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Experience of Small Businesses in Crail

A comment made at the recent Charette meeting was the need to better understand and value the contribution made by small home-based-business in Crail. This group of business people are often overlooked in the statistics presented about economic activity and more generally in our thinking about employment. Crail Matters has decided to run an occasional series describing some of the small businesses that work out of Crail, and allowing them to talk about the problems they face. Here are two businesses, one producing confectionary the other craft based. If you run a business and would like to share your experiences with a wider audience, please contact us at crailmatters@gmail.com.

Heather's Cakes

I run Heather's Cakes as a home business. I make Cake and Cupcakes for all occasions – birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and any other celebrations. I make any size of cake in many flavours from madeira cake, to chocolate cake, red velvet cake and sponges filled with sweets hidden in the centre – the choice is endless.

Cupcakes come in a variety of flavours, however there is a minimum of 12 of each flavour ranging from, vanilla, salted caramel, gingerbread, sticky toffee, apple and cinnamon, and if the flavour you want isn't on the website, then I'm sure I can make it for you. Cupcake bouquets are also very popular, so why not give a loved one an edible bouquet of flowers? And why not make your cake extra special by adding a figure on top, perhaps of a loved one, Yoda, Olaf, flowers, the world is your oyster.

Being a home business is good as there isn't the costs of premises as such, which in Crail would be difficult to acquire anyway due to lack of business spaces. This means I advertise mainly online, though social media and my website. However I also have leaflets in local shops, attend some local events and rely on good old word of mouth.

I think it would be good if Crail regularly had an event where small business could go to sell products and advertise. Perhaps once every 2 months in a hall where there wouldn't be high cost to have a stall, as is such at local events

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Heather Aird

Local Craft Business

I was asked to write a short article for Crail Matters about my craft business. For the last 3 or 4 years I have been trading as Furbelows and Gewgaws, selling my vintage themed crafts and gifts through craft fairs, vintage markets and at Simpatica in Kingsbarns. I work full time so crafting is my hobby and keeps me sane. I love everything vintage and have done since opening my vintage shop in Edinburgh at the very young and very naïve age of 19. Needless to say it didn't last long and I learned more from its failure than I would have if by some fluke it had been successful. I love to make jewellery especially with precious stones and fabric and I sew almost daily (it's an addiction) so I usually have a stall full of handmade Liberty of London scarfs, patchwork cushions, fabric notebooks and other homeware. I also teach the dressmaking evening class at Waid Academy for anyone interested in brushing up their skills.

For anyone thinking of starting up themselves it may help to know the average home craft business generates between £2000 and £4000 a year and you can earn up to £1000 (in profit not sales) before the taxman is interested. For me, it covers the cost of pursuing my hobby so look please look the business up on facebook, pop into Simpatica or find me at Crail Festival Street Market. If you buy something you will make my day (if not my fortune) because for crafters knowing someone appreciates your work is priceless. I hope more of you will get the crafting bug but as for the name I get asked that a lot. Avid historical readers will know that Furbelows are trimmings or flounces and Gewgaws are showy little nic nacs so the name made sense to me but leaves most people confused!

Jackie Mitchell



Crail Matters

If you are reading this in its digital form on Monday morning, then it looks like our registration process has worked for you. If things have not worked properly, then please contact us at crailmatters@gmail.com, or go to our new website at www.crailmatters.com where there is a link that will allow you to subscribe if you haven't already. We think the process has worked well, but there are bound to be glitches - if this applies to you, we apologise and if you let us know we will try to remedy it!

We have produced a new website at www.crailmatters.com. At the moment it is a simple static site, but over the next few months we will be investing in the development of new interactive elements to make it more useful.

As part of the process of development of Crail Matters, the Editorial Group are looking again at how we manage the Newsletter. As you will be aware, it has grown in scope and scale over the past year, and to help us to maintain the quality of what we do, and to improve even more, we need your help. We particularly would like to increase and improve our editorial coverage of local events, and to do this we would like to appoint two editors - one with responsibility for covering the Arts and Entertainment, the other local events and local sports. In addition, if you would like to write occasional pieces for us, to take part in the editorial process and/or help with production, please contact us at crailmatters@gmail.com.

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

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Parking

I would like to draw your attention to the parking on St Andrews Road at the corner of Beech Walk and Bowling Green Place.

