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Crail, The Jewel of the East Neuk

Craighead Links

Craighead Links at Crail Golfing Society was 20 years old on 19th June 2018. Considerably younger than Balcomie Links which was laid out by the legendary Old Tom Morris, Craighead is developing into one of the finest and most challenging courses on the East Neuk coastline. The golf course is constantly evolving and maturing under the watchful eye of Course Manager Bob Meikle and his outstanding team, with golfers from near and far appreciating the challenge it poses.

This was one of the first projects for American golf course architect Gil Hanse. One of Gil's most recent successes was the design of the course for the Rio Olympic Games and despite being in demand across the golfing world Gil remains in close contact with Crail, monitoring the progress of Craighead, and regularly offering suggestions for course development.

Visiting golfers are always welcome and we are delighted to announce that the quality of Craighead is being recognised by Crail hosting the British Senior Ladies Open in September this year and the prestigious Scottish Amateur competition in July 2019.



Crail professional Graeme Lennie and club President Jim Horsefield celebrate on the 18th green on Craighead.

Staff Wanted

Julias Tearoom is looking for a local summer "boy" or "girl" helper.

Duties to include serving and taking customer orders, cleaning and preparation of dishes.

A pleasant and friendly personality rather than experience required as full training will be given.

Contact John at Julias or telephone 01333 450 415 if interested.

Crail Parish Church Intimations

Early Morning Services: These will take place at 9.30am until the 26 August.

SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

A huge thank you to the School Council who held another successful Summer Fair where £1319 was raised for school funds. We were blessed with fantastic sunny weather and this was a really fun day so thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Our Glee Club gave a super performance. Well done to our Crail King and Queen who were crowned at the Summer Fair and opened the event. Well done also to our Crail Page Boy and Flower Girl. It was a fantastic day and we are so proud of you all.



Crail Hospital Car Service - Apology:

Apologies are due to several people who tried to contact the service in the first half of June. And especially to the unfortunate holder of the phone number which had been wrongly given on the answering message. It should have been 450. not 451.

Normal service has now been resumed! at 450096.

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street

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

EAST NEUK SUMMER '18

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| 1 | MINDFULNESS @ WAID 1pm-3pm | Summer Youth Group @ East Neuk Centre Pizza Party Juniors 10am-12pm & Seniors 1pm-3pm Family Fun Day, East Neuk Centre 1pm-3pm | | Breakfast Social @ East Neuk Centre 9am-11.30am ABE Tasters @ WAID 1pm-3pm Friday Fun Nights @ East Neuk Centre Juniors 5.45pm-7.30pm & Seniors 7.45pm-9.15pm |
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For more info/to book places contact Tessa on 03451 55 55 55 ext 450834 ; Tessa.Sim@fife.gov.uk

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I currently have a few spaces for morning, afternoon, full day and after school places, and I am now taking bookings for over the summer holidays. I am fully PVG checked, First Aid trained, Foodsafe Inspected, fully insured, and registered with the Care Inspectorate.

If you're looking for childcare outwith nursery, or over the summer, whether it is single days or blocks of weeks, please get in touch!

07917 237 335

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 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 Museum & Heritage Centre Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th July 2018
10am

British Legion Hall
Home Baking, Preserves,
Raffle

Admission £2.00
Scottish Charitable Incorporated
Organisation
(Charity No. SC023505)



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Letter to the Editor Crail Food Festival and Waste Recycling

With reference to Victor Reynolds' letter last week, Crail Food Festival did indeed attempt to have recycling bins used during this year's Festival. The local council and their contractors made it clear to us that if we did have recycling bins, they would be checked and if even one single piece of contaminant – glass in plastic etc. - was found, then the whole bin would go to landfill. The Festival Committee were not in a position to supply volunteers to man the bin area, so, regretfully, we had to use general waste bins. Victor and everyone supporting recycling can rest assured that every effort will be made to come up with a system that will allow the recycling of as much waste as possible in future years.

In many ways this year has been a learning one for our small committee. The change in venues seemed to work exceptionally well and customer satisfaction levels were very high. The final outcomes are taking a little longer than had been hoped – we await several monetary transactions to be completed - but hope to report these outcomes in Crail Matters as soon as we can.

