Wetsuit**

at Lairg & District Learning Centre  
June 28 | 6PM - 8PM

Learn how to take a wetsuit that is no longer usable and make it into bottle/can holders that will keep your favourite beverage cool!



**Clothes Swap Event**

at Lairg Community Centre  
July 1 | 4PM - 9PM

A wide range of second hand clothing will be available for folks to come and look through to add to their wardrobe in a eco-friendly way.



**THE TRUE COST**

**Film Screening**

at Lairg Community Centre  
July 1 | 7PM - 9PM

The True Cost is an unprecedented project that invites us on an eye opening journey around the world and into the lives of the many people and places behind our clothes.

**REGISTER on  
EVENTBRITE**



or call 01549 402050



## Lairg Community Centre News

The rescheduled **Sutherland Village Halls Big Coffee Morning** held in the Community Centre on 11th June proved very popular. The successful event welcomed families from near and far, local residents and cyclists passing through Lairg enjoying a welcome rest. We even had a lovely German Shepherd puppy called Freyja drop by to join in the fun. Refreshments were available, including delicious sweet treats courtesy of The Pier Cafe. Donations for the Air Ambulance were incredibly generous, totalling £150. The people of Lairg and surrounding area were able to get together to enjoy a chat and share their memories of the centre on our Message Tree. Our thanks to all of you who came along and we hope to see you again soon.



Lairg's next monthly Community Market will be held on the 18th July from 1.30pm till 4.00pm. Come along to see an array of wonderful stalls and have a cuppa on us. Donations welcome.

## Lairg Health Walk

Volunteers' Week ran earlier this month from the 1st—7th July - so we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who volunteer for all the different groups within the Lairg Community - including LDCI's Health Walk leader - Caroline Still and Jan Blackwell!



The next Health walk will take place on Tuesday the 28th June. This month we are taking a trip north to Tongue where we will meet up with the walking group there, at the Kyle Centre. We will go for a hike then head to the Weavers Café for some refreshments. The plan is to meet up at 12.30 pm at the Ferrycroft Car Park and we will aim to leave Tongue by 4.30 so should be back in Lairg for 5.30 pm. If you would like to join us please call 07961 372 427 or email [projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk](mailto:projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk). Booking is essential as we need to know numbers for transport.

## Lairg Lunch Club

The Lairg Lunch Club ran for many years, and unfortunately, like most social activities during the pandemic - had to shut down. LDCI is pleased to support the Lunch Club to start back up again after the summer holidays in the same format as before with members paying a small fee for each term and a contribution towards the cost of the meal (price to be confirmed). Doreen Mackay will manage the kitchen volunteers, and the Club will meet for lunch in the Community Centre every Thursday during term time, with the meals being supplied by the Lairg Primary school canteen. Transport will be provided to those who require it. New members welcome! To join the Club please call: 07961 372 427



"Lairg is maybe some distance from the sea but it is still a rare place to build a nest!"  
Photo by Alex Dickson

10th June 1903. The floral clock in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh began operation.

A Floral Clock was first created in 1903 by the Edinburgh Parks Superintendent, John McHattie, and is believed to be the oldest floral clock in the world.

Until 1972 the clock was operated mechanically, and had to be wound daily. It takes two gardeners more than a month to plant the flowers and plants used to create the clock, which usually stay in bloom until October.

Some 35,000 plants are used in the design (compared to 13,000 in the 1930s; 25,000 in the 1950s). The clock began to celebrate a different anniversary or event each year from 1946 onwards. The Edinburgh Floral Clock is 36 feet in circumference. The clock's large hand weighs 80lbs or 36.3 kilos. The first floral clock was the idea of John McHattie, Superintendent of Parks in Edinburgh, Scotland. It was first planted up in the spring of 1903 in West Princes Street Gardens. In that year it had only an hour hand but a minute hand was added the following year.



100 years celebration picture

In Edinburgh, the clock mechanism is set inside the plinth of the statue to Allan Ramsay. The first mechanism used salvaged parts from Elie Parish Church in Fife by James Ritchie & Son. A new mechanism was installed in 1934 and has been electrically operated since 1973. It is still maintained by James Ritchie Clockmakers. A cuckoo which pops out every quarter hour was added in 1952.

A floral clock at Palmeira Square, Hove, City of Brighton and Hove, England, was planted in 1952 for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.



Hove Floral Clock

In last year's June 2021 issue of the Lairg Magazine, an Art Review by Ann Moore focused on Salvador Dali's painting "Christ of St John of the Cross". Dr Tom Honeyman, director of Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery, spent the city's entire annual purchasing budget of £8,200. It is now estimated to be worth £60 million!

The picture is being loaned to Bishop Auckland in Durham, from Saturday 9 July to 4 December 2022.



## Planet Sutherland Events

When	Where	What
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> June, 10am-1pm	Bonar Bridge School	Garden Work Day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm	Invershin Hall	Kyle of Sutherland Growing Group
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm	Ardgay Hall	Carbon Cafe
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2:30-4pm	Drovers Square, Ardgay	KoSDT - Polytunnel Open Afternoon
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun, 7pm	Lairg Community Hall	Film Night - Living The Change
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul, 10-2pm	South Bonar Bridge Industrial Estate	ILM - Electrical Items Recycling Collection
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul, 9am-11am	Rogart	Foraging Workshop
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul, 2-4pm	Durness Community Hall	Carbon Cafe
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul, 2pm-4pm	Gledfield School, Ardgay	Polytunnel Open Session



For more info on the above events, please see [PlanetSutherland.com/HCF](http://PlanetSutherland.com/HCF)

For all Highland Climate Festival Events, go to [www.nhclimatehub.co.uk/highlandclimatefestival](http://www.nhclimatehub.co.uk/highlandclimatefestival)

## 25th June - 3rd July

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