Today (Thursday) and almost all of the day, there has been traffic on both sides of the road right up to the junction, making it impossible to exit Beech Walk safely. I have just observed the school crossing patrol, trying to carry out his job between parked cars and blind junctions. His life is at risk!

Large vehicles are stuck at the roundabout awaiting access through Crail.

My understanding of the situation is that you should not park on a junction or within some 30 feet of a junction and certainly not on the pavements. Are Beech Walk and Bowling Green Place not counted as junctions?

Thank you for your consideration,



Joan Reid

Editorial Note

The degree of disruption caused by cars parked on St Andrews Road has also occurred on Saturday 26 May. If this is to be the pattern over the summer, then Crail residents are going to be subject to increasing safety and other difficulties

Food Festival Temporary Traffic Restrictions from 8/06/18 until 10/06/18

Fife Council has made an Order under section 62 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984:-

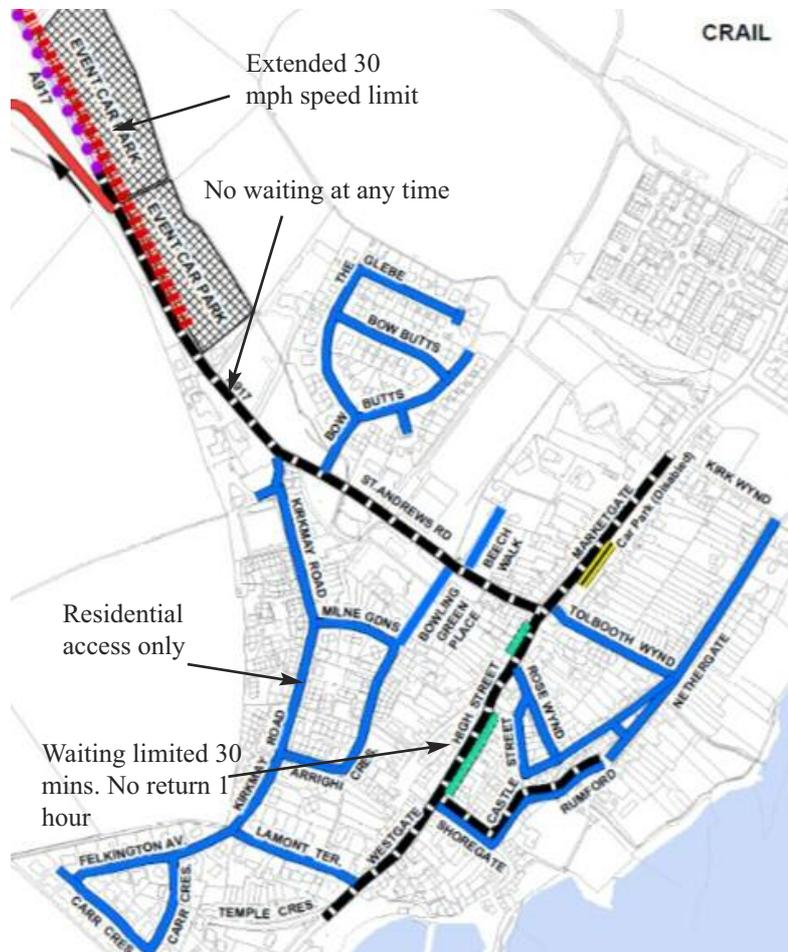
- (i) prohibiting the waiting of vehicular traffic on A917 St. Andrews Rd (both sides from B940 to High St/Marketgate); A917 High St (both sides from St. Andrews Rd to Westgate); A917 Westgate (both sides from High St to Temple Cres); Marketgate (both sides from A917 St. Andrews Rd/High St to Kirk Wynd); Rumford (both sides from Castle St to Nethergate); and Shoregate (both sides from Rumford to High St);
 - (ii) restricting the waiting of vehicular traffic on A917 St. Andrews Rd (both sides from B940 to High St/Marketgate); A917 High St (both sides from St. Andrews Rd to Westgate); A917 Westgate (both sides from High St to Temple Cres); Marketgate (both sides from A917 St. Andrews Rd/High St to Kirk Wynd); Rumford (both sides from Castle St to Nethergate); and Shoregate (both sides from Rumford to High St)
 - (iii) prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic of the entire lengths of Arrighi Cres; Bow Butts; Beech Walk; Bowling Green Pl; Carr Cres; Castle St; Felkington Ave; Kirkmay Rd; Lamont Terr; Milne Gdns; Nethergate; Rose Wynd; Rumford; Shoregate; The Glebe and Tolbooth Wynd.;
 - (iv) prohibit the waiting of vehicles (except vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge) on the length of Marketgate, 6 parking spaces within the public car park;
 - (v) introducing a temporary one-way traffic system westwards on the B940 from the A917 to the B9171; and
 - (vi) restricting the speed of vehicular traffic on the A917 St. Andrews Road (from the existing 30mph speed limit signs at the north end of Crail village in a northerly direction to the B9171) to 30 m.p.h.
- Free parking facilities for the Festival will be provided adjacent to the A917 St. Andrews Rd north of the village.

