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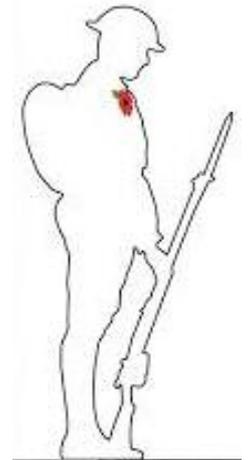
Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.

Lest we forget

This week, and in succeeding weeks, we will list 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.

It is estimated that ten million military personnel died during the First World War; more than half a million British Army personnel died in France and Flanders alone. Over 147,000 Scottish deaths are recorded on the Scottish War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle, and forty-four of these were associated with Crail.

- Private William Abbie (aged 38): Highland Light Infantry
Killed in action, Western Front 1918
- Wireless Operator David E. Beaty (aged 19): Mercantile Marine
Lost at Sea 1917
- Gunner Arnold J. Beveridge (aged 28): South African Heavy Artillery
Killed in action Western Front 1916
- Private David D. Blair (aged 21): Black Watch
Killed in action France 1918
- Private John S. Bonthron (aged 21): Royal Scots
Killed in action France 1917
- Private George Boyter (aged 33): Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
Killed in action France 1917
- Sergeant Alexander N. Carstairs (aged 24): Black Watch
Died from wounds after the Somme 1916
- Private John G. Dowie (aged 29): East Yorkshire Regiment
Killed in action France 1918
- Private James Duncan (aged 25): Scots Guards
Killed in action France 1915
- Private George Gay (aged 28): Black Watch
Killed in action Flanders 1917
- Private Robert Gay (aged 33): Black Watch
Killed in action in the Persian Gulf 1916



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae

(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)

Crail Folk Club

Thursday 11th October 8pm BYOB £1 Crail Town Hall A Singers' Night

Our Singers Nights have been attracting around a dozen performers along with plenty of people to watch and listen. This one should be no exception. Don't be shy come along and give it a go...just listen. At only £1 what can go wrong?

Our nearest big neighbour – Student distortion of residential letting market

A recent article in The Guardian highlighted the effects of the growth in student accommodation on the local housing market, and in particular focused on the effects in St Andrews. This is relevant to Crail, in that for many people Crail is a dormitory town for St Andrews, and therefore effects on the St Andrews housing market may well be felt here. Since the 1990s, the number of students in St Andrews has doubled to 9,000, while the resident population has shrunk by 40% to around 7,000. Families keep leaving and local primary schools are struggling, with a new intake each year now of around 400 four-year-olds compared to 1,000 in the 1980s. David Middleton, chair of the Confederation of St Andrews Residents Associations, said: "If it carries on like this we're not going to have a town left."

The main complaint concerns student accommodation, and specifically houses of multiple occupation (HMOs), the shared accommodation that tends to be made available for the student market. Fife Council wants to ban new HMOs in St Andrews, but students say it is their "right" to live in HMOs and are fighting the ban which, after a period of consultation, will be voted on in February next year. Nearly 2,000 students have signed an anti-ban petition, and many have registered to vote in St Andrews, an obvious source of pressure on local council representatives. A spokesman for the university said an HMO cap "may make affordable ac-

commodation for local people even more scarce".

All student HMOs are exempt from council tax but nobody knows how many student HMOs there are, and they do not exist in any planning legislation. "The data is really unclear," said Professor Darren Smith. The problems started, Smith said, during the education boom under New Labour. Students in Britain, more than anywhere else in the world, tend to move away from home to study; they also love to live close to other students. In consequence house extensions proliferate, and 2-bedroom semi-detached houses become turned into profitable 5 bedroom HMOs, thus distorting the availability of lower priced property either to rent or buy.

