



CRAIL MATTERS

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Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.

Crail Folk Club

Thursday 13th September 8pm Crail Town Hall

BYOB £7

Our guests are Mark and Cindy Lemaire



A second visit to Crail for Mark & Cindy Lemaire. The San Franciscan duo was such a hit last time this is sure to be a sell out.

Mark Lemaire is known for his unique guitar style: he incorporates masterful fingerpicking, slap-and-tap harmonics, hand percussion, and a delicate touch that goes straight to your heart. And when he's writing website copy, he speaks about himself in the third person. It's all just part of the modern internet world, he tells himself. While Mark's solo guitar pieces stand as complete statements, his harmonies with Cindy Lemaire are so perfectly matched that they seem like two people with one voice.

At a show, audiences do a lot of laughing, but many are also moved to tears. The material runs from tongue-in-cheek songs about married life to stories of the strange surprise of middle age creeping up on us. The music ranges from subtle, pin-drop delicate solo guitar to raucous sing-alongs. While the music is beautiful, the experience of simply being together is a key part of the evening. Folks leave at the end both grinning and fulfilled.

With four albums released and some captivating songs you'll only hear live (for now), Mark and Cindy are a pleasure to listen to and fun to just be with. "Mark and Cindy's stellar harmonies simply mesmerize, silencing the audience who hang on every note. I've seen a lot of acts, but the harmonies of these two are so aligned and balanced, I felt as though I got an audio 'tune up' inside me after listening to their songs."

Kiki Wow Presents

"Lemaire has received critical kudos from the industry as well as his musical peers. Performing with Cindy Lemaire, the blend of voices adds a perfect exclamation point to Mark's virtuoso guitar playing and songwriting." - Pasadena Weekly

Full details and tickets 01333 450572. To see some sample clips try our Facebook Page.

Community Council Elections

The Editorial Team of Crail Matters has decided that its coverage of the Community Council elections will consist of inviting each candidate to provide a short (100-150 word) statement for publication in the issue of 24th September. Candidates may if they wish also submit a small photograph of themselves. Once the list of candidates is published, we will approach them with this invitation. Whilst a number of members of the Editorial Team will stand for election, we feel it is important to adopt an impartial stance reflecting fair, inclusive and transparent procedures in covering this exercise of local democracy.

Following the closing date for nominations of Thursday, 6th September, Crail Matters has been advised that regrettably, 7 active community councils have not received sufficient nominations to reform at this stage. The reasons for this are not clear, particularly since the nomination period was extended from 2 to 3 weeks for these elections. Fortunately, Crail is not in this position.

However, for those community councils which have failed to reform, there will be an opportunity to submit a petition in terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Fife seeking a fresh round of nominations in due course. It is the Returning Officer's intention to run any elections arising from such petitions at the same time as the date for the election in St Andrews on a date to be confirmed in the Spring.

An update will be provided in the next issue of Crail Matters which will be published 17th September.

Medals at North Berwick for Crail Rowing Club



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The regatta was the last major competition of the year, so Crail were delighted to finish on a high! The club will continue to train hard over winter to prepare for the Skiffie World Championships in Stranraer next July.

Anyone wishing to join Crail Rowing Club should contact the secretary via the club website or Facebook page.

Ladies Open – Silver Medalists

l-r: Heather Rickman, Jude Gallon-Fry, Glenn Rickman (cox), Dawn Jackson-Williams, Sonja Heinrich

The annual rowing regatta hosted by North Berwick Rowing Club took place on Saturday 25 August. Crail Rowing Club competed in eight out of the eleven races and almost every member won a medal.

With white horses just off the harbour, sea conditions were challenging to say the least, so the organisers decided to shorten the first two races. The Men and Women 50+ teams both raced a 1km course from Craigleith Island back to the harbour entrance. Racing was tight, but the Crail ladies secured the first medal of the day, winning gold with a 2-second lead from hosts North Berwick.