Crail Food Festival Award

While the Food Festival Committee are hard at work finalising this year's event, we have given scant regard to any thoughts of awards of any kind. It was to our complete surprise that we have picked up a third, and probably the best award of all – Scottish Food Festival of the Year 2018. The Festival Committee is a small but energetic one. It continually needs new blood, so if anyone would like to join us, we would love to speak to you! As the general format and all the requirements for running our Festival are in place now, each year should become slightly easier]

Elsewhere in this edition of Crail Matters we explain the complexities of running a successful Food Festival to give readers a better understanding of the sums involved.

Our Chairman, Bruce Geddes responds to the other points in Heather Aird's letter. While the budget covers many areas of paid assistance, the Festival could not exist without the strong support of the CRAIL VOLUNTEERS – thank you all for helping make the Festival a success!



George Has A Think

Joy Deacon

His mum and dad thought he was in bed, asleep, and it was his nanny's night off, so George was able to slip from under his quilt, and stand, ever so quietly at the door of his bedroom, and listen to what they were saying.

At first it was just quite boring stuff, about who was doing what next week, what they were wearing, that kind of thing. But then he heard his name being mentioned, and he listened very carefully.

"You know Wills, I'm a bit worried about George."

"I know. He's had quite a lot to cope with over the last few months. He seemed to be ok, about Louis and everything, but this wedding's been hectic. There just seemed to be so much confusion over it all, and it kind of passed on to George, and Charlotte too I think."

"He seems to like Louis. That fact that he's a boy helps, although I shouldn't really say that, I know. He spends a lot of time staring into the cot, watching him sleep."

"He told me he wanted him to grow up quickly so that he could play with him. I suppose it's the type of thing a child might say," his mum said, "but Charlotte's really annoying him. I think he's quite tired after school, but Charlotte wants him to play."

Then dad said, "I think the wedding's finished him off. In fact, I think it's finished us all off. You'd have thought the week before it would have been a bit calmer, but what a carry on! It's no wonder the kids were all over the place. We never really knew what was going to happen one day to the next. Will he arrive, will he not? Will that blasted half-sister say something else to upset everybody?"

"Or will that half-brother write another letter, and send it via the press. At first, I felt sorry for everyone, but by the time the daddy had decided he wasn't coming, I was just fed up with it all. The wedding went fine, unusual, but fine. So that was something. The kids did really well at that."

"Yes, except when George had to wear the coat. He loved wearing long trousers, but somebody made the mistake of calling the coat a frock coat! Well that was it! He was having none of it. What a tantrum! Screaming, shouting, kicking even. I thought my Grandpapa Philip was going to pass out when he heard him. At least the coat stayed in one piece," said dad.

"Maybe we should ease up a bit on him. It's been hectic enough for us, but he's a future King, and the cameras find him eventually."

"I suppose so. I guess when you look at the wedding photo, the one with us all in it, and he's grinning from ear to ear? Well he is the most important one there, apart from Great Granny of course."

"Maybe a holiday or at least a few days out would be the answer? What if I took him, just me and him? A theme park of something?" said Mum.

George had been feeling quite sleepy up until his mum said that. He listened for another minute. He wasn't sure what a theme park was, but it could be quite a good thing.

"Well don't take him to Thorpe Park. That's where me and Harry went with mum, and we were photographed non-stop. And George hates getting his hair wet. Take him somewhere a bit quieter. A bit drier. Maybe he could wear his frock coat," and his mum and dad burst out laughing.

