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Crail, The Jewel of the East Neuk

Crail Folk Club

Thursday, 10th May 8pm Crail Town Hall, £10 BYOB. Our guests are the Poozies Full details and advance ticket information www.crailfolkclub.org.uk It is something of a coup for Crail Folk Club to welcome the legends that are the Poozies. It is sure to be a sell out so don't leave buying tickets too late.

The Poozies first burst onto the folk scene in 1991, when folk music wore elaborately patterned woolly jumpers and was only seen in dingy back rooms and very late at night on BBC2 – yet from the word go they were breaking out and happily exploring the musical universe.

The folk scene was then, as now, very male-dominated and so it was a conscious decision back then to be an 'all-female' band. The name came from a den of iniquity frequented by Robert Burns, called Poozie Nancy's, and there is some debate amongst the four founder members as to whether the now-obvious meaning of 'Poozie' was realised back then... but the feeling now is that it's pretty rock and roll!!

As with all bands that have been on the road for so long there have been various line-up changes, and although it's probably fair to say a male may feel it's slightly strange to be in a band with this name, there has also always been a natural choice of who will join the band and these people have also just so happened to be female. Throughout the years The Poozies have toured worldwide, and attracted recognition and appreciation for their eclectic choice of material, unusual and exciting arrangements, and heart-tugging vocal harmonies.

The current line-up is Mary Macmaster, Eilidh Shaw, Sarah McFadyen, Tia Files. Past members have included the recently crowned BBC Folk Singer of the Year Karine Polwart and Kate Rusby.



Crail Festival 2018: Street Market



The ever popular Street Market will take place 11am - 4pm on Saturday 21 July in the vicinity of the Legion Hall in Nethergate and Rumford. There will be a fantastic line up of stallholders most of whom are local artists presenting a wide range of attractive items for your perusal and purchase. Lots to eat and drink too, including a first appearance of the Fizz Bar. Fun, games and Mr Softy for the children, so ideal for a special family outing.

Greens of Crail

Greens of Crail have started to stock a new jam from a very local company called Pittenweem Preserves. Greens are pleased to say that the jars can be returned for a small refund of 15p but more importantly it means they are recycled at source with minimum environmental impact.

Crail Putting Green - Dog Fouling

The mowing team started work on Crail Putting Green surfaces recently and were very disappointed to discover numerous dog fouling deposits. This has to be cleared up before we can cut the grass or our equipment becomes contaminated.

This has not been a problem in the past. We are asking for your support in keeping the Crail Putting Green a safe and play-friendly surface.

Please help us.

FINAL REMINDER - THIS WEEKEND!

Don't forget: this Saturday morning is Crail's Big Conversation – your opportunity to shape the future of your community, 10am-12pm on 12th May in the Community Hall.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape the future of your community. Our team has been out speaking to some community groups, school children and businesses to get a flavour of what they would like their community to be like.

What kinds of things have we been hearing? Here's a taste to whet your appetite...

Crail Primary pupils would like to see more and better play equipment, a trampoline park, cinema nights with popcorn where they choose the movies, more woodland for playing, more activities in the library and museum for their age group – and much more besides.

In the long term, they'd like to see reopening of the railway station, a swimming pool and a McDonalds – of course! These ideas aren't all pie-in-the-sky though. For example, if a new hotel was ever proposed, that could well include a swimming pool with access for local folk. And a new McDonalds might not be everyone's cup of tea, but within that suggestion is the idea of somewhere modern and attractive for young people to spend time.

Community groups – of which Crail has a large number for its population – talk of the difficulty of recruiting sufficient volunteers as those involved get older. Who will come forward from younger generations to take the baton? Who will introduce new projects and activities, like community gardening and other communal activities for all ages?

Businesses tell us how challenging it is to survive financially with the increasing seasonality of business – which is getting worse as the number of second homes increases. As one shopkeeper said, "Use us or lose us!"

What do you think is important for the future of Crail? Opportunities for young people? Activities and housing to keep families, facilities and services in the village? Investing in community halls and venues? Or other entirely different things?

We'll be exploring all these issues and more on 12th May – with the aim of agreeing priorities that the community as a whole can focus on over the coming months.

There'll be information from the community survey, on aspirations of different parts of the community, and interesting facts and figures about Crail. And plenty of opportunity to put your own views forward and discuss the future of your community.

Experienced facilitators, architects and planners will be helping us to work through an exciting morning of ideas and discussion. Lead facilitator and town planner, Nick Wright, says:

"This is an exciting moment for Crail. The newly formed Community Partnership is keen to reach out to everyone in Crail to get their views and aspirations for the future of their community. The event itself will be a great opportunity for anyone with ideas about Crail, whatever they may be, to discuss what the community needs. There are no right or wrong answers – we'll be giving space for everyone to have their say, in different ways. So we really will make everybody welcome!"

