



# CRAIL MATTERS

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*Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.*

**Lighting the Crail Christmas Tree and Santa**



## *Christmas Greetings*

Would you prefer to send fewer cards near and far this year?  
Crail Matters will be happy to publish Seasonal Wishes to your friends or family in our next issue on **Monday 17 December**  
Please email your name, message and to whom your greeting should be sent before 12 noon on the preceding Friday to [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com).  
For those without email, Helen has kindly agreed that messages can be popped through her letterbox at 15 Marketgate North.



## CRAIL FOLK CLUB

It has come to this, our last event of a very successful 2018. Good attendances and great shows mean we will soon be announcing our 2019 programme with confidence. However, before all that we have the annual Christmas Party. It is on Thursday 13th December 8pm in Crail Town Hall BYOB. Something of a legendary event in that it is always **FREE**, and **included** in the price will be crackers and mince pies (vegetarian option available). I wonder why it is always well attended - could be the price? Effectively it is a Singers' Night format and we already know the standard is very high. What is not to like? Give it a go even if it is your first visit - perform or not you are very welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**Come and Join us**  
**between 10:00- 11:30am**  
**at Kingsbarns**  
**Memorial Hall.**  
**Live music, tombola and**  
**stalls as well as home**  
**baked goods!**  
**Funds will go towards**  
**prostate cancer research.**

**LET'S BEAT CANCER SOONER**

### Most Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge THANKS the wider community for the tremendous support for the coffee morning held on Sat 1st Dec in the Legion Hall.

Once again you came along and spent generously!!!

We would like to thank Penmans, East Neuk Hotel, Golf Hotel, Crail Fish Bar, Greens, Smoke Fired Foods, The Co-op, Brenda's, Crail Pharmacy & The Beehive for their generous raffle gifts.

To all of you who baked and supplied other prizes, we thank you too.

We are truly honoured and blessed to have such a wonderful neighbours who continue to support us and our little church.

We will now be having Mass *EVERY* Sunday at 08.45 (no longer bi-weekly effective 2nd Dec 2018) & Mondays at 6p.m. so feel free to join us!!!

From parishioners of Most Holy Trinity Church of the Parish of St.James, St Andrews.



## Community Council Notes

### Community Council Web Site

The old Community Council website and url, hosted by Fife Council, has now been discontinued, and a new one implemented at:

[www.CrailCC.com](http://www.CrailCC.com)

This is a much easier site to manage, and we hope that as time passes material relevant to day to day living in Crail will increasingly be made available through it.

### Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm

Scottish Ministers have granted consent for the Neart na Gaoithe Offshore Wind Farm, comprising of up to 54 wind turbine generators and with a combined maximum generating output of around 450 mw, approximately 15.5km east of Fife Ness.

Copies of the Submission to Ministers including the Decision Notice and Conditions, Appropriate Assessment, Section 36A Declaration, Marine Licences and associated Decision Notices have been placed on the Scottish Government website at the following link:

<http://mrine.gov.scot/ml/neart-na-gaoithe-offshore-wind-farm-revised-design>

### Crail Charrette

The Community Council is pleased to fully support the Charrette and looks forward to participating in the 2nd and 3rd Phase Workshops.

### Town Hall

The application made on behalf of the Town Hall Management Committee for internal alterations was approved 5<sup>th</sup> December. Consent was granted subject to the standard condition that development must be begun not later than 3 years from the date of the decision.

### Crail to St Andrews Shared Path

Sustrans and Transitions provided updates on the proposed pathway at a meeting in St Andrews. Sustrans works closely with communities, the Scottish Government, local authorities and other partners to ensure that the people of Scotland have access to a network of safe walking and cycling routes. The plan would use an existing Fife Core Path for the majority of the route but the main issues would be landowner consent, on-going maintenance and where any path would cross Kenly Burn at Boarhills. The next quarter of the project will involve technical issues, maintenance and continuing dialogue with landowners. Should the various issues be resolved, the path could be open in 3 years time.

### Next Community Council Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.15pm, Monday 28 January.

## Crail Charrette Community Update Meeting 3 December



The Update Meeting, held in the Kirk Hall, was attended by over 60 people. Opened by James McCallum, the meeting heard that:

- Crail Preservation Society (CPS) – is acting as an agent for the Crail Community Partnership (CCP) until the CCP becomes a fully incorporated charity.
- 1st Application was to Crail Common Good fund – for 50% of Charrette Consulting costs. Awarded £23,520.
- 2nd Application was to the Scottish Government Making Places programme. Submitted 28th September. Awarded £25,000.