George stomped back to bed. He hated it when people laughed and he didn't know why. He threw back the covers,

climbed in and stared at the ceiling, thinking.

He quite liked Louis, but he was a bit small still. And why was he born on a day that had George's name in it? St. George's Day. Confusing. George really wanted Louis to grow so they could play with trains and stuff. George liked trains. His Great Granny had one.



She travelled on it sometimes.

George thought a bit more about his toys. Every so often, George's nanny gave him dolls to play with, and she gave Charlotte his trains. Quite frankly this confused them both. His dad had told him that when he and his uncle were growing up there were things called boys' toys and girls' toys but now a lot of people saw that as being old fashioned, wrong even. Boys and girls could play with whatever they wanted. Fair enough thought George, but he wanted to play with the trains and Charlotte wanted her dolls. So why couldn't they just get on with it? Louis had a rattle, and a couple of things hanging from his cot. Quite boring actually. George thought he might chuck in a train for him. He might quite like that.

Charlotte was being a real pain. She'd learned to wave at people now, and she just never stopped. George had actually seen her waving at herself in front of the mirror, smiling! She was so annoying! And she always wanted to play with him. He just wanted a bit of peace. School was ok, but having to do all that work, then play with Charlotte, well he was fed up with everything.

It was going to be the summer holidays soon. Maybe mum was going to take him to the park thing then. He supposed Albert would come too. Eventually Albert had told him that he was his bodyguard. He only pretended to work in the school but really he was there to protect George from bad people. George had done a bit about the body in school, but he couldn't work out why Albert only protected his body. What about his head? He'd asked Tristram, his friend at school, if he had a bodyguard or a headguard even. At first Tristram said he didn't know, but next day he'd told George that his mum said that George had a bodyguard because he was so important, but if Tristram wanted one, she'd ask dad to see if they had enough money to buy one. Tristram told George that he expected to have a bodyguard soon, because they always had enough money!

George began to think about being important. Tristram's mum had said he was important. So did Dad. Why was he the most important person in the wedding photograph? Surely the most important person was Sparkle, although that wasn't going to be her name any more. No, she was going to be the Duchex of Sussess and the somebody of Dumb Barton. George wondered who or what Dumb Barton was! He'd seen a movie with the word Dumb in it, but Sparkle wasn't in it as far as he knew. Why was George the important one? He'd need to find out. His Grandpapa had said something about a crown and a throne. But Great Granny had those! It was all a bit confusing. He'd ask Albert. He seemed to talk sense sometimes.

George thought about his uncle getting married to

Sparkle. When she was walking in the church, George thought she'd got mixed up, because she met his Grandpapa and he started walking with her. George had thought THEY were going to get married! But apparently Grandpapa just met Sparkle for a chat on the way to his uncle. Which was nice really.

Just before the wedding a lot of the adults kept whispering behind their hands as though something was wrong, and the people who worked in the Palace offices were running about mad, talking about emails and photos and letters. And there was something about an operation. George wondered what that was, but he forgot to ask.

The day before the wedding they'd gone to church and he'd practiced walking behind Sparkle. That was fine. There were another few children there, and Charlotte. But next day... well next day he was not happy indeed. He'd liked wearing the long trousers although they were a bit scratchy, but somebody called his coat a frock coat! And Charlotte was wearing a frock! He didn't care that he had to play with dolls sometimes, but he drew the line at the frock coat. He hated it! He hated the frock word! He'd tried a bit of a tantrum. In fact, it

was a huge tantrum. It was so huge that Great Grandpapa Philip had shaken his stick at him, told him to be quiet. George had expected daddy to give him one of his "I've had enough of this," looks. But he never. Instead he gave his, "I've had enough of this," look to Grandpapa Philip, and told him to go away. And he did. So George tried tantrumming a bit harder, but it was no use, the frock thingy had to stay on. Dad did eventually tell him it was a soldier's coat, but he couldn't get the word 'frock' out of his mind.

Just as George closed his eyes, he thought of everything that had happened since he was four: he'd started school, his mum had had had Louis, Charlotte had learned to wave, and there was the Sparkle wedding. Maybe they'd go the park thingy before his birthday. And he really wanted a go on Great Granny's train.