The most important people at the event will be you, the local community. We're expecting a big turnout and lots of interesting discussion!

Crail Community Partnership is a new community-led grouping which combines the Community Council, Preservation Society and other local organisations. We were established in 2018.

If you have any ideas or would like to find out more, please contact Nick Wright from the facilitation team - by calling 07900 334110 or emailing CrailFutures@gmail.com.



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.

Community Speed Watch

If you are concerned about speeding in Crail, you might want to consider becoming a volunteer for Community Speed Watch.

The way it works

If a group of local volunteers decide they would like to check the speeds of passing cars in a particular place and time then they check with the Community Police Officer (Ewan McIntosh at Cupar in our case) who will do a risk assessment of the location to check that it doesn't put either the volunteers or the public at any risk or obstruction then one of the volunteers collects the kit (a speed gun, warning signs, forms to record speeders and hi-viz vests) from Cupar police station ahead of time. Then on the day one person uses the speed gun to check speeds, a second takes a note of the registration number (essential), make, model and colour of the vehicle and whether the driver appears to be male or female (if possible); while the third person writes down these details on the sheet along with the speed recorded. At the end of the day the equipment is returned to the Police who will send out letters to the vehicle owners warning them that they have been exceeding the safe and legal speed for the area. If the same vehicle/driver is recorded a second time they will get a stronger letter and on the third offence a visit from the Police.

The Police have limited resources to apply to catching speeders but the implication is that if volunteers find particular locations/times have a large number of speeding vehicles then the traffic police may come out and do their own speed trap there – resulting in on the spot fines and/or points on offenders licenses.

How to get involved

Volunteers have to complete a form to undergo police vetting and take it to a local police station (probably St Andrews during normal working hours) along with a passport sized photo and photo ID (e.g. passport/ driving licence) to validate who you are. Once sufficient volunteers in an area have been vetted and formed themselves into a group with a coordinator (who will liaise with the police on dates and locations), the police will come out and train them on the equipment and we're good to go! Given that Strathkiness have managed to get together a group of 10 volunteers, surely Crail can manage at least that many!

Concerns

Some concerns have been expressed that volunteers may find themselves being intimidated by repeatedly re-offending locals but the training includes dealing with that type of situation and a great many more locals will be very grateful if the initiative slows traffic down enough for e.g. elderly folk to cross the road safely on their way to Church or shop; mothers of primary school age children fear less for their kids walking or cycling to school; and those with sensitive hearing may find the noise of traffic roaring through Crail on race days is lessened!

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact Crail Matters at crailmatters@gmail.com

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.

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



Scottish Fisheries Museum

Boats, fish and folk...

Crail Mobile Post Office Service	
Location - Along High Street	
Opening times: Monday	1400-1600
Tuesday	1430-1630
Wednesday	1400-1600

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



There were 14 whimbrel at least at Balcomie on the morning of the 28th. Hard to see on the rocky shore until they took off to a less disturbed bit as I walked along the coastal path. These are quite high numbers. They pass constantly at this time of year but only a handful usually stop at any one time. It seems like they are waiting for warmer conditions further north as the slow pace of this spring continues. Considering it is nearly May, a walk at Kilminning and in the Patch at Fife Ness turning up only one chiff-chaff and a willow warbler as I did that morning is also very unusual. There were at least four white wagtails on the beach at the far end of Balcomie golf course (i.e. towards Kingsbarns). They were behaving as a coherent flock rather than as the territorial pairs of the resident pied wagtails (which may already be on eggs). At least most of the swallows seemed to be in and I had my first house martin over Crail in the afternoon.

Despite easterly winds not much had changed by the following day (the 29th). Still only one willow warbler singing at Kilminning. Sandwich terns passing, and one or two swallows in most places. New additions were couple of common whitethroat singing at Kilminning, but no sedge warblers as



Ringed Plover

yet along that bit of the coastal



Swallow

path. At Fife Ness the usual Forth breeding seabirds were passing, with a steady stream of gannets close in which will be a feature now until the late autumn. Balcomie Beach is almost waderless now: only oystercatchers and a single ringed plover seem to be resident, although there were three fairly well summer plumaged sanderling with them last Sunday.

We had the first substantial rain in nearly a month on the 1st. 8mm and a shift in the wind back round to the south and west after easterlies for nearly a week. Because everything is about two weeks late there was not much of a migrant fall. Still, on the 3rd there were more willow warblers about and the first blackcaps singing at Kilminning and in Denburn. Blackcaps are one of our best singers and it's good to have their song back again. I also saw a common cuckoo labouring into the strong westerly at the south end of Kilminning as if it had just arrived in from the sea. Now is about peak time for spring cuckoos but they are still fairly rare around Crail – and I have only ever heard one calling here once – at Cambo really early on a May morning. As I tried to track down last week's bird to

where I thought it had come in to land I heard a faint reeling from a sea buckthorn bush closer to the sea. I followed this instead and found a



Grasshopper Warbler

grasshopper warbler. My first Crail grasshopper warbler in quite a few years. This one gave great views (they are often skulkers) as it sang in the fairly open bush, and then scuttling around close to the ground like a mouse and showing off the species' strangely fat tail. I also had a sand martin flying over Kilminning making four firsts for the year that day – although I must have just been unlucky not to see a sand martin until now. They are usually one of the first migrants in.



