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CRAIL MATTERS

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Crail, The Jewel of the East Neuk

Crail and Kingsbarns Branch RNLI

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our fundraising last year it is always very much appreciated.

Our Committee is now far less than previously therefore anyone interested in helping out at events would be very helpful.

Coffee mornings Saturday 16th June and Saturday 22nd September.

We also have a stall selling Lifeboat souvenirs at the **Harbour Sunday** afternoons June-July and August which always raises a substantial amount to our fundraising. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon and a lovely venue.

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare and interested in helping out please contact
Jenny Henderson 01333 451 152 or
Lesley Handley 01333 450 508

Crail Festival 2018: Under Fire

Under Fire is very much a local band if you include Tayside. Influenced by the Rolling Stones, Queen, Blondie, Janis Joplin, Elvis, Dusty Springfield, The Kinks and many more, they play 100% Live Music covering Rock and Pop from the 60s to contemporary. Just ask the patrons in the Legends Bar, Anstruther about the quality of this fantastic band. Under Fire will be our closing headline act on 28 July at 8pm in the Community Hall. BYOB. Dancing! Flares encouraged!

Many thanks for your ongoing support.



Priory Singers

Musical Director: Walter Blair

Catherine Hooper Soprano
Steven McIntyre Organ

SUMMER CONCERT

Programme includes music by Handel, Britten, Elgar, Sullivan and arrangements of American Spirituals

Saturday 19 May 2018
Crail Church
Marketgate

Concert starts at 7:30.
Tickets £8, available at the door. Children under 16 free.
www.priorysingers.co.uk

East Neuk Book Group

Meets in the Cocoa Tree, Pittenweem

Come along and join us

All welcome

We will be discussing the following books on the first Thursday of every month. Discussion starts at 6.00pm but pop in from 5.30pm and have a chat with us over coffee or hot chocolate

Thursday 7 June
Daniel James Brown
The Boys in the Boat

Thursday 5 July
Martin Booth
The Industry of souls

Thursday 2 August
(venue to be confirmed)
Gail Honeyman
Eleanor Oliphant is Absolutely Fine

If you would like any further information or would like to join our mailing list, please contact Coral
coralnapier@yahoo.co.uk

CRAIL CHARRETTE WORKSHOP



Crail Community Partnership held their Charrette on Saturday 12th May. There was a great turnout with over 100 people of all ages participating in deciding Crail's future. There was much discussion and opinions given, questions asked and thoughtful planning taking place throughout the hall.



This charette run by Crail Community Partnership, 7N Architects and Nick Wright (Community Planning) is the first step of helping shape the future for Crail and incorporating everyone's views on what rail should be like over the next 20-30 years.



With people feeling the coast and countryside and a friendly community is the best thing about Crail we wanted to make it even better. Our survey highlighted facilities and service, care and maintenance and opportunities for young people as key areas for development, therefore in our workshop we wanted to know how we do this.

We look forward to seeing the results that come out of this workshop and an official report will be published in due course which the whole village can access.



In the meantime, if you have

any questions please contact Heather on crailcommunitypartnership@gmail.com

Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council Notes

Planning

Balcomie Links Hotel.

The applicant has now appealed to the Scottish Government against this decision and in line with the above regulations a copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Scottish Government. It will be taken into account in deciding this appeal unless you notify the Scottish Government by 21 May that you wish it to be disregarded.

Any further observations you may wish to make in connection with this appeal should be sent to the Scottish Ministers by Monday, 21 May.

All correspondence in this regard should be clearly marked with the reference PPA-250-2304 and addressed to: Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals (DPEA), Unit, 4 The Courtyard, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk FK1 1XR.

Listed building consent for external alterations at 25 Castle Street, Crail

Charette

The Community Council were very pleased to support the charette held on Saturday. The resounding vote of support for the process was very encouraging. We understand a fuller account will be made available for next week,



Denburn Dispatches

So Saturday 5th May had Denburn diggers out in strength – perhaps because it was a really warm and dry day and despite it being a Bank Holiday weekend. We did some much needed weeding – the warm weather certainly has caused a spurt of growth in both wanted and unwanted plants. Among the latter a huge number of sycamore seedlings have germinated, which if we don't clear them will soon turn Denburn wood into an impenetrable forest! Some obviously escaped last year and were less easy to pull out or had to be cut back to ground level near paths and flower beds although we didn't tackle the deeper wooded areas – perhaps next month! The snowberry threatening to overwhelm the bridge by the well was brought back under control, cow parsley encroaching on the paths was trimmed back and the other beds were all weeded too.