As the wind lessened later that morning, teams were allowed to race the full course around the island, a distance of three kilometres. The Mixed Novice team, (ably assisted by Rosie from St Andrews' Rowing Club), completed the course in an impressive 20 minutes 42 seconds, and were delighted to win a bronze medal. Competition remained high throughout the afternoon with several nail-biting finishes, however Crail teams went on to secure silvers in the Mixed 240 (a crew with an average age of 60), the Mixed 45+ and the Ladies Open.

Letters to the Editor

Crail Matters wishes to acknowledge a contribution received regarding the article 'Fife Five Dog Friendly Days Out'. It is our policy to only publish contributions where sources can be verified. Should the author wish to contact us, we would be pleased to publish and can, on request, withhold a name.

Sirs,

From issue #75:

"I think the shops in Crail must all have closed, home delivery vans from far and wide can be seen making deliveries to the many holiday homes..."

So these delivery vans only go to holiday homes, is that right? They don't go to the homes of the sick, the elderly, the full time mums and carers, the disabled or other more "worthy" residents of Crail? I presume the writer that hides behind "The Seagull" is the same one who was rightly chastised for their gratuitous inclusion of a report on a fishing community in Canada a few issues ago, clearly implying that Crail residents should also 'rise up' against holiday home owners in their village.

Crail Matters should exist to inform and engage the whole community of Crail, permanent residents, second home owners, and holiday home owners. This sniping attitude is certainly forcing me to consider unsubscribing. I want to read about matters affecting Crail in a balanced and objective way. I do not want to read what amounts to a poison pen letter, one person or group's agenda that does not necessarily reflect the whole Crail community.

Tom Cannavan

A Date for your Diary

Correction: Appointments are not required, the service is walk in as usual.

The annual flu inoculations will take place at Skeith Health Centre on Monday, 1 October 2018

If you are:-

Aged 65 or over, or a pregnant woman, An unpaid carer of any age, or Work in health care

You are eligible to have the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccination takes around 10 days to work and should protect you from the flu for another year.

The flu vaccine is offered to all children in Scotland aged 2-5

(and not yet in school) at their GP Practice. it is offered to all primary school children at school.

If you catch the flu, there are a number of steps you can take to help you recover. Firstly, stay at home, get plenty of rest and make sure that you drink enough fluid to keep yourself hydrated. Water is best, particularly if you have a high temperature.

R.B.S. Mobile Branch Timetable

Tuesdays: St. Andrews Road Car Park, Anstruther – 2.15pm -3.00pm

Thursdays: North Marketgate, Crail – 10.20am – 10.50am

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



Virtue has its reward. As I was doing some recycling at Pittenweem tip on the morning of the 1st I heard a common redstart calling from the clump of trees behind the glass bins. It's a lot easier to find a migrant at this time of year when they call: it was barely visible in the dense foliage. The conditions hadn't been good for migrants from the east for the previous 10 days or so, but redstarts breed on the West Coast and in the Highlands so we can get passage birds with light westerly winds as well: the same applies to spotted flycatchers, whinchats and tree pipits, although apparently never for pied flycatchers, for some reason.

I walked from Kilminning to Fife Ness and back in a loop that afternoon. All very quiet except at sea where the gannets are working very hard getting their chicks ready for fledging. There were also a few younger birds – even birds just a year old – non-breeders that must be visiting Bass Rock and the area to get an idea of where and how to breed. A visit at the end of the summer at fledging time should give these



1 year old Gannet



Goosander

young birds the most information: which bits of the colony are best for producing chicks and indeed if the colony is worth nesting in at all. Apart from the gannets and a lot of fulmars passing Fife Ness, in about an hour there were just a couple arctic skuas, a whimbrel and a goosander. No shearwaters and barely any kittiwakes at all – although one of the few passing was intercepted by one of the skuas and a lengthy chase ensued.

