



CRAIL MATTERS

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Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.

Denburn Dispatches

Unfortunately we had rather a low turn out on October 6th for our regular first Saturday of the month gathering of Denburn Diggers. Illness and holidays account for some but maybe missing a write up in September led to general amnesia! The three gents in our small group spent the time raking up leaves and generally tidying up the paths and burn while we two ladies spent most of our time planting spring bulbs so we should get a good show in 2019! Prior to knuckling down to the bulb planting, I did the regular litter pick and was disappointed to get a large haul of drinks cans and bottles, crisp and sweetie wrappers etc. If folk can manage to carry these in when full, why can't they carry them out at least as far as one of the bins – you cannot help passing a waste bin on the way out – or better still, taking them home to recycle. It was also disappointing to notice that grass clippings have started being tipped over from a neighbouring garden again and various chunks of polystyrene appear to have been thrown over from another neighbouring property. Please use your household bins folks, Denburn Wood is supposed to be a community attraction not a tip!

Although there are few flowers around now, the autumn colours are appearing in the leaves and look out for cuckoo pint, also called Lords and Ladies (*Arum maculatum*) with its bright orange/red clusters of berries. The berries on the Rowan (red) and Elder (black) trees are also fully ripe now hopefully to provide a feast for winter thrushes.



So thanks once again to all volunteers. We'll be back again on Saturday 3rd November at 10am. No gardening experience necessary! I hope we'll see you there.

Lest we forget

We continue our listing of the forty four men associated with Crail who died in the first World War. We will particularly remember these men on the centenary of the ending of that war on Remembrance Sunday this year.

Sapper John Hutchon (aged 34): Royal Engineers
Killed in action France 1917

Private William Jamieson (aged 27): Black Watch
Killed in action France 1916

Sergeant John Johnston (aged 32): Black Watch
Killed in action Neuve Chapelle 1915

Second Lieutenant James Lindsay (aged 25): Northumberland Fusiliers
Killed in action France 1914

Corporal John Lorimer (aged 30): Black Watch
Wounded in action Ypres died of wounds 1914

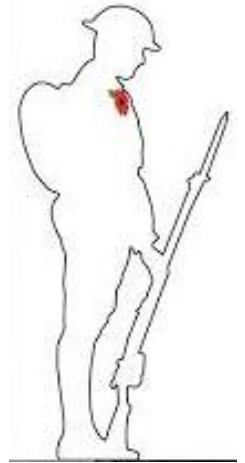
Corporal Andrew B. McCrae (aged 28): Lovat Scouts
Died of wounds Gallipoli 1915

Private David Mackie (aged 27): Scots Guards
Killed in action France 1918

Gunner William Mackie (aged 20): Royal Field Artillery
Killed in action France 1918

Private Frederick Mackenzie (aged 18): Royal Field Artillery
Killed in action France 1916

Sergeant David Martin (aged 20): Black Watch
Killed in action France 1916



Had he and I but met
By some old ancient inn,
We should have sat us down to wet
Right many a nipperkin!

"But ranged as infantry,
And staring face to face,
I shot at him as he at me,
And killed him in his place.

"I shot him dead because —
Because he was my foe,
Just so: my foe of course he was;
That's clear enough; although

"He thought he'd 'list, perhaps,
Off-hand like — just as I —
Was out of work — had sold his traps —
No other reason why.

"Yes; quaint and curious war is!
You shoot a fellow down
You'd treat if met where any bar is,
Or help to half-a-crown.

Thomas Hardy

(Acknowledgement: In Commemoration of the men of Crail who died in the Great War 1914-1919. Crail History Group 2013: available from The Crail Museum)

CHAS Christmas Bazaar Art Competition

All children are invited to take part in a Christmas themed art competition which will be judged and the winners announced at the annual CHAS Christmas bazaar held in Kingsbarns Memorial hall on Saturday 27th October 2018 from 10am -Noon. Entry to the competition is free and prizes for each age group will be presented at the Bazaar.

Artwork must be Christmas themed, A4 size and can be drawing, painting or collage.

Age groups are - P1 – P3: P4 – P5: P6 – P7.

Please ensure that the child's name, year (P3etc) and a contact phone number are clearly written on the back of the picture. Entries should be sent/handed in to 8 Pinkerton Road by Wednesday 24th October.

The annual CHAS Christmas Bazaar is a popular charity event held in Kingsbarns. There will be gifts, Christmas cards, crafts, baking, books and toys, raffle and refreshments.

All proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar will be donated to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). The Charity is registered in Scotland No: 135410.

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 anytime by:

Phone - 01592 203993

Email - respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk

Website - YoungCarersRespite.com

Contact your Fife Councillor?