It was his birthday in a few weeks, well in a couple of months He was going to be five, and he was probably going to be even more important, whatever it meant. Maybe they could change the St. George's Day thing to his own birthday. Louis wouldn't mind. And maybe Tristram's bodyguard would play with Albert at playtime...and with that he fell asleep.



Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council Notes



Community Council Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be held on Monday 28 May at 7.15pm in the Town Hall. All are welcome. There is always opportunity for members of the Crail community to raise issues, as well as contribute to the Agenda items. Items to be discussed will include the East Neuk Emergency Plan (Elizabeth Riches), Toilets at Westgate, Parking, Grit Bins, Disabled parking at the Harbour, and other matters.

Crail Primary School

Congratulations to the Crail primary School Glee Club for being the 1st runners up at The Fife Primary Schools Glee Choir Challenge run by The Frission Foundation. 24 Primary Schools from across Fife participated in the heats and 8 were selected for the Fife Final, including Crail, at The Alhambra Theatre in Dunfermline. All of the school's performed 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman and then Crail performed 'City of Stars' by Sheridan Smith. Each and every one of the children contributed to this amazing performance and the whole Crail community are so proud of all of their confident children. The Club were praised for their team work, strong singing (including our soloists), supporting one another, for musicality and for movement around the stage. The children's performance certainly summed up what Glee is all about. The School would like to thank Mrs Noble and Mrs Thomson for all of their hard work and creativity. The School would also like to thank all of the families and friends for coming along to support the Club. The Community Council offers their congratulations on a fantastic performance - well done!!!!

Date for your Diary

The Lord Lyon will present the Letters Patent for the Crail shield to the Community Council on Saturday 6 October. He has also agreed to open the newly refurbished Doocot on the same date.

Community Council elections

The elections for membership of the Community Council will be on 4 October. Nominations of candidates will close at 4.00pm on 6 September. Notice of poll, or notice in case of uncontested poll, will be Friday 28 September.

Site visit to Crail toilets

As a result of complaints at the last Community Council meeting, a site visit has been arranged by Fife Council Property Services to inspect the work done in the repair and refurbishment of the toilets. It will take place on 31 May from 2.30pm -3.30pm. This has been arranged by Councillor Holt.

Letters to the Editor Responses from Crail Food Festival



It is easy to underestimate the complexity of running a modern and now, award winning, festival like the Crail Food Festival. We hope that what follows will give a better understanding of what's involved.

Running the Crail Food Festival is substantially more than hiring a few venues and paying for some licences so, to give an idea of what we need to do when planning each festival, we would like to tell you more about the process.

Whilst some items of expenditure are venue specific (for example, the Fife Council fee for using the Harbour, hiring the Community Hall for the Cookery Theatre and Dinner, Marquees for the main Beechwalk Park events, to name just three) the vast majority of the expenditure is on items that are needed for the Festival as a whole.

Here is a list – not exhaustive – but perhaps will provide a better understanding of the complexity involved.

Hire of waste bins, Hire of Portable toilets, AA Signage and parking cones, First Aid cover, Generator hire, Shuttle buses moving the public around Crail, Other Hall Hire, General licences, Radio Communications, Logistics crew fee, Logistics transport, Logistics Crew overnight accommodation etc., Event Management fee, Event Management expenses, Venue overnight security, Storage, Hire of Scout tent for car park, PR, Marketing & Social Media, Advertising, Cleaning, General admin expenses, Musicians' fees, Chefs' Fees, Hire of outdoor tables and chairs, Printing costs, Insurance

For the 2018 Festival and including a prudent £1000 contingency figure for unexpected expenses the total of the above is in the region of £24,000. Given that the two major venues are the Harbour and Beechwalk Park it is reasonable to split this figure between the two venues. We therefore arrive at a Harbour share of circa £12,000. Add back in the harbour specific usage fee (mentioned by Heather Aird in her letter) of £226.84 and we expect the total cost of the harbour event will be approx. £12,227.

In addition to ticket sales and fees paid to us by stallholders Crail Food Festival is heavily supported by various public funding sources, and as such the festival committee are answerable to those public bodies.

Once the Festival is over, and our income is known, we will, of course, be happy to let Crail know how successful the event has been and what the final financial position is.