As I walked down to Balcomie Beach from the golf club on the morning of the 2nd I was greeted by the hysterical shrieking of a redshank – sounding like a murder was taking place. It's always a fair sign that one is and as I got to the beach I flushed a sparrowhawk sitting invisible on the rocks above the tideline. It glided fifty meters further along the rocks – just about visible as it moved – before disappearing again as it perched on a rock,

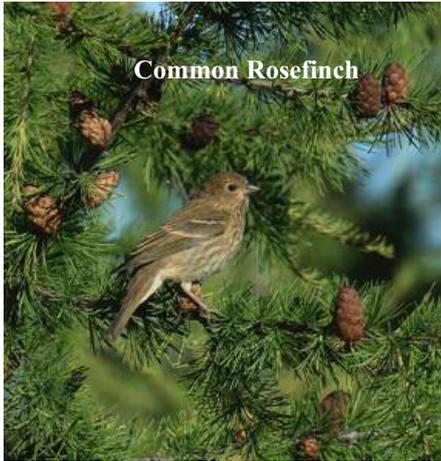
mottled brown amongst mottled brown rocks. The redshanks were shrieking again as it flew but after the sparrowhawk resumed perching and wasn't visible any more they stopped. Far too risky to make a fuss when you don't know where the predator has gone. The redshanks were super vigilant, craning their necks and keeping to the tide edges, but they didn't do the obvious thing and leave. They are literally between a rock and a hard place because if they leave their territories too often then they are open to occupation by other redshanks: possession is nine tenths of the law with territoriality. I think that's one of reasons they really shriek when a sparrowhawk is about and surprise hunting: the sparrowhawk's ability to hunt by surprise is gone and it might then move on, but also the redshank makes clear it is deserting its territory for a good reason. And it would be a foolish redshank that then tried to exploit a territory holder's absence while the sparrowhawk was there. The sparrowhawk's progress along the shore for the next ten minutes was obvious – not because I could see it, but by the shrieks of the redshanks and the small flocks of golden plover – another bit of invisibility as they roosted on the rocky shore – flying off to a safer bit of beach. They are not territorial in winter so have no qualms about getting well out of the way.



Sparrowhawk

We had light north easterlies on Sunday the 2nd followed by a day of south-easterlies and a lot of rain last Monday. Not quite the weather conditions for

a lot of migrants, but much better than the week before. With September being here too, things should be on the move. And Shetland had a lot of barred warblers last week. Well that was my frame of mind for checking Kilminning at lunchtime on Tuesday the 3rd. The top was absolutely dead apart from a few robins deciding whether to stop skulking or not now August is past. I continued down to the bottom and stopped at the usual barred warbler site. There was something calling like a cross between a greenfinch and a willow warbler from the roses next door. A bird then popped up – a juvenile common rosefinch – watching me warily from the top of the rose hips. Rosefinches are not common, at least not here, and this was only my second in Crail. When one is found, they don't hang about. We haven't had one here for longer than a few hours - I have missed at least two since my first in 2013, even though I was looking for them in exactly the right place just a few hours later. So, I was incredibly lucky to find one right in front of me. And luckily too, I remembered that rosefinches are fairly shy, so instead of approaching it, I walked away from it. The rosefinch stayed put and I so I had the best view I have had since I was in Kazakhstan many years ago (where they really are common). That said they are not a lot to look at: dull uniform brownish, a plain, unmarked brown head, slightly shaggy, with a beady

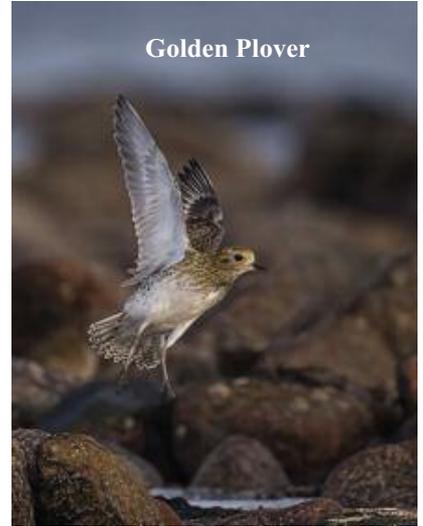


Common Rosefinch

black eye, and fine streaking underneath. They do have a couple of neat whitish wing bars as a positive identification feature to check. It kept calling which made me happy because I didn't know it until that day, and it is similar enough to a few other birds (like greenfinch as I mentioned) that I could have easily have ignored it in the past. Despite my canny retreat it wasn't totally convinced and after a minute it flew off, circling around before heading off strongly towards the top of Kilminning. I put the news out to the Fife birding grapevine immediately but knowing I would probably be the only one to see it. Still – it's a serious start to the season and it will tempt a few more birders out I hope. I bet there is a barred warbler or two about to be found.