Cllr.Linda.Holt@fife.gov.uk 07725 223773.
cllr.bill.porteous@fife.gov.uk 01333 730837 or
07753982311

cllr.john.docherty@fife.gov.uk 07718 66 89 96

Crail in Bloom

Coffee Morning - Saturday 20th October at the Legion Hall, Nethergate. This will be a fund raising Coffee Morning to help finance the flowers in all the tubs and troughs in Crail. All the funds raised go towards the floral enhancement of the town. There will be a home baking stall and a Raffle. All are welcome. Doors open at 10.00a.m.

Library Waid Campus

For the school October break, the library at Waid Campus has reduced hours, opening only on the following dates. October 9th, 11th, 16th and 18th from 9am to 5pm. Normal opening hours to resume on Monday 22nd October."

Senior Carers Respite Fife

Senior Carers Respite Fife are pleased to introduce our great new service - Senior Carers Respite Fife.

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@disabilitiesfife.org.uk or call on 01592 203993

Scottish Country Dancing

Crail Town Hall
Wednesday at 7:30pm
October to March

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 Table Tennis Club

Crail Table Tennis Club are pleased to announce the start date for the new season, the big ping off will commence on Tuesday 25th September in Crail Community Hall at 19.00, everybody is welcome.

Its a fun affair with some serious play and banter, the cost per session is only £3.00 and that includes free membership for the season which lasts throughout the winter months.

We play over three tables and there is rarely time to sit down, so if you are looking for things to do as the summer months drop off why not pop down and join us. If you would like to know more then please call Graham at The Honey pot on 01333 450935.

Community Hall (Side Entrance) 19.00pm Tuesday All welcome

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street

Opening times:

Monday: 1400-1600

Tuesday: 1430-1630

Wednesday: 1400-1600

CRAIL BADMINTON CLUB

MEETS ON TUESDAYS 7 – 10 PM IN
CRAIL COMMUNITY HALL

New members welcome

Any queries:- Tel. Anne on 07769156003

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

Notes from the Preservation Society

Cheese and Wine

Cheese and Wine will take place on 9th November at 7.30pm. Come and join us for a friendly evening. Non-members welcome. Ticket information to follow.

Thank you

A big "THANK YOU" to Crail Primary school for their colourful entries to the Doocot Poster Competition. Judging is taking place and the results will be announced in November.

Crail Churchyard.

Take a walk round Crail churchyard and enjoy the peace among the stones which contain so much history. You don't have to keep to the path but take a wander along by the walls and admire the Memorials....local family names and occupations are there. At the north-west corner to the left of the Dead House (a story for another day) you will see the Airdrie family Memorial dated 1598. Now look up and see the damage being caused to the stonework where neglected plant roots are forcing the masonry apart. This is only one of the many pieces of our past being destroyed.

Our churchyard is said to be second in importance in Scotland to Greyfriars, Edinburgh. A specialist survey has now been received and indicates which memorials are at the greatest risk.

Crail Preservation Society intend to take this forward, and apply for grants to help pay for conservation work which is beyond amateur skills. Fife Council are intending to start work first on the cordoned off area.

The Museum has detailed information on many of the families and the location of the gravestones.

Hate Crime Workshop and Information Sessions:

A reminder that the Fife Centre for Equalities Hate Crime Workshop and Information Session is taking place next week, the aim of these short sessions is to raise awareness of the types of hate incidents that take place, how they are reported and the support and advice available. The next session will take place on 20 Oct 2018, at Dunfermline Islamic Centre, 125 Woodmill Rd, Dunfermline KY11 4AE, from 12:00 to 15:00.

Crail Parish Church of Scotland

(Charity registered in Scotland SC 001601)

Intimations to be in by Thursday noon to Lisa 450035,
Helen Armitage or email to
(intimations@crailchurch.co.uk)
Locum Minister: Rev Peter Neilson
(tel: 01333 310 477)

- Monday Club Monday 15th. Popular songs by John Izatt in the Community Hall from 2:15pm.
- The Guild: The first meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday 11th October at 2.15pm in the Kirk Hall. The Guild Dedication Service will take place during morning worship on Sunday 21 October at 11.15 am
- The Inner Wheel of Anstruther coffee morning for Alzheimer's will be held in the Legion Hall on Saturday 13th October 10am to 12 noon. Usual stalls and raffle. All welcome.
- Annual Christmas Card and Gift Sale on Saturday 3rd November in the Kirk Hall 10.00am - 1.00pm
- The Shoe box leaflets have arrived, they will be in the church and the Kirk hall and the filled boxes should be returned to the church before 4th November.

The Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11 November will be held at the church gates at 10.50am followed by a service in the church at 11.15. Retiring collection for Poppy Scotland. Soup and sandwiches will be served after the service in the Kirk Hall. Donations of Soup and sandwiches would be gratefully received please put your name on the list in the tower if you can help

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE AUTUMN EVENING TALKS SERIES DETAILS

OCTOBER 25

Human Impact on Marine Mammals in the North Sea
With Dr Kelly Macleod, Senior Marine Species Advisor

NOVEMBER 8

The Magic World of Nano Self-Assembly: Why Geometry Matters with Dr Louis Theran, Lecturer in Mathematics

NOVEMBER 22

The Milestones and Waymarkers of Fife with local archaeologist and historian Dr Paula Martin

Pittenweem Community Library and Information Centre
Cove Wynd, Pittenweem KY10 2LE

Web: www.pittclib.org.uk

Email: library@pittclib.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pittclib/

All talks Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem start at 7.30 with doors open at 7pm. £5 entrance: tickets are for sale in advance at the library with any remaining tickets available at the door on the night.

Opening Hours: Mondays 2.00pm - 7.00pm; Wednesdays 1.30pm - 5.00pm; Fridays 9.30am - 1.00pm; Saturdays 10.00am - 1.00pm.

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Community Council Notes



New Community Council installed

The Inaugural meeting of the new Community Council, chaired by Cllr John Docherty, was held on Tuesday 9 October at which the Officers of the Community Council were elected. The next regular meeting of the Community Council will be at 7.15pm 29 October in the Town Hall.

The Community Council

Chair: Max Taylor, Deputy Chair: David Jerdan, Secretary: Julie Middleton, Deputy Secretary: Heather Aird, Treasurer: John Wilson, Andrew Purves, Anne Williamson, Jude Gallon-Fry, Paul Hutchison, Sarah Mills

Donation of engraved Gavel to the Community Council

A gavel, engraved with the inscription 'The Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council 2018' has been donated to the Community Council. Associated with the donation was the comment 'to help the chair keep order in troubling times' It was first used to signal the opening of the inaugural meeting 2018.



Common Good application Crail Preservation Society

The Preservation Society sought agreement from the Community Council for £6,000 from Crail Common Good Fund to construct a new stone wall to protect the outside perimeter of the new access path to the refurbished Doocot. This follows from advice from the Architect bearing in mind the Doocot is an A-listed building, and is a necessary safety feature to retain the banking created by the earlier excavated ground in the formation of the new entrance pathway providing disabled access. The original intention was to plant hedging, but it has been found that the ground below is formed of rock making any planting an impossibility. The Community Council unanimously approved the application.

Thanks

The Community Council would like to thank the anonymous person who donated £10 towards the cost of the memorial bench.

Letter to the Editor

I was taken aback by last week's article about student distortion of the housing market in St Andrews firstly because, along with everyone I have spoken to about it including St Andrews residents, can't understand where the Guardian (source of the original article) got its figures from – the population of St Andrews is surely a lot larger than 7000. From Fife council website, the population of St Andrews area in 2011 (at the last census) was 27199. Even if you subtract 9000 students, that still leaves 18000+.

Secondly if student HMOs are exempt from council tax, the council must know how many there are and therefore surely, as a councillor, Linda Holt could find these figures and the statement "nobody knows how many student HMOs there

are" is nonsense.

Lastly, there seem to me that there are three main "industries" in St Andrews and the surrounding villages – the University, golf and tourism. A reduction in students would lead to a reduction in university staff which in turn would reduce the non-student population just as much as alienating folks with holiday homes in the area reduces the amount taken in council tax and both reduce the footfall in shops, banks, pubs, restaurants and other resources which employ everyone else. So unless we want the whole of NE Fife to be dependent on golf alone, we need the students and the holiday makers to drive our economy.

erica h. (name and address supplied)

The Crail Seagull

I met the cheeky sparrow from Marketgate early in the week. She said she'd seen Fife Council changing the waste bin outside of the shop - the replacement bin looks suspiciously like one of the old ones from St Andrews. Do you think they are replacing our bins with ones displaced by the seagull proof bins in St Andrews? If that's right, I bet we get an influx of those snooty St Andrews seagulls soon. Life is difficult for a Crail seagull - threatened by rough seagulls from Anstruther, challenged by snobbish seagulls from St Andrews, and now knocked about by Autumn winds. Still, lots of good pickings on Nethergate recently.



Letter to the Seagull

To the Seagull: I'm surprised that you - the Crail Seagull - has never noticed that we do indeed have a Unicorn in Crail. He lives in the Marketgate and has been there for a very long time. In fact, I'm surprised you've never sat on his head as other seagulls do! It could be that you didn't recognize him as his muzzle has gone missing. It's been gone for some time now. I wonder if anything is going to be done by the authorities to save the Unicorn or if he's just going to be left to fall apart completely?

Your friend the little Thrush

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