We all admired the weeping cherry that has come into its own this year and other cherry blossom looks bonny now as do the bluebells now out in force as the daffodils go over. Wood anemones are still in abundance and the cow parsley will soon come out while the yellow marsh marigolds adorn the banks of the burn. The trees have been slow to come into leaf this year but a haze of green is now overhead and the birds are busily nest building – it must be Spring.

We'll be back on 2nd June at 10am – if you would like to come and lend a hand we can always use some new volunteers and you'll find us a friendly bunch



The Reverend Samantha Ferguson

I will pour out my Spirit on all People.....Acts 2: 7

Dear Friends

Easter has now passed and we are in the time of Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays. Jesus has completed fully what He came to do. Now it is time for Him to move on and go back to be with His Father. But Jesus does not leave us on our own, struggling with the everyday difficulties of living out our faith in a challenging Post-Christian world. Jesus sends us a helper, comforter and guide. The Holy Spirit comes to those first frightened and bewildered disciples in fire, in noise, in light and in languages. The Holy Spirit comes to bind, heal and lead us on.

This is a special time for the Church. For it is the Birth-day of our Church. A time when we celebrate and enjoy all that we are. Jesus' time on earth was done and His Ascension to be with God was always the plan. We celebrate together every Sunday what He achieved for us on His Cross and through His Resurrection. And so we continue to do so now as we begin the glorious season in our Church's liturgical calendar of Green.

The season of 'Propers' of our church, stretches out before us throughout the long Summer and Autumn months until the violet display of preparation begins once more with Advent. The many Sundays of Green ahead remind me of the wonderful green that is beginning to blossom in our world at the moment. As we look around us in this beautiful part of rural Scotland and see the lush green landscape punctuated with fields of bright yellow, let us also remember that while Summer may be a time of rest, for some it is a time when we grow and fulfil our God-Given purpose here on earth.

Please note if you want to be in a beautiful cool building over the (hopefully) warm summer days, St John's Church is open every Sunday for people to come and be still. We continue to meet at 11.30am over the summer for a simple service of prayer and praise, communion and fellowship. Come and Rest in the Lord.



Senior Carers Respite Fife

Senior Carers Respite Fife are pleased to introduce our great new service - Senior Carers Respite Fife. This is for carers 60 plus. We come to you and lend a helping hand. At a time that's convenient to you. This is a FREE service. For more information email Moira or Adele at respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk or call on 01592 203993

Crail Preservation Society Talk

Saturday 5th May saw Crail Town Hall filled to capacity as it welcomed Eric Morris, past Captain of Crail Golfing Society, give an illustrated talk on the history of golf in Crail. In depth research of known and previously unknown sources provided the basis of an educative presentation of golf in the Royal Burgh from its Dutch origins through to World War Two. Using archive material laced with a humorous touch, Eric was able to throw light on corners of the history of golf in Crail which had previously remained hidden. An added bonus for the appreciative audience was the opportunity to sample Dickson's Own, the very punch devised by John Dickson, a decorated veteran of the 1815 Battle of Waterloo who went on to be mein host at the Golf Hotel which had seen the inception of Crail Golfing Society in 1786. A refurbished lounge dedicated to his memory is now in place in the Hotel.

Crail Golfing Society had been unable to provide a date for Eric in its social programme for his talk but the evidence on the night suggested that what was CGS's loss was certainly the Preservation Society's gain! Almost as an afterthought this author is delighted to report that the evening raised £625 to advance the CPS's various projects in the maintenance of Crail's heritage. The noted golf writer Roger McStravick had donated two of his books which were auctioned and accrued £175 to considerably benefit the night's total.

More Photos of the Beach Clean



Some of the willing volunteers on a lovely sunny morning retrieving some of the washed up timber, piles of creels, old rope and other detritus all gathered into bundles for collection by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust. The last of the large bundles were collected for disposal last Saturday. What a splendid effort, we are sure that Crail residents and visitors greatly appreciate the sterling efforts now that Crail is appearing so clean and tidy!

Bus Timetable changes Stagecoach Fife

Changes to bus timetables, effective 14 May can be seen here:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/service-updates/serviceupdatesarticle?SituationId=ID-26/04/2018-13:48:49:041>

There are minor changes, none of which directly affect the Crail service.