After the heavy rain at lunchtime on the 6th the visibility across the Forth was brilliant. A lovely

September evening. I had to get out and did a circuit of Kilminning and then back to Crail along the coast path. Lots of birds – redshank, curlew and turnstones on the shore, herring gulls everywhere, and the usual late summer flocks of roosting golden plover and lapwing at Sauchope. Kilminning was very quiet, with just a couple of yellowhammers exploiting the berries where the rosefinch was earlier in the week. There was a goosander at Roome Bay – they are less common around Crail than at Fife Ness and Balcomie. It was close enough in and the evening so still that I could hear it calling to itself – a quiet and unbirdlike grunting.



Golden Plover

Stall Holder Event

North East Fife CLD Team has decided to do another stall holder event at Waid to promote services & information for young people. This will be a great opportunity to get information out/sign up people for October Holiday events/projects.

It is also a great way to get out information about relevant issues for young people and information about services for young people.

It will run over lunch time in the food hall. It is good idea to sign in about 12.30pm and set up before the bell goes. Lunch is about 50 minutes. The school will also promote this event.

Please let Tessa know if you would like to come along and participate on the 28th September.

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**FRIDAY
28
SEPT18**

ENYWPDG PRESENTS
**WHAT'S ON
STALLHOLDER
EVENT**
FOR WAID PUPILS
S1-S6

**FIND OUT WHATS ON OFFER IN EAST NEUK FOR YOU
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The Voice!



Various events were held in the park to promote awareness of the proposal by Fife Health & Social Care to build a new care facility in Bankie Park. Media became involved and this included STV News, a Facebook Page, 'Keep Bankie Park Green' drew 1,677 members, many wrote letters objecting to the proposal and a 'Change.org' petition was set up - over 2,000 people signed this. The paper version was distributed to many shops and businesses in the East Neuk as it's not just children from Anstruther who use Bankie Park and this was delivered to Fife Council amid a huge media presence. Local MP, Stephen Gethins and MSP, Willie Rennie became involved although Local Councillors had to refrain from much comment as, if they showed support, they would have been excluded from any subsequent planning meetings. The protest was not in any way against the building of a new care home, only against the use of the only green space available in the area in which children can play and there are several al-

ternative sites which could be utilised. Due to public pressure, alternative options are now being sought.

"It was great to meet with campaigners in Anstruther today to discuss the engagement process which has been running recently regarding the proposal to build the replacement care home for Ladywalk House on part of Bankie Park.

Bankie Park was the preferred option because it would have ensured that our residents could remain in their local community and the existing site of the care home could be returned to parkland. I said at the community council in July that this process has been about engaging in an open, honest and transparent way. As part of the process we rely heavily on the community to share their views on many proposals to help the service build on the services we provide throughout Fife.

I would like to thank the community for engaging in this process with us and to everyone who made contact with the service with their views.

