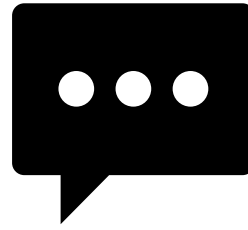
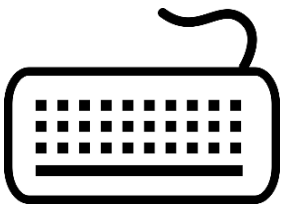


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*OIR Largs April 2026*

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Hi Everyone

Anyone remember which day of the week it is? Not only have the clocks changed but there have been public holidays popping up all over the place. How's a person supposed to keep up. With that in mind, get your diaries out and fill them up with OIR outings and gallery visits. Don't forget to put in the monthly meeting on 6 May when our speaker Vari Edwards presents '**Clyde Whale and Dolphin Watch**'

Enjoy.

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have 769 Members currently, 25 more than last year at this time.

Over the past five years the final total has been between 753 and 774, which may be of interest to some!

Allen Fenton

Membership Secretary

## FREE TO GOOD HOME

Small HP Desk Jet Printer – 2800e All in One series

Good working order plus a few toner cartridges

It's currently in the office so do visit and have a look. If you like it, take it away.



## MONTHLY MEETING

This month Jim Carmichael, author and lecturer, gave a fascinating talk on the history of money. We might have thought that we knew everything there was to know but we were certainly taught a thing or two.

Jim covered everything from counterfeit cocoa beans to Krypto currency. Did you know for example that the term "stocks" originates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century when sticks were used to record debts. Both parties to a transaction would take a hazelwood twig, notch it to indicate the amount owed, and then split it in half. The creditor would keep one half, called the "stock".

The audience were keen to know what Jim thought about the future of money. As expected, he predicts cashless societies and possibly greater use of implants.

I think it would be nice just to have a bank in town.



## APRIL'S OUTING



### Garrion Bridges Garden & Antiques Centre

This garden and antiques centre offers a unique and exciting shopping experience in the heart of the Clyde Valley. The centre not only sells antique furniture, painting and collectables but has a range of other outlets covering fashion, jewellery, fashion and home/garden items.

Afternoon Tea in the Café Du Jardin can be booked in advance on 01698 372288 (option 3)  
Cost £19-£48

**Wednesday 29 April 2026**  
**Leaving Bath St, Largs 10.00am**  
**Depart Garrion Bridges Centre at 4.30pm**  
**Journey time approximately 1 hour 20 minutes**

**£20.50 per person**

**Outings' Organiser Kay Sneddon 07544 941087**

## GROUP NEWS



### Art and Chat

The OIR Art and Chat group are holding their second annual exhibition in Studio 44 Gallery. Do drop in and see, and possibly buy, the wonderful work being created by this group.



### Archaeology

The Archaeology group has stopped for the year but the members have been so enthused by the course, taken by Iain Mills, that they have decided to continue next year with "Archaeology Discussion".

This group will not have a tutor but will be led by the group members. If you are interested in joining please add your name to the list in the office at 133 Main St, open 10am till noon on weekdays.

*Contact details for all Group Leaders are on the Activities Timetable which can be found on the OIR Website or in the OIR office.*

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