

Lairg Magazine



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Thank you!

In this final magazine of 2022, Lairg & District Community Initiatives (LDCI) would like to thank all of the people and organisations who have contributed to the Lairg Magazine throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you!

LDCI will be closing for the festive break from Wednesday 21st December until Monday 9th January 2023. Any emails sent to projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk will be responded to after that date.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when the time comes... We look forward to keeping you updated with more news from the community in 2023!

Lairg &
District
Community
Initiatives

Please Donate Non - perishable food items to the Christmas Drop Box



Lairg Larder 'Christmas Drop Box' Welcomes your donations

LDCI volunteers will provide an emergency food parcel service over the Christmas holidays if there are people in the community who are struggling to purchase basic supplies.

LDCI are welcoming donations of non-perishable food items such as cereals, pasta, rice, cans, biscuits, tea, coffee etc.

If you are able to donate any items - a Christmas Drop Box has been set up in the Lairg Library and outside the Lairg & District Learning Centre. LDCI will then distribute your donations as required.

The LDCI office will be closed over the Christmas break from Wednesday 21st December and will reopen on Monday the 9th January.

If you require a food parcel during this time please call Kaye on 07500 453 301.

Cost of Living Crisis

With the cold weather that we are currently experiencing and the soaring price of energy bills - many people are worrying about not being able to pay their fuel bills. LDCI has a Helping Hand Fund that supports people living in Lairg Community Council area who are in receipt of certain benefits and who don't have savings of more than £2500. Further information can be found on our website at: <http://www.lairginitiative.co.uk/helping-hand-fund.html>

Please email projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk or call 07961 372427 to find out if you could qualify for support. Please note that the funds are limited and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. Due to the holidays it will not be possible to process any new grant applications until after the 9th January.

Recipe for Under £5

Potato & Spinach Bake

Ingredients:

250g spinach £1.00
200g creme fraiche £1.20
2 tbsp seeded mustard
garlic (1x clove), crushed
800g potatoes (thinly sliced) £1.15
Total Cost - £3.35



Method:

Lightly steam the spinach, then drain and finely chop. Mix a tub of creme fraiche with 2 tbsps of seeded mustard and a crushed clove of garlic. Peel and thinly slice the potatoes and put a third of the potato over the base of an oven proof dish. Sprinkle with half the spinach and pour over some of the creme fraiche mixture. Add another layer of each, finishing with a layer of potato and creme fraiche mixture.

Cover with foil and bake at 180°C for one hour. Remove the foil and put it back in the oven for a further 30 minutes or until tender and lightly brown.



Photo by Jan Blackwell

1. The liqueur Grenadine comes from which fruit?
2. In which American state did the first execution by gas chamber take place?
3. The flag of Christmas Island is split diagonally with which two colours?
4. Who was the British Actor married to Sheila Hancock and star of The Sweeney and Inspector Morse?
5. Which English singer was known as 'The Forces Sweetheart'?
6. What are the names of Santa's reindeer that begin with the letter D?
7. What is the capital city of Peru?
8. Complete the title of this Lewis Carroll poem: The Hunting Of The?
9. If FRWL is the bond movie From Russia with Love what Christmas Carol is GKW?
10. In Monopoly, what colour are Bond St, Oxford St and Regent St?
11. Who wrote 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles'?
12. From which country did William and Mary of Orange hail?
13. Which of these peerages is the most senior - Marquess, Viscount, Earl?
14. If you were born on Christmas day, what astrological star sign would you be?
15. If you are ergasiophobic, what every day situation would you be afraid of?
16. What word is used in the Beaufort scale forces of 2 – 6 (4-31mph) inclusively?
17. What is the sum of the internal angles of a triangle?
18. In which country is the Suez Canal?
19. In which sport would you find end zones, quarterbacks and field goals?
20. Christmas day falls on a Sunday this year, which year will this be repeated?

Lairg Health Walks

The Lairg Health Walks will start back towards the end of January. If you want to keep active, or perhaps meet some new people ... or if you like being out and about in nature - why not join us next time?

Please keep your eye out for the date in the next magazine.





At Lairg Nursery we have been busy creating decorations for our Christmas trees and enjoying lots of crafts.

We decorated our classroom for Christmas and have enjoyed reading lots of Christmas stories and counting down using our advent calendar.



We have been very excited to play in the snow. Making snow angels and building little snowmen.

Sanaa from the Library joined us with Bookbug to create salt dough decorations and sing songs. We visited the Lunch Club to sing some Christmas songs to them too.





Thank you so much to everyone who came to support Winterfest on Saturday the 3rd December 2022. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves!

An especially big thank you to the army of volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make the day happen (by setting the hall and the reindeer fence up, selling raffle tickets, directing traffic, marshalling the reindeer and tidying up at the end). Let's not forget Santa & Mrs Claus along with the elves in the grotto, who took time out of their busy schedule at the North Pole to come to Lairg!