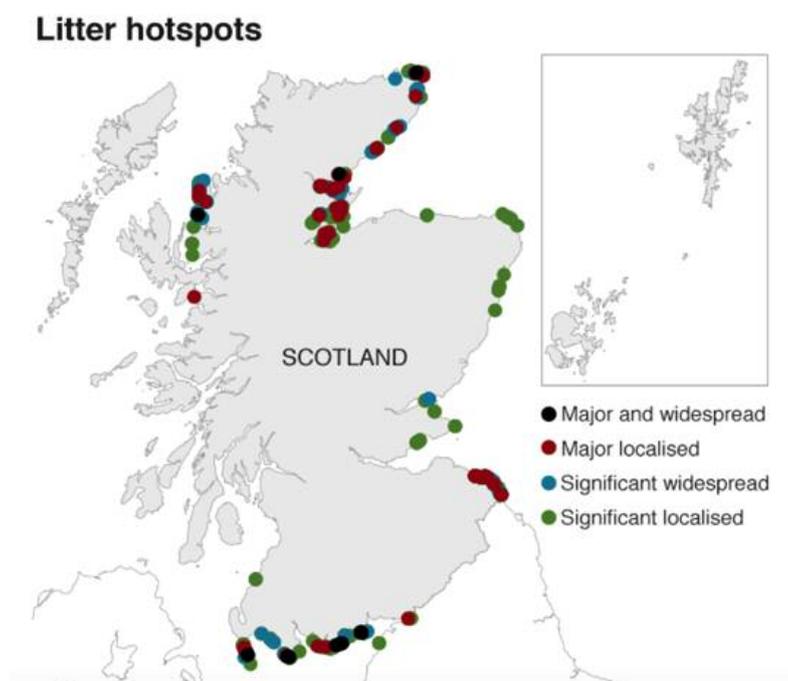
Following the extensive engagement process with the community I can confirm that we have listened to the views of the majority in the process and decided that Bankie Park is no longer a viable option and is now withdrawn from the process.

Even though Bankie Park has been withdrawn, work continues to find a suitable alternative for Ladywalk House which shall allow the service to provide the facilities which shall match the fantastic level of care that is received by the residents who live in the home."

Cllr David Graham, Health & Social Care Spokesperson.

Public opinion was loud, sufficiently loud for Fife Health & Social Care to hear and rethink the Bankie Park option.

Coastal Litter



The Scottish Coastal Rubbish Aerial Photography (SCRAPbook) is a collaboration between three charities - the Marine Conservation Society, Sky Watch Civil Air Patrol and the Moray Firth Partnership. Pilots and observers have been photographing thousands of miles of Scottish coastline and have identified many areas where there are various types and considerable amounts of litter. It had been assumed that small amounts of plastic etc. would be found however, the situation is far worse than anticipated.

Archie Liggat, chairman of the UK Civil Aviation Patrol, said: "This is an enormous problem, much bigger than we initially thought. Some of these areas are so isolated, that they can't reasonably be found from the ground, they can't be seen from the sea because they are level with the coastline and many of them are over the top of cliffs and things so you wouldn't be able to see them. Light aircraft are the only real way of finding this stuff."

The map can be used by anyone and the hope is that local communities, businesses, schools and water sports clubs will get involved with tackling the issue. The area beyond Crail which is illustrated on the map, is below Wormistoun and quite

inaccessible. Litter here consists of plastic and timber, assumedly left over from the lost cargo from a ship several months ago.

Fife COUNCIL

CUPAR YOUTH CAFE

16+

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East Neuk Centre, Ladywalk, Anstruther, KY10 3EX

Mondays 11-4
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Starts 17th September

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or Gemma on 01334 650298
or email northeastfife16plus@gmail.com

16 plus Activity Agreement At East Neuk Centre

Cupar Youth Cafe offers young people aged 16 – 18 year old, who live in East Fife opportunities to :

- < Prepare for work, college and life
- < Try a range of new activities
- < Gain qualifications and skills

Learning how to be.

- < Effective contributors
- < Successful learners
- < Confident individuals
- < Responsible citizens

The programme runs for 12 weeks on:

- < Monday's 11am – 4pm

Young People will be expected to make up their Activity Agreement by taking part in *either 4 hours* of volunteering or by attending the drop in session at Cupar Youth Café on **Wednesdays from 11-1.**

Craik Parish Church of Scotland

(Charity registered in Scotland SC 001601)

Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Sunday 30th September** at 11:15am.

A family Pot Luck Harvest Supper will take place in Craik Kirk Hall on **Sunday September 30th at 6pm.** All members of Craik and Kingsbarns church are warmly invited. More details soon. Save the date!