For Crail, this might have both positive and negative effects. Pressure on housing in St Andrews may well prompt its long-term residents to look farther afield, to Crail or the East Neuk in general. That might help with concerns over sustainability of Crail in the future. A more negative consequence, however, might be if HMOs are capped in St Andrews, developers might then look to communities like Crail to accommodate students and therefore seek to create more HMOs in Crail, adding to pressures on house prices, and increasing the transient community, where resident communities are broken, with neighbourhoods lost to studentification.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/sep/23/town-v-gown-is-the-student-boom-wrecking-communities>

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Crail Community Council Notes

The Final meeting of the Community Council was held 24 September. The new Council will hold its meeting for the election of Officers at 7.00pm on 9 Oct. (Legion Hall), with the next normal meeting on 29 October at 7.15pm in the Town Hall.

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

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

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 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

WILD CRAIL

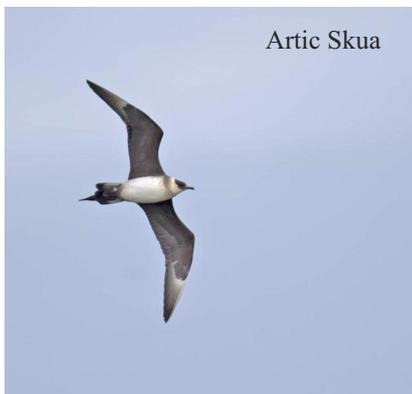
Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



It has been a relatively quiet week as the wind stays firmly in the west – no autumn migrants of note at all, and this is one of the first years I have had at Crail without yellow-browed warblers or pied flycatchers turning up by now.

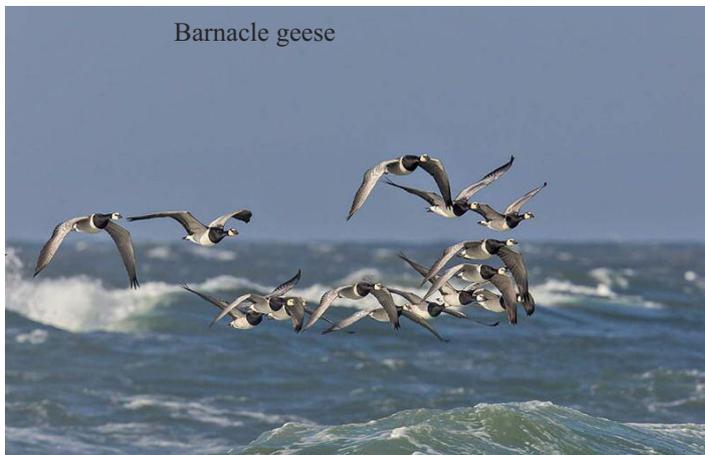
Arctic Skua



On the 29th the relentless westerlies continued. On that day it was too windy to do anything but sea-watch, and the barnacle geese seemed to agree. They took a break from migrating, with only a few flocks battling the wind up the Forth past Crail in late afternoon, just

above the waves. Fife Ness was busy but again all very far

Barnacle geese



out – in an hour I had three great skuas, an arctic skua, a possible pomarine skua, and even a couple of possible sooty shearwaters (right on the horizon and barely above the waves –if they hadn't been the first of this year I would probably have put them down as definite). There were also a few manx shearwaters, sandwich terns and velvet scoters but otherwise it was wall to wall gannets, kittiwakes and a very large passage of guillemots and razorbills.

Stonechat



On the 30th the winds were less strong although it was still windy from the west. It was much quieter at Fife Ness. No skuas and barely any kittiwakes. The gan-

nets saved the day as always. It is easy to take them for granted, but really, the sight of 50 or more gannets plunge diving simultaneously into a choppy sea always makes it a good day. I walked the coastal path in a loop from Kilminning to get to Fife Ness and counted at least 15 stonechats on the way – a record. The cold winter must have been offset by a great breeding season and there are stonechats all along the coastal path now.



Gannet

Crail Rowing Club

Crail Rowing Club are starting to prepare for the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association world championships, which will be held in Stranraer next July.

These championships are held every 3 years and competition is increasing and getting stronger each time.

We are embarking on a winter training programme for our dedicated team of rowers who will be flying the Crail flag, and are looking for suitable premises that we might rent or use, over the winter months (until Easter) that we could use as an indoor gym. Minimum size is a garage. Light would be needed.