Thank you to: Lairg Community Centre, Lairg Crofters Show, Lairg & District Learning Centre, Lairg Primary School and the Parent Council, the Cairngorm Reindeer Herd, Mousetail Puppets, Strathfleet Buttons & Bows, Stirling Amusements and of course to all the crafters who made it such a wonderful Christmas market.

Thank you also to the businesses and organisations who donated to the event and to the raffle - we couldn't do it without your support.

We hope to see you all again at Winterfest in 2023!



Nollaig Chrìdheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ùr
bho Ionad Ionnsachaidh Sgìre an Luirg!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from Lairg & District Learning Centre!



Lairg & District Learning Centre will be closed from Thursday 22nd December 2022 until Monday 9th January 2023.

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the Learning Centre in the New Year for new classes and learning opportunities.

This includes some free health & wellbeing workshops thanks to funding from the Anne Duchess of Westminster's Fund and Bank of Scotland's Reach Fund, which we've been granted in the last month.

The following drop in sessions will return on Tuesday 10th January 2022:-

- IT Drop In 9.30am – 11am
- Maker Space 11.30am – 1.30pm and 6pm – 8pm

All other activities will begin the following week and details on classes will be published in the LDLC newsletter, on Eventbrite and via our social media pages.

Contact us on admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk or 01549 402050 for more details.

The Glasgow Subway opened 14 December, 1896.

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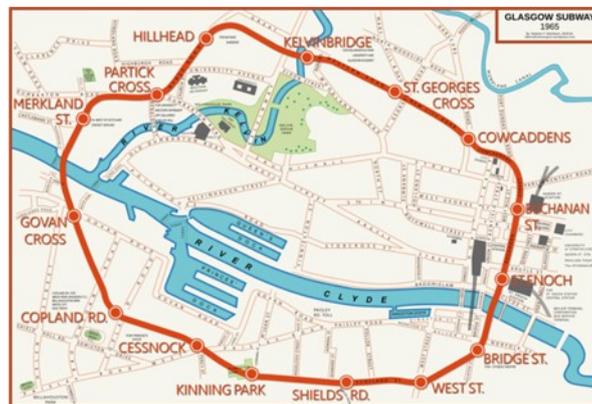
“THE GLASGOW SUBWAY”
Glasgow Underground



West Street Station 1964

The "Glasgow Subway" is an underground railway and the fourth oldest underground rail transit system in Europe. The others are the London Underground, Liverpool Underground and the Budapest Metro. All four are below rivers: London [Thames] Liverpool [Mersey] Budapest [Danube] Glasgow [Clyde].

Glasgow is also one of the very few railways in the world with a track running gauge of 4 ft.



Subway Map

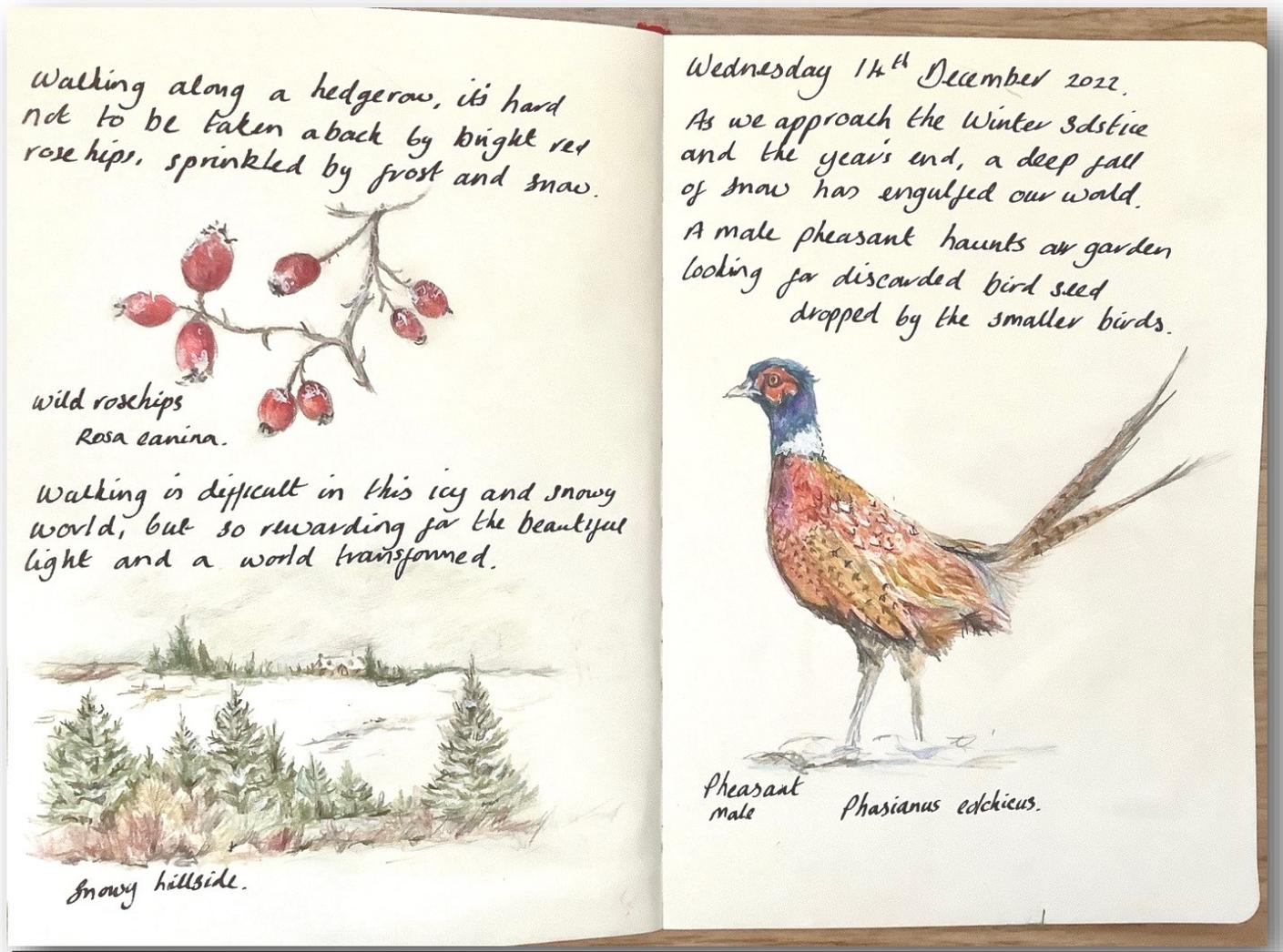
A cable railway [the subway was later electrified in 1935], but the double-track circular line was never expanded. The line was originally known as the Glasgow District Subway was later renamed The Glasgow Subway Railway. In 1936 it was renamed the Glasgow Underground.