Karail: Items for the next issue of the Karail are now due please email by **16th September.**

Intimations to be in by Thursday noon to Lisa 450035, Helen Armitage or email to (intimations@craikchurch.co.uk)

Interim Moderator: Rev Brian Oxburgh
Locum Minister: Rev Peter Neilson
(tel: 01333 310 477)

Craik Community Choir

Come along and join us!



Monday, 10 September 2018
7.30pm in the **Town Hall**, Craik
All Adults Welcome
£1 per night

Need more information?

Phone:

Catriona

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Liz

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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.

Contact your Fife Councillor?

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Your Views
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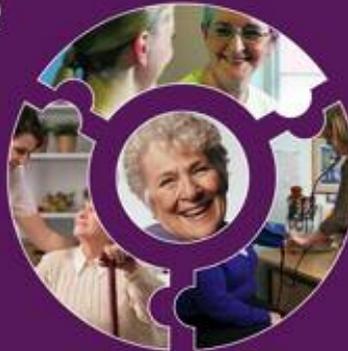
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Supporting the people of Fife together



Joining Up Care Consultation Workshops

Come along to one of our local consultation workshops to find out more about how Health and Social Care services could be improved for you and the communities of Fife. The focus of the workshops will be:

- Community Health & Wellbeing Hubs
- Out of Hours Urgent Care Redesign
- Community Hospital and Intermediate Care Bed Redesign



- Tuesday 21st August • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
City Chambers, Dunfermline
- Thursday 23rd August • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
Fife Voluntary Action, East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy
- Tuesday 28th August • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
CISWO, South Street, Glenrothes
- Thursday 30th August • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
Inverkeithing High School, 10 Queen Street, Inverkeithing
- Tuesday 4th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
County Buildings, St Catherine Street, Cupar
- Wednesday 5th September • 11.15am - 1pm
City Chambers, Dunfermline
- Tuesday 11th September • 11.15am - 1pm
County Buildings, St Catherine Street, Cupar
- Wednesday 12th September • 11.15am - 1pm
Fife House, North St, Glenrothes
- Thursday 13th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
Inzievar Primary School, Station Rd, Oakley
- Tuesday 18th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
The Centre, 1 Broomieknowe, Leven
- Thursday 20th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
Waid Community Campus, Anstruther
- Monday 24th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
St Andrews Town Hall Queen's Gardens, St Andrews
- Tuesday 25th September • 6.45pm – 8.30pm
Lochgelly Centre

*Doors will open 30 minutes before event starts.



For more information visit:
www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/joiningupcare

Fife Health & Social Care Partnership
A partnership between Fife Council and NHS Fife
www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org

Do you know any young carers?

We are the respite care officers for Disabilities Fife. Carers that are actively looking for families to help. Please feel free to contact us any-time by:

Phone - 01592 203993

Email - respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk

Website - YoungCarersRespite.com

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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@disabilities-fife.org.uk or call on 01592 203993

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street

Opening times:

Monday: 1400-1600

Tuesday: 1430-1630

Wednesday: 1400-1600

Crail bus fares get cheaper!

Of course the actual story is not quite as simple as the headline.

What Stagecoach Buses have done is to introduce a new Ticket Zone called "North East Fife" - previously the smallest Ticket Zone including Crail was the whole of "Fife".

The new North East Fife Zone includes Crail, St Andrews, Cupar and Newburgh, Auchtermuchty, Strathmiglo, Falkland, Freuchie and Upper Largo. Plus places North and East of those already mentioned, so Colinsburgh, Kilconquhar, Elie, St Monans, Pittenweem, Anstruther, Leuchars, Tayport, Newport, Wormit, Gauldry etc.

If your travel is entirely within this area and you previously bought a Fife Dayrider ticket (£9.10 for adults) then it will be cheaper to buy a North East Fife Dayrider ticket (£8 for adults). Similar reductions apply to tickets for longer durations or different ages.