If anyone has premises in Crail that might be available please contact

David Jerdan 01333 450797 or david.jerdan@gmail.com

Crail in Bloom

Dates for your diary!! The 'Crail in Bloom' group will be having a planting day on Saturday 13th October. We will meet at Kathleen Main's pend - 17 Marketgate North at 10.00 a.m. No experience is necessary but if you could bring your own gardening gloves and possibly a small fork with you, that would be very helpful! Plants, planting plans and tea/coffee supplied. It's a fun way to meet people so don't be shy, just come and join in.

There will be a fund raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th October at the Legion Hall, Nethergate. All welcome.

There is a Raffle and baking stall too. 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.”

Anstruther Inner Wheel

Charity Coffee Morning
In aid of
Alzheimers Scotland
Saturday 13 OCTOBER
10.00 am



Legion Hall, Crail
Coffee/Tea
Cakes, Preserves and Large Raffle

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 starts back on Monday 8th October in the Community Hall from 2:15pm. The talk is about “Iceland” by Jack Jarvis.

The Guild: The first meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday 11th October at 2.15pm in the Kirk Hall.

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.



Valencia Sowry

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.pittcllc.org.uk

Email: library@pittcllc.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pittcllc/

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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Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council

Letter sent on behalf of the Community Council to Michael Kellet, Director Health and Social Care, Fife Health & Social Care Partnership

Dear Michael Kellet

Crail Community Council are disheartened by the proposals made by Fife Health & Social Care Partnership regarding the withdrawal of out of hours services from St Andrews Community Hospital. The partnership claims their proposals are 'to make sure that care remains safe and sustainable now and, in the future,' , however the situation in the East Neuk of Fife is quite the opposite. The proposal to retain out of hours at the Victoria hospital in Kirkcaldy and possibly Dunfermline's Queen Margret, leaves the East Neuk without an Out of Hours Service.

In our view, this is not a safe provision – if residents in Crail were to need care in the middle of the night they would require a 40-minute – 1hour car journey provided they have transport, otherwise there is no public transport during the night and taxis are few and far between. Therefore, it is likely that this will increase the number of 999 calls to ambulances. Crail has a very high number of retired and elderly residents, and these vulnerable groups will have great difficulty in accessing transport in the middle of the night when winter roads are dark and dangerous.

Nor are the proposals equitable - Why should the people in the East Neuk of Fife be left without a service – we all pay the same taxes and our health, safety and wellbeing is being discriminated against because of where we live. People in Crail strongly feel that they are being discriminated against and not being delivered an adequate service as they are not receiving a service in the North East. A resident of Crail has experienced this discrimination first hand – 'Recently my 92yr. old father slipped in the bath whilst showering. After 45mins. shocked, bruised and cold he was unable to get himself out and was found by his morning carer who called the lift team which serves the East Neuk. I too was alerted to the situation and quickly arrived at my Dad's apartment to wrap him in warm towels and make him more comfortable. After waiting well over 90 mins. for the lift team to arrive I called to ask where they were and how long it would be before they managed to come to Crail to assist. I was told they were situated in Glenrothes and had taken another call to go to Kirkcaldy. This was already far too long and an unacceptable wait for a frail 92 year old gentleman. I managed to rally two strong members of our family to leave work and help lift my father safely.'

St Andrews Community Hospital was functioning well and had a full staff, including our local GP's, to cover all shifts; however due to the lack of staff in South Fife we lost our service, for what we were told was 3 months and 7 months later we are still without a service and at risk of losing Minor Injuries as well. We are also deeply saddened that our GP's at Skeith were not consulted at any stage of the process and have still not been consulted. The fact that Fife Health and Social Care continually say no decision has yet been

made is not of any comfort to the people of Crail or the North East Fife as a decision on what 'could' happen has been made and that does not include the option to retain services at St Andrews.

We note that the consultation process aimed to hear the widest range of voices possible; however representative of Fife Health & Social Care partnership were reluctant to take questions and refused to accept what members of the public were saying. The consultation document was not greatly received by the people of Crail due to the online nature of it and due to the fact that the full 30-page summary needs to be read in order to complete the questionnaire.

Crail Community Council are fully supportive of retaining full Out of Hours and Minor Injury services at St Andrews Community Hospital and strongly object to the proposals made by Fife Health & Social Care Partnership.