David Mann, on behalf of Crail Food Festival Committee

I was both surprised and somewhat disappointed at some of the questions and points made by Heather Aird in last week's 'Crail Matters' as everything could have been answered by approaching any committee member or via email info@crail-foodfest.co.uk but I welcome the opportunity to directly address the points raised. We always welcome the chance to promote the festival.

Harbour Costings - The c. £12,000 figure for costs is correct. A detailed response by the committee has been included separately in this week's 'Crail Matters'.

Crail Food Festival Losses – There were relatively affordable 'wet weather' losses in 2016 and 2017. The weather directly affects the number of visitors and the time spent at the Festival.

Crail Harbour Venue - The decision to have Crail Harbour as a venue is sound financially. This year's decision to use the harbour on both days will deliver the best quality, variety and interactive experience yet. It addresses the feedback by a very large number of visitors who want to visit the harbour venue on both days. Check out our website for details www.crail-foodfest.co.uk

Crail Harbour Access – Our licence covering both days was issued in late April. On the 14th May questions were raised by Fife Council regarding granting access to the harbour for the fishermen and those walking the coastal path. We replied immediately that the fishermen and those on the coastal walk would be given access without the need for payment or a wristband. The communication between Fife Council and us also confirmed that Fife Council, through the Harbourmaster, were communicating with the fishermen and specifically awareness of the weekend's arrangements (including no vehicular access).

Yellow Wristbands for Residents – these grant free access to the harbour only. We have highlighted that any donations for these will go to the RNLI. This year there is no reduction from the full £6 fee but it is already under consideration for future years.

What does the Crail Food Festival give back to the community? – A great question. A lot! We will be giving a response to this in a future 'Crail Matters'. There is a lot of good news to share.

We hope that as many locals as possible will come to this year's Crail Food Festival and see the results of the hard work that the committee, volunteers and contracted parties have put in and why we were recognised last weekend as 'Scottish Food festival of the Year'.

Bruce Geddes, Chair, Crail Food Festival

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



The weekend of the 20th May was a quiet one for this time of year. There was only a little migration. A few waders at Fife Ness, Arctic terns still passing steadily out at sea, a male wheatear on a wire during my Sunday morning corn bunting circuit and a final tiny surge late on Sunday afternoon with a spotted flycatcher and a lesser whitethroat at Kilminning. I was cooking supper for my family but felt compelled to go and twitch the last two birds just because it had been so quiet. And if you ignore something like a lesser whitethroat then it will certainly be the last one that turns up in the year. The spotted flycatcher was dashing around the treetops so was easy to find, but the lesser whitethroat was silent or had moved on. I couldn't find it in the twenty minutes I had before I had to dash back to my cooking. Still a spotted flycatcher is always a nice bird and they have been one of my favourites since I started birding in 1979. They were a fairly common garden bird then (in large, well treed suburban gardens) and they were always entertaining as they lined up on fence wires or washing lines to flycatch. The closest place they breed to Crail is Cambo and at Boarhills along the burns, but not every year. They are still fairly common on the west coast and every self-respecting midge-infested holiday rental has its pair of spotted flycatchers visiting the back garden. They do also turn up rarely in Crail gardens during migration. I have had a couple in my garden – although both in the autumn - in my 15 or so years in Crail.



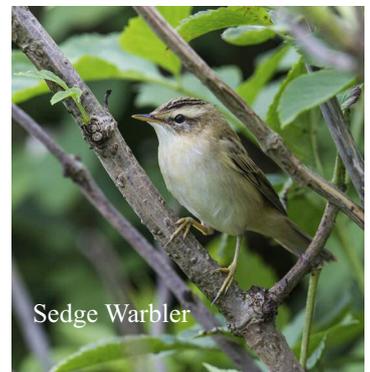
Spotted Flycatcher



Starling feeding

Although it is a late season, there are plenty of birds fledging chicks now, or just about to. The house and tree sparrows in my garden are feeding quite large chicks now, and the starlings are getting very agitated about crows which indicates that their chicks are about to fledge. The adult starlings often go down to the beach to forage on seaweed flies, where they can collect beakfuls of food very easily. Of course, when the young fledge they head down to the beach as soon as they can fly well to get this easy meal directly. The “as soon as they can fly well” is important. There is no cover down on the shore if a sparrowhawk turns up, and the sparrowhawks themselves will soon have lots of hungry chicks to feed.