If you previously bought a return ticket that cost more than the North East Fife Dayrider ticket then it will be cheaper to buy the new ticket. For example, the adult return fare Crail to St Andrews was £8.10 - the new £8 Adult North East Fife Dayrider will cover your original journey, and more journeys on the same day throughout the North East Fife Zone, for less money.

There's a map of the new ticket zone on the internet at: https://tison-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/ZoneMaps/East%20Scotland/ESCOT_ZONEMAP_StAndrewsandNorthEastFife.pdf

At the same time Stagecoach also increased the price of the Nightrider ticket covering Stagecoach buses in Fife, Tayside and Angus after 7pm from £2 to £3 - so if you are planning to travel out before 7pm and back after 7pm your calculations on whether it's cheaper to buy a single ticket and a Nightrider ticket or a North East Fife Dayrider ticket to cover both journeys can be complicated... Both changes came into operation while Crail Matters was on holiday on Sunday 2nd September.

Crail Community Council Notes



The Safer Communities Team would like to recruit volunteers to assist us with a new initiative in Fife called Adopt-A-Street. By working together in partnership, communities and the Council can help prevent a build-up of litter and encourage everyone to care about their own neighbourhood and/or their special place.

Litter pickers and hoops can be provided to all volunteers who sign up for the scheme and you can choose the area you care about and want to adopt. Up to 10 litter pickers, 5 hoops, bags and gloves can be provided.

This scheme is open to anyone who wishes to participate in helping clean a place they care about. It might be your street, your local park or simply a path that you use regularly.

The Council will continue to clean public places but by working together we can all help to keep Fife a beautiful place to live and visit.

The Safer Communities Team is hoping to host an event in the near future with speakers from the voluntary organisation "Leithers Don't Litter" who have inspired them to look into supporting local initiatives such as this. If you would be interested in attending this event, volunteering or if you would like some additional information, please contact:

Crail Community Council would like to encourage everyone to participate in the forthcoming Consultation Workshops on Fife Health & Social Care Partnership's proposals for 'Joining Up Care'. The Out of Hours service at St Andrews Community Hospital is at risk and possibly, also the Minor Injuries walk in service. Local Public Meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday, 18th September, 6.45pm – 8.30pm, The Centre, 1 Broomieknow, Leven

Thursday, 20th September, 6.45pm – 8.30pm, Waid Community Campus, Anstruther

Monday, 24th September, 6.45pm – 8.30pm, St Andrews Town Hall, Queens Gardens, St Andrews.

A questionnaire can also be completed online at: however, some of the questions are unclear and it is recommended that the 20 page booklet be read before the form is attempted.

Several issues of dangerous footpaths were brought to our attention and reported via the online fault reporting website and by telephone after the site was down. Repairs have been effected but the broken tarmac has not been swept up.

Yet again concerns have been raised about the outhouse and garden at the former children's centre. The outhouse has been inspected by FC and there is nothing that, although unsightly, would present an immediate danger to the public. Parks & Countryside were contacted to determine whether or not they could assist – they cannot help as no one seems to know who owns this property.



The Crail Seagull

I spotted a rare breed on the morning of Saturday, 1st September – not one but two traffic wardens were sighted and this caused great excitement in the butchers. Not that I was in the butchers, of course.

The story goes that they were only interested in booking cars parked in disabled spaces without displaying a blue badge. I saw a car in the disabled space at the bottom of the High Street being booked, a rare occurrence indeed!

Doesn't the area around the public toilets on Westgate look much better without the blue bins, pity about the cars parked there. Never mind, nice, easy targets for me!

There's another bin (not blue) down at the harbour all wrapped up in an old carpet. Where did it come from, who put it there and who knows what might be found in it? Even I'm too afraid to investigate it further.

I saw the RBS mobile bank on Thursday, what a shame it started to rain just as it parked along Marketgate. I hope those in the queue didn't get too wet. Talking about banks - I see they're advertising a letting income of £2,000.00 per year if you buy the former bank building in Dundee. I wonder, should I offer to host one at Fluke Dub, is it too far to go for a cashline? Perhaps the golfers would use it.



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