David Mann for Crail Food Festival Committee

Fife GP Out of Hours Service

The Fife Out of Hours GP Service is to continue for a further 6 months, despite almost universal condemnation and objections to the revised service. The revised service providing primary care emergency services only at the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy is available between midnight and 8am. Out of hours services available in St Andrews Community Hospital were discontinued. This reduction in service was originally announced as running for 3 months as an emergency measure, but has now been extended, with a full review scheduled for January 2019.

Fife Health and Social Care Partnership director Michael Kellert said: "The ongoing challenges we face have left us with no other option but to extend the contingency measures to ensure patient safety. We have taken and will continue to take every step available to us to try and resume services."

This included an advertising drive to recruit nursing and GP staff and trying to encourage the workforce to support the service."

It is reported that during the last three months, an average of 11 people had used the overnight service at the Victoria Hospital with around eight home visits.

A consultation has been launched about safe and sustainable services in the long and short term. The authorities say they want to hear the widest range of voices possible from across Fife, adding the partnership is open to hearing ideas and suggestions as to how sustainable services can be developed at local and Fife-wide levels.

Plastic Bottles

Crail Festival needs 50 clean, empty 2 litre plastic bottles WITH LIDS. We have weight bags for the gazebos for the Street Market which hold 2x2 litre bottles each, which we can fill with water.

We would be grateful if anybody who can help would drop them off at 15 Marketgate North. If no-one at home, please leave under the bench.

Catch the Bus to the Secret Bunker?

Stagecoach have launched a new "93" bus service for the school holidays that goes to the Secret Bunker.

It runs on Mondays to Saturdays from 2nd July to 11th August essentially between Anstruther and St Andrews calling at the Secret Bunker on the way.

If you plan to go from Crail, connections with the 95 at Toll Road in Cellardyke should work fairly well - with just enough time to get off one bus, walk across the road and catch the other bus coming up the hill from the harbour.

It is probably recommended catching the 95 at 13:24 from Crail High Street as it gives you a couple of extra minutes to change in Cellardyke in case the 95 is running late - the 95 should get to Cellardyke at 13:33 - you cross the road and wait for the 93 at 13:45 which gets you to the Secret Bunker at 13:56.

You can return from the Secret Bunker at 15:24, 16:36 or 17:14 - changing in Cellardyke or at Kinkell Braes Caravan Park outside St Andrews (depending on the direction the 93 is going in) to get back on the 95 for Crail.

Jam Jars

Many thanks to all those that have handed Jam Jars into chat bite and the Museum. No more are needed.

Balcomie Links Hotel Planning Appeal

The Community Council have been informed that the Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government has upheld the Fife Council decision not to grant planning permission for development of the Hotel.

The grounds for refusal were that the scale, massing, and overall design of the proposed terrace of houses would look out of place in the setting of the lower buildings close by, and that it would have an overbearing appearance in relation to the bungalow in close proximity to the northeast. There would also be an increase in overshadowing of the bungalow. In addition, the size of the proposed rear gardens would fall well short of the council's minimum requirement, representing a significant shortcoming in the suitability of the new houses for family occupation. The Reporter notes: 'I therefore agree with the council's principal contention that the proposal would represent overdevelopment of the site, and the council's tentative conclusion that too much is being squeezed into the site'.

The Reporter noted that redevelopment of the hotel is generally accepted by those who objected to the specific proposal, but there were concerns amongst those who objected about the size and height of the proposal, on the basis that it would be out of character with the area and other nearby developments. Concerns were also expressed about specific design matters and other details of the proposal.

Responding to this decision, Prof. Max Taylor, acting Chairman of the Community Council, welcomed the decision, and expressed a hope that in any future development proposals, the developer will take the opportunity of fully consulting with the community before submitting plans, and that the developers will have regard to the Charette outcomes and actively seek to meet them in any design submission.

Letter to the Editors

Sir,

I have just discovered from Facebook that Fife Health & Social Care intends to build a new care facility in Bankie Park to replace Ladywalk House. The ground on which Ladywalk currently sits would then be converted into a park, the site is much smaller (see attached screenshot). Also, the cycle path runs straight through the park.

