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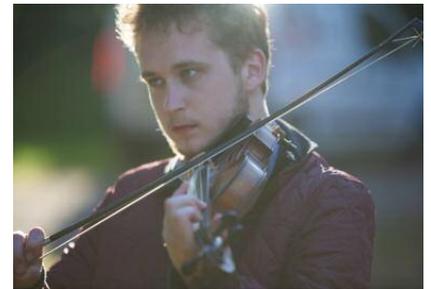
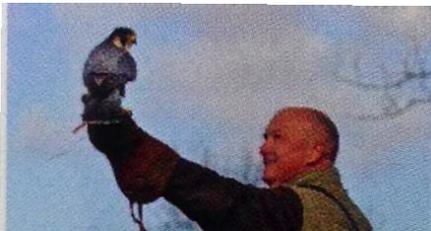
Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.

Crail Festival & Festival Street Market 2018

From all accounts this year's Festival has been an outstanding success. The pre-Festival event, 'Simon and Garfunkel: Through the Years', set a very high standard and established a very firm baseline for the Festival Programme which followed. The perennial features like the Art Festival, the Putting, Street Market and the Quiz have more than reinforced their popular status. The range of superb children's activities, which set us apart from most other local Festivals, has been widely praised by parents and children alike. Our objectives of providing entertainment, challenges, opportunities for skills, friendship, education, new experiences and time away from smartphones, and above all, fun have been amply achieved.

Liz Lochhead was in peerless form during her May Island Discs session and also in 'An Evening with Liz Lochhead', which followed.

The Blueswater Band effectively opened the Festival, and 'John the Revelator' the first song of their exciting programme captured a buoyant mood which was sustained throughout the Festival. Emily Maguire was hugely talented and thought provoking, Rose Room were sensational, Robbie Greig and his Friends were young, award winning musicians playing the best of traditional Scottish and Irish music, and Bogna Forkiewicz, our international star soprano, captured the heights of operatic performance. Her interpretation and delivery of her closing songs 'I could have danced all night', 'Summertime' and 'The Man I Love' were breathtaking. Once again we had successive magical, musical evenings in Crail. Under Fire, our headline closing act, was sold out for about 3 months, and nostalgia reigned. Add the gentle, poignant Bernicia Suite and the sheer escapism of the 5 Star Comedy Evening and the vibrant, extensive 2018 Programme is complete. Attendances have been very encouraging so a small surplus is anticipated. Thoughts now turning to next year.



It's just the weather for dolphin spotting!



Later in July, early August presents the best opportunities for spotting dolphins - that is the height of the salmon migration and it is when we have more dolphins in the Firth. For example, around 60 Bottlenose dolphins were spotted off West Braes, Pittenweem, in the evening of 7th July. The sighting was reported to the Seawatch Foundation who monitors sightings and numbers. Bottlenosed dolphins are the most common around here and can regularly be spotted off Kilminning. Later in the year it can sometimes be a bit difficult to find dolphins, plus the weather can be poor which affects visibility. Dolphins generally sleep at night, but only for a couple hours at a time; they are often active late at night, possibly matching this alert period to feed. While some dolphins eat fish like herring, cod or mackerel, some others eat squid or other molluscs.

Although the most famous place in the UK for land-based dolphin watching - Chanonry Point on the Black Isle near Inverness, they

can regularly be spotted off the Fife Coast. For watching dolphins here you need to know a few things...what the tides are doing and also, to a lesser extent what the moon phase is. The dolphins hunt for migrating salmon during the spring and summer and this hunting takes place in conjunction mainly on a rising (or flooding) tide so finding when the tide is rising helps a great deal.

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Report a sighting online at: <http://www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk/sightingsform/>

Crail Parish Church of Scotland (Charity registered in Scotland SC 001601)

Pittenweem Arts Festival - On Monday 6th August bacon rolls, soup, tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 10am – 4 pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Also, on **Tuesday 7th August** the same format will be in place but on this occasion, it is in aid of Mary's Meals. In our usual venue in Backgate, Pittenweem

Helgelandskysten Musikkforening Concert Friday 10th August in Crail Church at **7.30pm** entry by donation.

We are a wind band from the region Outer Helgeland in Northern Norway. The band started in the early spring 2017 and is a co-operation project recruiting musicians from other wind ensembles. Under a sky often coloured by the Northern Lights and with the calming sound of waves from the ocean, we gather 4-5 times a year at the different places and islands we come from. Through the music we will try to give a sound of Norway's coastal culture, but you will also hear some church music and popular music from other countries.

If Pastoral/Hospital visits are required then please contact your Elder who will arrange them.

Rev Jim Campbell of Ceres is on standby for funerals.

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

Interim Moderator: Rev Brian Oxburgh

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

Kingsbarns Parish Church of Scotland

Organ Recital and Concert

by Chris Bragg (Organ) and Donald Robinson (Cello)

Wednesday 1 August at 7.30pm

This concert forms part of the annual St Andrews University Organ Week programme of events which is attended by Organ Scholars/Teachers and enthusiasts from UK and Overseas.