Despite this rebranding, many Glaswegians continued to refer to the network as "the Subway". In 2003, the name "Subway" was readopted by its operator, the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

The security has been provided by The British Transport since 2007.

Thank you to local artist Jan Blackwell for allowing us to print excerpts of her illustrations and notes from her own nature journal. Here is December'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/ and www.instagram.com/highland_journal_art/



LDCI Quiz Answers

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| 1. Pomegranate | 8. Snark | 15. Work |
| 2. Nevada | 9. Good King Wenceslas | 16. Breeze |
| 3. Blue and Green | 10. Green | 17. 180 degrees |
| 4. John Thaw | 11. Agatha Christie | 18. Egypt |
| 5. Dame Vera Lynn | 12. Netherlands | 19. American Football |
| 6. Dasher, Dancer and Donner | 13. Marquess | 20. 2033 |
| 7. Lima | 14. Capricorn | |

How did you do?

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

Lairg Community Centre

Lairg Community Centre will host the final Community Market on Monday 19th December from 1.30pm till 4.00pm.

Come along and see what is scheduled to be a packed hall full of stalls for all those last minute Christmas gifts or even just a little treat.....after all 'tis the season!

Just in case you need a little more motivation, here's the list of all the stalls you can expect to see. We also have our refreshments team on hand with their tea/coffee and biscuits with all donations going to Ukraine Support. Please give what you can, anything helps.

Highland Hedgehogs - cards and crafts

Jumping Goats Dairy

Rose Cottage Croft - handmade soaps and other goodies

Corinnes Tropic - Luxury Skin Care

Fabric Fairy - Haberdashery

Highland Home Cook

Painted Slates for Parkinsons

Highlander Pies

J A Creed - Local photographic art

Clyth Charcuterie

Lighthouse Crafts

Braw View Croft

LDLC - Browse the learning opportunities

Ukraine Support Stall

Spellbound Caithness - Potions and Magical items!

Jean, Jam Lady extraordinaire

Auld Scotia Cottage crafts - Handmade jewellery

Made at the Manse - Crafts and preserves

Geoff and John, Wood turners



Highland Heroes 2023 is still open for nominations. Take your chance to show appreciation to all the unsung heroes of the Highlands. Entries need to be in by 6th January, please feel free to get in touch using the info at the bottom of this article.

Over the festive holidays our fabulous volunteers and staff will be taking a well-deserved break from all their hard work and dedication. Lairg Community Centre will be closed 23rd December with our reopen day Monday 9th January.

Lairg Community Centre staff and volunteers would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back very soon.

If you would like to get in touch for more information or would like to talk about holding a stall at one of our markets please get in touch with Ros our administrator at lairgcommunitycentre@gmail.com or call 01549 492 843



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Thank you for reading issue 55 of the Lairg Magazine! If you would like to submit something to the magazine, please send it to: projectofficer@lairginitiative.co.uk.

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