Now is a good time to track down a sedge warbler. These incredibly vigorous singers are most obvious at the moment, churring, reeling and chacking continuously from weedy bramble patches and ditches around Crail. Occasionally they will launch themselves up into a song flight, making themselves easily visible before descending back into cover. They also sometimes sing perched out in the open and show their big white eye stripe contrasting with a dark crown and face that makes them more distinctive than your average warbler. The rough ground above the cliffs of Roome Bay just before Saucehope Caravan Park is perhaps the easiest place in Crail to see sedge warblers. A pair was scrapping with a pair of common whitethroats last week which made them completely oblivious to their normal rules of skulking



Sedge Warbler

Further Food Festival Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank Heather Aird for her courage in raising the concerns about Crail Food Festival and all its issues and would like to add my voice to her concerns.

Local business is not getting any extra trade from this and is indeed a quiet time for them as people only go to the Food Festival and ignore local business. Access to amenities for locals is a nightmare for the entire weekend and if no profit is being made – what is the point?

More importantly where is the £12000 cost going if it is not for the harbour usage as stated? This must be answered!

Ewan Mitchell

It is extremely disappointing to read that my livelihood might be affected by the decision to disallow vehicular access to the harbour on the days the food festival is in situ. Can you confirm if this correct. If this is correct, I would like you to know, that I was never consulted, nor informed formally of these intentions.

As a fisherman I have to pay harbour dues every day to access the harbour, out of courtesy I would have expected some sort of communication.

*Alex Reid
Rossness Falcon.*

The Seagull

Crail



Well, isn't it just as well that the weather has been fine? I spent Thursday morning sitting along Marketgate, it's always busy then, and noticed the RBS mobile bank and the mobile library there at the same time. There were 9 folks queuing outside the bank, just as well it wasn't raining. I think the bank must have been giving away free money as, had people waiting wanted to take out a library book, they wouldn't have had enough time for that. I heard one lady say that she'd visited the branch in St Andrews and it had taken her 20 minutes to drive the 10 miles there, cost her £1.10 to park and had to wait in a long queue to be served. When she left the bank after waiting for 25 minutes, there was an even longer queue and some folks were even standing outside – that's probably where RBS think their customers should wait. Then she said she received an email 2 days later asking her to rate her experience – what she said was unprintable, I'll leave it up to you to work it out! The wise owl tells me that it is unlikely to change, so better adjust I suppose. Thankfully us Seagulls don't use cash.

An unreliable magpie told me the noise inspectors were out and about measuring noise levels over the weekend. I'm always a bit confused whether the noise comes from the race track, or the cart track - anyway, either way sometimes it is loud. This time, according to the magpie, there was an effort made to baffle the noise by putting up barriers to deflect it from the village - not it seems to reduce the noise, but deflect it I suppose. What I find very peculiar is not so much the noise made when racing, but the way that cars going towards Fife Ness make huge amounts of noise as they go through the village, and particularly as they accelerate out of Denburn in both directions. Aren't there rules about cars making noises on the road? Isn't that what silencers are for?

On the subject of cars, there seem to be lots of cars parking all over the place - a poor old seagull can hardly get to cross the road sometimes, or at least see if its safe to cross. is this the price of tourism? Can't it be managed better?

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Website - YoungCarersRespite.com

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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
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Crail Parish Church of Scotland

Intimations

Food Festival: The Fund-raising committee are having a stall with teas and coffees on Sat. June 9th 10 – 4 and Sunday June 10th 1 – 4 in the church. Donations of baking would be gratefully received.

Crail Bowling Club would like to thank everyone who contributed and supported their coffee morning last Saturday, they raised the grand total of £564.75.

East Neuk East Cluster Meeting for Office Bearers and Members of all Congregations

Sunday, 10th June, Anstruther Town Hall at 2.30pm. - 4.30p.m.

Locum Minister: Rev Peter Neilson (tel: 01333 310 477)

CRAIL HISTORY SOCIETY

Tuesday 29 May 2018

7.30pm

THE BRITISH LEGION HALL

“The Adventuress and the Secret Tunnels in St Andrews”

A talk by Steve Liscoe

Professional Assistant, Archaeology, at Fife Council.

ADMISSION £2.50/FREE FOR MEMBERS



Crail Community Choir

Crail Community Choir meets tonight (Monday 28 May) in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm

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