Your Sincerely

Heather Aird

(Crail Community Council)

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

I would like to thank Crail Church for the beautiful flowers they gave me. Very much appreciated. Thank you.

Marilyn Brett

Brown Bin

PLEASEI am searching for a 140L Fife Council brown compost bin (i.e. same size as standard blue landfill bin) to exchange for my 240L brown bin - the larger size of the Council bins. If you have a small bin but would like a larger one, please call Katie on 01333 451684. Thank you.

Katie Freeth

Crail Primary School Notes

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all of our P3/4 families who attended our P3/4 Harvest Assembly last week. They were treated to an informative Assembly where the children shared with us their knowledge of Harvest from around the world and where our food comes from. The children entertained us with their wonderful singing and we are very proud of each and every one of them. A big thank you to Mrs Forsyth for all of her hard work and effort too. Thank you also to all of our families who donated tins and packets of food to our Harvest Assembly. We were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. We delivered 25 Harvest Hampers to members of our local community.

NURSERY UP-DATE

We have had a very busy month of September. In Nursery, we have been learning about nursery rules and routines, talking about emotions and how to be a good friend to others. We are focusing on promoting early literacy skills and development and the children have been mark-making using salt, pens and shaving foam and strengthening their fine-motor control using scissors and tongs. We have been discussing the seasonal changes and some children went on an 'Autumn' walk and brought back conkers.

P1/2 NEWS

P1/2 have enjoyed getting to know their new classmates this term. P2 children have been supporting their P1 friends with learning class routines such as where coats, bags, bottles and snacks go as well as which Learning Choices they can use each day. They are now working on getting changed for PE independently. A big thank you to the P7 Buddies for helping P1s learn break and lunchtime routines.

P1 have enjoyed learning their phonics, they know a song and action for each sound learned. In Numeracy P1 have been playing counting games and singing counting songs. They have also counted groups of items and practised forming the numerals. P2 are working on place value in tens and units or hundreds tens and units. In Maths P1 are looking at sorting items and P2 are recording information on a simple bar chart. The class have enjoyed working with Pauline for their Health and Wellbeing sessions and we have used the techniques in class to help us be ready to learn. Breathing counts and yoga stretches have been really helpful for showing the children how they can help themselves to feel calm. P1/2 are now planning their Lighthouse Keeper topic linked to the picture books by Ronda and David Armitage. They have spotted similarities to Crail in the setting and they are interested to find out how the light works. Many are keen to make models of lighthouses and to find out about the RNLI.

P3/4 NEWS

P 3/4 have had a very busy term and have settled in well to the year. In literacy this term we have been mostly focussing on preparing and presenting our harvest assembly. This has involved writing, talking and listening and using information. The children have been learning how to present to an audience thinking about pace, expression and interesting content. We look forward to sharing this with the P 3/4 parents at our harvest assembly.

In Writing the children have been thinking about writing letters and imagining finding a Time Capsule. The idea of finding a time capsule came from the children and the P3s have been learning how to use a simple plan to help them write an imaginative story. The P4s have been writing letters and sto-

ries using the time capsule as their stimulus.

In Numeracy, the P3s have been learning to order and sequence numbers to 1000, they are beginning to add two 2-digit numbers and are making a start with multiplication tables, looking at multiplication as repeated addition.

The P4s are learning about numbers beyond 1000 and are learning how to use a range of strategies and resources to help them when adding and subtracting. They have been learning about doubles, near doubles and other important numbers and have been learning about patterns between the multiplication tables.

Our other topic this term is Harvest. We have been learning about harvest around the world and finding out about ways people celebrate harvest in different countries. We have also been learning about the importance of harvest a bit closer to home and have been finding out about the bread journey from farm to fork. The children look forward to sharing this with you at their harvest assembly.