I have to say, surely they could build this on the land opposite the Skeith Health Centre where they intend putting more houses and leave the Park alone? Locals have raised considerable sums recently to refurbish this facility and given that Crail doesn't have a decent play park (yet) and lots of folks take their children there, isn't this something that we should be involved in?

When childhood obesity levels are such and everyone is being encouraged to take their offspring out instead of allowing them to sit in front of electronic devices, this seems to be the wrong way to go about things! I don't dispute the need for a larger, newer care home but this should not be built at the expense of the only decent park in the East Neuk.

Apologies for the rant but I'm cross that social media is the main source of public information.

Julie Middleton



Proposed New Care Home for Anstruther to Replace Ladywalk House

Fife Health & Social Care Partnership is exploring options to locate a new care home that will replace Ladywalk House in Anstruther as part of an £18.3m capital investment programme by Fife Council. This will replace existing care homes in Anstruther, Cupar and Buckhaven.

We need to replace Ladywalk House due to its age and physical condition, and if we do nothing, the care home will need significant investments in mechanical and electrical works over the next few years.

We considered a number of options to site the new care home. We discussed these with local Councillors and the Community Council. At this stage, our preferred option is to locate the new care home in Bankie Park and return the site of Ladywalk House to parkland on a like for like basis. At present, no decisions have been made, and we want to hear what you think.

Commentary

- Close proximity to the existing care home site
- Would ensure continuity of care for care home residents in the locality
- Would not disrupt any existing facilities within the park
- Ability to return the existing care home site to parkland (same area size)
- Would pose minimal disruption to the surrounding community for a limited period
- Site is owned by Fife Council

Fife Health & Social Care Partnership would like to hear your opinions on this option, and you can send any comments to: Vivienne McBride, Change Manager – East Division, 5th Floor, Rothesay House, Glenrothes, KY7 5PQ; email: Vivienne.McBride@fife.gov.uk; telephone: 03451 555 555, ext 456752, by Friday 27th July 2018.

Crail Festival Putting Green

Opens

23rd June-19th Aug.

1.30-7.30 pm

Adult £1 Child 50p

Crail festival

We are not alone!! Holiday Lets are an international problem.

The Times reports problems related to holiday properties in Brittany, where a number of properties are reported to have been occupied by squatters. The squatters claim they cannot afford local rents, and promise a summer of “spectacular actions” to force second-homeowners, many of them British, to sell up and go. In Crail, or more generally in the East Neuk, we do not have the problem of squatters, but the tensions that give rise to them are familiar to us!

An activist organisation called Dispac’h, which means “revolution” in Breton, is reported by The Times saying “it will launch a campaign of civil disobedience”. Campaigners are reported to have plastered stickers and posters on holiday homes around the region this week with the message: “Brittany is not a second home. Villages in ruins, the youth in exile.”

It seems that the proportion of holiday homes in Brittany is rather lower than in the East Neuk - about 14 per cent of properties in the northwestern region are reported to be second homes, with Britons owning more than any other nationality except the French themselves. Last year 879 foreigners purchased second homes in Brittany, at an average price of €119,500. Britons formed the biggest group, ahead of Belgians and Germans. The Times reports that Ewan Thébaud, of Dispac’h, said: “As a group we don’t squat second homes but if young people want to do it, that’s fine as far as we are concerned.”

John Wellman, 69, a Briton with a second home in central Brittany, is quoted as saying: “It would be a shame if this campaign turned into anything unpleasant, because everyone has always been very friendly towards us until now. The Brits bring a lot of things to Brittany and we really like the place because it has its own character. It’s like Cornwall with better food.” He added that Parisians had a worse reputation in Brittany than the British. With local echoes, the activists, who want Brittany to split from France and declare independence, are determined to stop any more flats or houses being acquired by outsiders. Mr Thébaud argued that second-homeowners had forced locals to leave the region, resulting in villages lying empty for much of the year - a familiar theme here. An article last year on NHU Bretagne, a pro-Breton website, said second homes were “eating into our territory” and added: “The Irish, the Dutch and the English are numerous.”