Blackcap

Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council Notes



Planning

Single storey extension to rear of flatted dwelling at Lower Flat 2 Osborne Terrace Crail.

There but not there

A new Services charity, 'Remembered' is developing the 'There but not there' image (referred to in previous issues). This was introduced and discussed at the recent Community Council meeting and it was unanimously agreed that the Community Council would support fund raising to acquire 'There but not there' images as a focus for Crail's remembrance of 100 years since the end of the First World War. In this context Cllr Porteous informed the meeting that the military have expressed an interest in greater involvement with local communities, and it was agreed that the Community Council would take forward discussions with the military and appropriate local bodies to explore how this might be achieved in Crail, particularly in relation to remembrance events.

Toilets

Representatives from Fife Council Property Services attended the Community Council meeting, and spoke about the repairs undertaken at the toilets, and why the repairs were so delayed. It was confirmed that there was no competitive tender process undertaken to establish or agree an economic price for the work, and that the work was costed and undertaken by Fife Council without reference to any external monitoring. The price for the work was confirmed at £41,600. Requests were made for a breakdown of the costings as would be expected for any building work. There was general criticism of the standard of workmanship, supervision of the project and value for money of the completed work. Furthermore, it was confirmed that no Equalities Impact Assessment was carried out to ensure the refurbishment met the needs of disabled and other users. It was agreed that a further site visit would be carried out to assess the work - this would include representatives of the Community Council and Fife councillors. It was separately noted that the 30p charge for access to the toilets was not working, and that the toilets were closed early.

Loose kerb Stones

The loose kerb stones at the Town Hall car park on Marketgate have been reported to Fife Council.

Letters Patent

The Letters Patent in relation to the Crail shield has been received from the Lord Lyon. The vellum scroll is currently being framed, and will be available for display at the next meeting. It is the intention of the Community Council to lodge the framed scroll in the Museum. Consideration remains ongoing to organise an event at which the Lord Lyon might formally present the scroll to the Community Council.

Beach Clean and Village Tidy Up

Thanks were offered to all the volunteers who turned up to clean the beach, and the village generally. A huge amount of rubbish was collected. Thanks were also offered to Julie, Susan and Kate for providing refreshments afterwards, and to Victor for taking on the organisation.

Vandalism

The Community Council understands that there have been a number of reports of relatively minor vandalism over the past few weeks. Police Scotland have informed us that these matters are in hand. Should you come across any examples of vandalism, or antisocial behaviour that might trouble you, please inform our Community Constable, Gillian Tetlow. In an emergency always dial 999. For non-urgent crime, you can contact your local police office by telephoning 101 or by email using: EastNeukLandwardCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

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

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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 Fide 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 Crail Seagull



I took a trip to Kingsbarns (as I do from time to time) to see an elderly relative, and we went for a jaunt on the beach. The weather was nice, and there were lots of people playing golf (a game I cannot understand nor see the point to). Suddenly, at right angles to the golf course a golf ball came flying towards us, and narrowly missed my relative - it landed in the sea. Was that in technical terms a missed birdie?

Lots of visitors around as we move towards summer; lots of waste and discarded food to eat too. OK for me, less good I suspect for the people who live on Marketgate and High Street.

Where's the Seagull proof nappy bin at the toilets? Never attracted me, but I know some who are - uughhhh!

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

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Please feel free to contact us anytime by:

Phone - 01592 203993

Email - respites@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"

Getting closer! We look forward to Christian Aid Week starting next Sunday. We will be marking it in various ways with Worship, Fellowship and Giving.

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.

On Sunday you should have received a Christian Aid envelope as you entered the Church. This is our way of showing solidarity with our neighbours who have suffered natural disasters, homelessness and tragedy this year. Please return filled envelopes to the Church by the end of May. Also available are copies of an 11 day devotional booklet for Christian Aid Week. Please take one. It starts on May 10th.

Next Sunday (13th May) we will be joining together for a Soup and Sandwich Lunch in the Kirk Hall after morning worship. All are very welcome. If you are able to help or could donate soup or sandwiches we would be very grateful. Please contact Diana (451790) if you are able to help in this way.

Karail

Items for the next issue are now due, if you would like anything included please email heatheraird@btinternet.com 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.

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



Crail Community Choir

Crail Community Choir

meets tonight (Monday 7 May)

in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm

Contact your Fife Councillor?

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