A request for help

My name is Kate and I will be a Postgraduate mature student commencing study at St Andrews in September for one year. I am seeking a place to park a camper van for the duration of my course. I am hoping to find a farmer or anyone who has an available space on their land who might allow me to park off the road for a monthly stipend. I wouldn't need access to electricity as I intend charging from the electric car points available at the university but may need access to a stand pipe for water. I do not litter and respect the environment however I may need to dispose of grey water. I am quiet and not given to partying and I can provide references. Please contact me and let me know if you have an off-road parking space available and how much you would charge per month. Kate 07735004655 kate_stewart@tutanota.com

ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CLIPS

Fife Adult Support and Protection Committee has worked with Fife Deaf Communication Service to create a series of short BSL clips introducing each Adult Support and Protection Committee easy read resource, to promote the information to Fife citizens who use British Sign Language, and get their feedback - **Deaf Awareness Week 14-20 May.**

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street

Opening times: Monday	1400-1600
Tuesday	1430-1630
Wednesday	1400-1600

If you want to continue to receive Crail Matters (and we hope you do) on May 25th this year one of the biggest changes in Data Protection Law will come into effect through the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). You currently receive email communications from Crail Matters. However, in May new legislation comes into place which means you need to re-register to carry on hearing from us. Emails have been sent out - if you have any difficulty please contact us.

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



There were still a lot of wheatears around on Monday the 7th: I saw several on spring sown wheat fields around Crail, although there were only a handful left on the rocky shore at Balcomie. The whimbrels were still about in smaller numbers too including one with some wheatears in a field up at the Stockwell's farm. I was out most of the day looking for corn buntings so was looking at a lot of fields. I discovered that they take a bit of a singing holiday between 9 – 11 in the morning, and a repeat visit in the afternoon to the same fields I checked earlier in the day turned up quite a few more. The easiest place to see corn buntings around Crail is on the track past the rape field out from Balcomie Caravan Park to Wormiston. There is usually a singing bird right by the track on top of one of the taller rape plants. I think there are at least 3 corn bunting pairs around this field. Another easy one is half way along the second field on your left as you head out of Crail on the road to Fife Ness. There is a single bush about two meters high just by the road and the corn bunting is usually – and very conspicuously – on top of this.



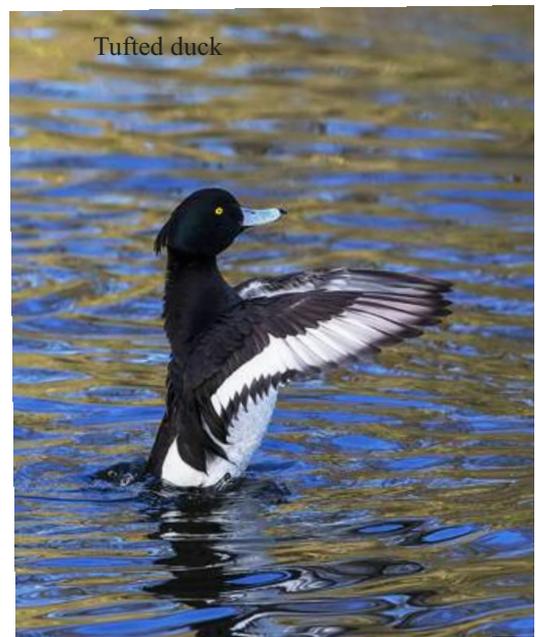
Corn Bunting



Common Scoters

I had a sea watch from Fife Ness mid-afternoon on the 7th. The wind was southerly over that weekend so brought seabirds in fairly close. The usual early summer crowd of kittiwakes, gannets and auks were passing by. Two little gulls also came past heading north – they are much scarcer in the spring than in the late summer. A pair of common scoters came past heading south. The male, I noticed, had a white belly. I expect

them to be all black. First year birds, however, have a white belly, and this male almost looked like a tufted duck as it came past. Which reminds me. The pair of tufted ducks is back on the pond at Wormiston House, and they look like they will breed there again.



Tufted duck

The swifts came back in on the 8th. I came home that evening and heard a



Swift

scream, I looked up and there were seven over the high street. Back for the summer. Their arrival is always pretty much all or nothing. No steady trickle of the first pioneers and then gradual accumulation like the swallows. They just appear. Usually in the evening, usually all together, and acting as if they have never been away. I would like to think that our swifts were in Spain or the south of France the day before Crail, and Morocco the day before that. Four months of Africa back with us again.

'Crail in Bloom'

Many thanks to all those who supported 'Crail in Bloom' by buying plants at our annual Plant Sale which we had on the triangle next to Greens Fruit Shop. After much discussion, it has been decided **NOT** to hold a Plant Sale this year, 2018.

CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE

'Step by Step' has four social groups across Fife for people who have lost loved ones. The groups help people feeling isolated or lonely to meet new people and connect with community activities. Contact Jacqueline MacGregor on 07432 635 406 or email: stepbystep@crusescotland.org.uk

Cruse also run a helpline for bereavement support on 0845 600 2277.

Notes from Crail Primary School

World Book Day Celebrations And Opening Of Our Library

On 19.04.18 our school took part in our rescheduled World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many of our children dressed up as their favourite character. Thank you to all of our families for their hard work and effort in making so many characters come alive. Thank you to our wonderful staff for entering into the spirit of Word Book Day too. We launched World Book Day by having the Opening Ceremony for our library. The library was opened by our P7 Literacy Leaders and it was revealed that the winning name for our library is The Library of Stars. Well done to one of our P7 pupils for being so creative! We would like to thank our Fundraising Group and our families for raising £5000 to enable us to purchase new books and furbish our library. I'm sure you will agree that it looks great! We would also like to thank all of the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help sort the books into categories and alphabetical order.

Lots of children brought in books from home to swap with their class mates and all of our children participated in reading activities including being read to by another teacher and taking part in a treasure hunt.

Our Fundraising Group held a successful Coffee Morning and raised £145. Thank you to all of our families who attended and supported this event. We really appreciate your continuous support. The money raised will help us to purchase some more laptops for our children.

A Huge Thank You To The Co-Op

We were delighted to receive a cheque from Ramsey and Colin from The Co-op for £500. Our children were so excited when they heard this wonderful news and this will help us to purchase some more laptops for our children to develop their digital learning skills. On behalf of everyone at Crail PS we would like to thank The Co-op for their generosity and continuous support.

Save The Date

Our Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 23rd June, 2-4pm, at Beechwalk Park (The Community Hall if inclement weather). There will be various stalls for all ages and a fun afternoon is guaranteed. We hope you can enjoy us for this event.

Nursery News

Our Nursery children have had a busy month. Here are some of the things that have happened and what we still have to look forward to.

Tomato Plants

One of our children brought in some tomato plants. We are measuring the height of the plants as they grow, recording the information on a bar graph so we can compare the height. When they are more established we will plant them in the garden.

Tadpoles

One of our children brought in tadpoles and we have put them into a fish tank for everyone to observe the changes as they develop. The children are very interested in the tadpoles adding some stones and grass for them to feed on. We have a variety of books showing the life cycle of a tadpole for the children to look at.

Festival of Museums

Catch of the Day Fish & Food Fair

Sat. 19th May

10:30am-4pm

Free, suitable for all ages

Join us for a family fair for foodies!

Between 10:30am and 3pm, local fisherman will be on hand to sell their freshly landed catch and speak

to visitors about their work and produce. They will also be giving a talk about their work at 3pm. For youngsters, there will be arts and crafts on in the morning (10:30am-12pm) and afternoon (1pm-2:30pm), giving them the chance to make and decorate their own salt dough fish as well as create an enormous fish banner in the museum.

Museums at Night: Cooking Demo with Christopher Trotter

Sat. 19th May

7:30pm-9:30pm

Adults only, £10pp

After Hours Foodie Fun

We're delighted to be welcoming Fife's Food Ambassador, Christopher Trotter to the museum during Museums at Night! Christopher will be giving a live cooking demonstration highlighting Fife's fishy produce after hours and letting us in on some of his culinary tricks and tips. The demonstration will be accompanied by complimentary wine and drinks for all guests. Christopher Trotter has many years of experience in the hospitality industry, running hotels and restaurants. He has run a Michelin starred kitchen as well as doing restaurant review work. Christopher is passionate about seasonal locally sourced food and has a record of promoting the fantastic food and hospitality that Fife has to offer.



Scottish Fisheries Museum
Boats, fish and folk...

Contact us to book tickets or use Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-scottish-fisheries-museum-14477550384>)

CRAIL FOOD FESTIVAL

9th/10th June 2018



Residents of Crail



This year's Festival will use Crail Harbour on both days to celebrate **fish & seafood** and will be subject to entry by wrist band.