P5/6 NEWS

Primary 5/6 have started their school year by looking at attributes and skills that help them to become Successful Learners. Some of the things we have investigated are growth and fixed mindsets, learning from our mistakes and how to climb a challenge mountain! This has linked into our work in Health and Wellbeing about learning skills and techniques about how to get our brain into a position to learn. We are looking forward to practising and using these skills throughout the year. Our next topic will be the Vikings and we have looked at a Viking timeline this week. Some of the other aspects we will be investigating will be where they lived, what they wore and what they ate. We will be looking at the ways Vikings shaped our history and comparing it with today.

In Literacy, we have been using the book *Stig of the Dump* to complete comprehension activities and write our own Stig stories. Each chapter in *Stig* is an individual story so we wrote our own stories to fit into the novel. In grammar, we have looked at speech marks, commas and how to use paragraphs. In Maths, we have been looking at the place value of numbers and comparing and ordering numbers using symbols. Some of us have also been adding and subtracting multiples of 10s, 100s and 1000s from numbers. We have also been investigating tenths and hundredths and comparing and ordering decimals and decimal fractions. We started the term by investigating different ways of handling information and worked with tally charts and bar graphs as well as using Excel to enter data and create and label graphs. More recently we have been practising our multiplication tables and beginning to learn strategies to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

P6/7 NEWS

Primary 6/7 have had a very busy first term.

Literacy: We have been enjoying our novel study this term of R.J Palacio's *Wonder*. Through this we have been discussing acceptance and inclusion, and relating this to our school. We have been learning about the needs of different characters and considering their viewpoints and feelings.

We have had lots of interesting discussion about the novel, which is improving our listening and talking and comprehension skills. We have also been analysing song lyrics and talking about the use of metaphors in them.

We have used themes from the book in our writing, where we have discussed friendship and taking risks. This has also

linked very well with our Health and Wellbeing and Establishment phase. We have also looked at how we can use our senses to improve the detail and description in our writing and enjoyed an outdoor lesson to inspire us to create some lovely descriptive writing.

We have been learning how to read information in graphs and charts, and how to create them ourselves. We can now create bar, line graphs and pie charts by gathering information in different ways. We have used online weather charts to gather information and created line graphs to show changes in temperature in Scotland over a few months. We have also used technology to create graphs and charts on Excel.

We have been deepening our understanding of place value and looking at decimal fractions. Some of us have been learning how to add and subtract decimal fractions and others have been working on converting fractions to decimals and vice versa.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Winter Fair will take place on 10.11.18 from 2-4pm in The Community Hall. More information to follow.

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.

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07753982311

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

Letter to the Editor

Following my letter of 24 September, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust is to be highly commended.

Following a visit by two representatives, it was deemed too dangerous for inexperienced collectors to remove the rubbish that had been discarded in the Pillbox at Fife Ness. Amidst the oil drums, assorted plastic waste, dog poo bags and other items not for the faint hearted, a discarded canister from an asthma inhaler was found. Despite the effects of budget cuts, which have left Fife Coast & Countryside Trust with a shortage of coastal teams, the rubbish was all swiftly removed.

The Pillbox at Foreland Head is a scheduled monument, a site which is recognised as being of national importance and is legally protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Historic Environment Scotland monitors the condition of all scheduled monuments and works to manage them positively. Their Field Officer will visit the site when next in the area and liaise with the Trust to hopefully find a way of preventing further littering.

Julie Middleton



The Crail Seagull

Did you see that St Andrews has been given £8500.00 for Seagull Proof Bins? The new bin design, with flap-style doors, will make it more difficult for seagulls (and other animals) to get inside. I'll need to rely on the kindness of strangers when I go there now! I can usually find some kind soul down by the harbour prepared to feed me.



Did you know that the unicorn is the national animal of Scotland? The Royal Coat of Arms of Scotland, used prior to 1603 by the Kings of Scotland, was supported by two unicorns and the current royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom is supported by a unicorn for Scotland along with a lion for England. I know that there are lions, I've seen some, but are there really any unicorns? In Celtic mythology, the Unicorn of Scotland symbolized innocence and purity, healing powers, joy and even life itself, and was also seen as a symbol of masculinity and power. The heraldic unicorn is pictured as being chained, because according to folklore a free unicorn was a dangerous beast. I've never seen one. Given all of that, I think the unicorn could be replaced with a Seagull - I'm available, just saying...

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