A Dispac’h spokesman is reported to have said: “Villages, emptied of their life for more than half of the year, are seeing public services disappear. The concentration of visitors during a short period requires the construction of ever more infrastructure which covers the coasts in concrete.”

However, Olivier Lepick, the mayor of Carnac on Brittany’s south coast, said: “Locals are very happy to sell their house to Parisians for a high price but then complain about not being able to house themselves. We all agree that we should lower the proportion [of second-homeowners] but you have to admit that they contribute significantly to the economic wellbeing of the town. Who spends €50,000 on a new kitchen, giving work to local builders? Wanting them to leave or taxing them would be tantamount to shooting ourselves in the foot.”

Not so different from here it seems!!

The Times 28 June, 2018

The Crail Seagull



What glorious weather!!! Who needs to go away when we have such fantastic weather here? I spent much of the earlier part of the week at Flook Dub - cooler and much less busy. Crail has got very busy with all the Festival traffic and people, so it's just best to keep out of the way. Also, the crowd that attend the Festival events don't eat as much, or scatter their debris around - less picking for me and my friends.

Whatever happened to Rocket man? I thought we were all supposed to be on the brink of a major confrontation, but it all seems to have blown away. Do you think any of it was real?

My little friends tell me that the Charette went well, and that a Report on the event will be available soon. She says the Report pays lots of attention to people's needs, but says nothing about what us seagulls need!! A rather inquisitive starling says that the Report has all sorts of recommendations about the various Halls in Crail. I came into Crail on Thursday, and had a look into the Town Hall. It is a depressing place, with the ground floor just abandoned, and the upper floor rather dirty and shabby. About time something was done about it, given that it is such an iconic building in Crail.

Excellent stonemasonry shown by the builders of the wall at Kirkmay House. You wouldn't want to trust Fife Council people to do something like that if their performance on the toilets is anything to go by.

Crail Matters Summer Publication

Crail Matters will be taking a summer break – there will be no issue on Monday 27 August and 3 September. Copy for the final pre-summer break issue will need to be received 17 August for the issue of 20 August. Publication will resume on 10 September, with final copy needed by 7 September.

RBS Community Liaison

RBS Community Liaison staff will conduct drop in sessions each Tuesday from 1000 to 1200 in Anstruther Lower Town Hall. Anyone with questions or concerns is welcome to attend.

The Crail toilet dispute continues.....

Below is the cost breakdown in terms of material and labour for rebuilding/ refurbishing the damaged toilets. Cllr Linda Holt is still pushing to get this further broken down into separate costs for material and labour. Any comments you have on the figures would be welcome.

- Electricians - £8,431
 - Joiners - £19,066 part of this cost will also be connected to the coin operated system rather than the fire damage repairs
 - Plumbers - £4,144
 - Roofers - £128
 - Builder/Labourer - £1,663
 - Subcontractors - £8,653; includes roofing, coin installation system, plastering and decoration
- Adds up to £42,085.

There are also Cleaning/Prelim costs of £531 (deep clean was provided by Catering & Cleaning Services). Overall total therefore £42,616.

Crail Community Council Notes

Freedom of the Royal Burgh of Crail

The Community Council unanimously agreed to offer the Freedom of Crail to the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards. Arrangements are being discussed and a potential date identified.

Lord Lyon King of Arms

The Lord Lyon will present the shield documents to the Council on 6 October - arrangements to follow.

Overnight Parking signs Marketgate

The matter has again been raised with Fife Council, and it is reported that the current signs and the damaged post would be replaced in the next month.

Toilets

Disabled access to the refurbished toilets was noted to be unsuitable as the door was too small for wheelchair use and there was little space for manoeuvring. In all, they were not up to modern standards.

Flexibus:

It has been agreed that the residents in the KY10 3XN postcode area to the east of Crail could now use the Go-Flexi service from Fife Ness to Crail for onward travel and return. Anyone wishing to book the service should contact 01382 540624.



Do you know any young carers?

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Website - YoungCarersRespite.com

Contact your Fife Councillor?

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