Crail residents can get a yellow access wrist band (harbour only) free, but we hope that you will make a generous donation to the RNLI

These bands will be available from Greens from 7th - 14th May and from Crail Pharmacy until 2nd June 2018



The Festival Committee, as has been said before, faced a major re-organisation of our Festival for 2018. This is primarily due to the bad weather over the last two years where visitor numbers have dropped and we have made financial losses. This year we will provide a more compact Festival with more covered areas, featuring Crail Community Hall, Beechwalk Park, with marquees and gazebos, and Crail Harbour with its Seafood and Fish themes. The decision to use the Harbour both Saturday and Sunday should help increase visitor numbers and take away the ambiguity that arose when only Sunday was used by the Harbour. Our Harbour budget is well in excess of £12,000, so we had to take the decision to charge for entry to the Harbour. The Festival daily charge covers entry to all three venues and includes free parking and shuttle bus. As we have said before, we are offering a free Resident's yellow wristband to bona Fife Crail residents, allowing entry to the Harbour ONLY. A donation to our local RNLI will be greatly appreciated. These wristbands will be available from either Greens from Monday, 7th May until Monday, 14th May or Crail Pharmacy until 2nd June. The Festival is, of course, about much more than just our Harbour. We hope that many residents will join in and buy the full ticket so that you can enjoy the delights of the tastings, produce, Street food, demonstrations and events in the Community Hall and Beechwalk Park, as well as the harbour. Having won awards in the Scottish Rural and Scottish Tourist competitions, we are striving to maintain this trend.

The Seagull

Crail



As you all know, traffic doesn't trouble me, I can swoop over any hold ups but have a look at this! The road at Denburn Dip has been narrowed to slow the traffic down, sometimes it works, often it doesn't – do you think that some drivers don't look beyond the front of their bonnets? Anyway, what a trouble this will cause if drivers obey the temporary sign.....



The gossiping sparrow (whose cover may have now been blown) was about early in Crail last week and told me something quite disturbing – a gentleman, returning from collecting his morning paper, was walking along High Street with a litter picker collecting rubbish as he went and putting it into the litter bins. The sparrow thought this was very public spirited and should be commended. It's all right for sparrows, some folks think they are cute and put out food in little nets for them whereas some seagulls (not all) think it's fine to pull the chip boxes out of the bins, open them and scatter the leftovers around. I'm beginning to agree with the sparrow, it's time Crail had compactor bins like Anstruther.

Have you seen the new signs coming into Crail from St Andrews? They have been put there by the operators of Crail Raceway to remind their customers to respect the speed limits, I hope the others who sped though take note. Well done, I say!

Do you know any young carers?

We are the respite care officers for Disabilities Fife. Carers that are actively looking for families to help. Do you know of any families that would benefit from our free service? If so the service is for young carers between 8 and 24 years. We can provide support for 2 hours per week. We are PVG registered friendly and helpful.

Please feel free to contact us anytime by:
Phone - 01592 203993
Email - respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk
Website - YoungCarersRespite.com

Crail Parish Church of Scotland Intimations

Christian Aid Week (13-19th May)

“Together we're stronger than the storms” It's here! Christian Aid Week starts today!

The Christian Aid Quiz sheet is still available for a suggested donation of **£1.00** at the door. The theme this year is “Characters from Films and Literature”. This will also be available at Chatbite. Completed entries should be returned to Diana Brown by **Sunday 27th May**.

Please place your Christian Aid envelopes in the buckets at the door. If you did not get one last week there are spares. Please return by the end of the month. This is our way of showing solidarity with our neighbours who have suffered natural disasters, homelessness and tragedy this year. Also available at the door are copies of an 11 day devotional booklet for Christian Aid Week. Feel free to take one.

Karail: Items for the next issue are now due, if you would like anything included please email or give her it at Chatbite by **14th May**.

The Bowling Green Coffee Morning will take place on **Saturday 19th May** from **10am** in the Bowling Green with the usual stalls. All welcome

The children in Jam would like to thank everyone who baked, helped set up and clear away and supported their Teas and Coffees last Sunday. They raised **£137.86** which they would like to donate to **CHAS**. Thank you.

Intimations to be in by Thursday noon to Lisa 450035,
Helen Armitage or email to
(intimations@crailchurch.co.uk)
Interim Moderator: Rev Brian Oxburgh
Locum Minister: Rev Peter Neilson
(tel: 01333 310 477)

Public Meeting

NHS Out of Hours Services

14 May St Andrews Town Hall 7.30pm
Hosted by Willie Rennie, MSP



ail Community Choir

Crail Community
Choir
meets tonight (Monday
14 May)
in the Town Hall at
7.30 pm

Contact your Fife Councillor?

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