Admissions £6 (£5 concessions) to Kingsbarns Church Organ Fund

The Church and it's lovely organ are very privileged to be selected for inclusion in the Organ Week Programme.

Crail Festival Putting Green



Opens

23rd June-19th Aug.

1.30-7.30 pm

Adult £1 Child 50p

Crail festival



Allergic Reaction Alert



To anyone who knows someone who carries an Epipen, or comes across anyone having a severe allergic reaction, the NHS has stopped prescribing Epipens, they now prescribe Emerade pens instead. So if you are looking through someone's bag looking for the signature Epipen yellow, you now need to look for the Emerade pen, in the plain white tube. It works in the same way though!

Old yellow Epipen at the bottom, new white Emerade pen at the top!

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.

**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.

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COASTAL CREATURES

Weds. 1st Aug., 11am-2pm

Suitable for ages 9-14
Free but booking essential (contact us or use Eventbrite)

This year we're teaming up with Fife Coast & Countryside Trust to take a closer look at the coastal creatures in our local environment. Participants in this session should bring a packed lunch.

CLAY CREATIONS

Sat. 4th Aug., 11am-1pm

Suitable for families with children aged 8+
Free, booking required (contact us or use Eventbrite)

Join us as we welcome Mella Shaw, the artist behind our new temporary exhibition 'HARVEST'. She'll be showing us how she smoke-fires her work and teaching us how to decorate our own ceramic tiles. Shaw's strong but delicate work focuses on the urgent issue of plastic pollution in the oceans and seas – exploring and confronting themes of fragility and loss.

Crail Museum & Heritage Centre

Coffee Morning



Saturday 11th August 2018

10am

British Legion Hall

Home Baking, Preserves, Raffle.

Admission £2

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The Crail Seagull

Looks like my plans for a peaceful summer at Fluke Dub will have to be altered; some giant whirling birds have invaded me. I was absolutely terrified – big, noisy things that they were. I thought that they had come to steal my nest but they sat on the field at the golf course with their backs to me. Is this a cunning ploy to divert my attention, I thought? A wise owl settled my nerves a bit when she told me that it was an American film crew who had come to film something at Craighhead before heading off to the Open Championship but then I got a bit worried - could it have been Mr Trump coming with some henchmen for me? I've not been very complimentary about him so I think I'll move into Crail temporarily, just until the heat dies down.



Back to more messy humans again. Such a shame that someone decided to leave a black bag of dog poo on the table next to the books and the honesty box outside the Legion Hall. This was on Tues. 24th, just as the children were preparing to leave the Hall with fabulous cupcakes! Thanks to the gentleman who took it to the bin. Shame on You "Mr or Mrs" Black Bag Poo." Thankfully, there are some good humans too.

Crail Community Council Notes

There will be no Community Council Meeting in July, the next being 27 August.

Amazon Fake Emails:

Action Fraud warns that they have received increased numbers of reports about fake emails purporting to be from Amazon. The subject line and content of the emails vary, but they all contain links leading to phishing websites designed to steal your Amazon login details.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.



Water Shortage:

As you will hopefully be aware, Scottish Water launched a campaign urging customers across Scotland to use water wisely. A few weeks ago, some of their plants were producing 30% more water and across Scotland, an additional 140 million litres per day were produced due to increased usage. Whilst these record levels have recently reduced, they are still experiencing high demand in some parts.

Although we have received some rain recently, our water resources at the two major reservoirs which supply Fife, Glendevon and Glenfarg, are lower than average for this time of year. This follows a prolonged dry spell with Scotland receiving significantly less rainfall than would normally be expected.

Customers across Fife are asked to help save water in the home while the warm, dry weather continues.

By taking small and simple measures, customers can help to ensure that Scottish Water can continue to supply water to homes and businesses.

Simple steps customers can take to use water efficiently include:

- Using a bucket of water instead of a hose to wash your car or only washing windscreens and headlights and brake lights
- Using a watering can instead of a hose to water gardens and plants
- Taking a shower instead of a bath and making it a short shower
- Only using washing machines or dishwashers fully loaded
- Turning off the tap when brushing teeth and shaving

By working together, we can keep the water cycle flowing during this warm weather.

Former Childrens Centre

The garden at the rear of the former Children's Centre has again raised concerns. This property has been vacant and neglected for several years and the owner has allowed the garden to become completely overgrown. The roof of the outhouse is in a very poor state and ready for collapse, this could be dangerous in high winds. The bushes, trees and brambles are impinging on the narrow lane between Westgreen and Arrighi Crescent. The weeds are now seeding and infesting nearby beautiful gardens. The issues have been reported to Fife Council.

Material for inclusion in Crail Matters should be sent to crailmatters@gmail.com and received on Friday midday before publication. Any views expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the author, and not of Crail Matters.

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