In making the award, the Government noted that “We have launched the 2018 to 2019 Making Places initiative to encourage communities to positively and actively contribute to the development of their local places. Making Places represents a broadening of the charrette mainstreaming programme to support communities at all stages of their thinking.” The £25,000 awarded to Crail was, along with a similar amount awarded to Elie and Earlsferry, the highest amount

awarded. The application was a major work of collaboration between numerous people, with full support from Fife Council Planning and Community teams, and can be found on the Crail Matters website: (<https://crailmatters.com/charrette-application/>).

The application highlighted:

- “This is an older community. No work here, stops younger families moving/living” (quote from Charrette participant)
- A gross income of only <£300pw, at 26% of our population, is a higher percentage than Fife and Scotland. (Fife Council Report)
- >20% second home ownership
- A recent Rural Poverty Conference held in North East Fife (June 2018) highlighted issues in relation to transportation and connectivity, social isolation, fuel poverty and low incomes.

In reviewing the outcome of the first Phase meeting, it was noted that the community faced four significant and related challenges:

1. Fragile Economy
2. Rising House Prices
3. Access to Services
4. Future Development proposals. Challenges here include:
  - (a) Providing permanent housing and other opportunities for the local community.
  - (b) Increasing the quality of urban realm, landscape and public space.
  - (c) Ensuring that the implications of the offshore windfarm development on the community of Crail, including the fishing community, are better understood.

The next steps of the Charrette will be:

**Workshop 2 - Strategy for Crail's Future.** Provisional date in early February (to be announced).

Workshop 2 will focus on taking the Vision, agreed at the Phase 1 initial workshop, as the basis to develop and test a series of strategies with the local community. The Charrette Team will prepare a range of approaches and options in advance of the workshop, to use as the basis for engagement with the community. Engagements during the workshop and out-with the workshop will seek to establish the community's preferred options for improving Crail.

**Workshop 3 - Action Plan for Crail's Future.** Provisional date in early March (to be announced).

Workshop 3 will focus on establishing initiatives to deliver the strategy options agreed in Workshop 2. This will take the form of “hard” proposals, including a masterplan for the future development and/or growth of Crail and public realm improvements to key streets and spaces, combined with “soft” proposals for events, initiatives and community organisation. The emphasis, at the conclusion of Workshop 3, will be on the Charrette Team “handing over the baton” to the community to organise themselves to take the various projects and initiatives forward.

The Final Report will be available by the end of March.

Throughout the meeting it was emphasised that the Charrette process is both inclusive and democratic. The Charrette Steering Group will actively seek to contact ‘hard to reach’ elements of the community to ensure that the eventual Final Report reflects all elements of Crail.

This is a challenging process, but everyone is cordially invited to participate. The Steering Group can be contacted on: [crailcommunitypartnership@gmail.com](mailto:crailcommunitypartnership@gmail.com)

# WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,

with Photographs by John Anderson



wood pigeons

I was paced by a huge flock of wood pigeons as I travelled into St Andrews on the morning of the 30th. They were going a little slower than the car I was in. We joined them at Fairmont and we were still passing them as we got to St Andrews. The flock of well over 1000 then began overtaking us and then it was wood pigeons all the way to Strathkinness. There are some 70 million wood pigeons in the world and they may be a pest but they make a good show when they get together.

There are more long-tailed ducks out at Balcomie and they were showing well on December 1st. After a week of wind and rain, the sea was flat calm with a diffuse grey winter light highlighting the strikingly marked males. There were about 20 long-tailed ducks in total in the bay and more came past Fife Ness later. The number of

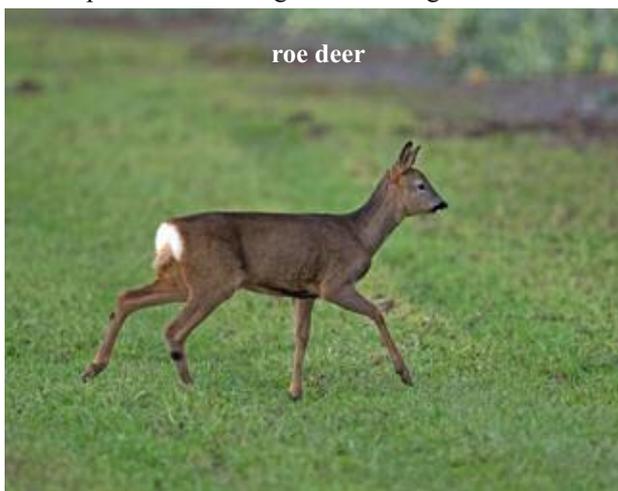
common scoters at Balcomie is also much higher than usual, with a flock of about 30 still about, although much further out than the long-tails. Both species feed on the same thing – mostly molluscs like mussels, and also crustaceans – so perhaps feeding conditions are better than usual this winter.

The weather and short days hasn't really been very conducive to seeing birds. If it is bad weather on the weekend, that is my opportunity gone. I have been seeing a lot of roe deer though. I take them for granted but probably shouldn't. It is fantastic to have such a large wild mammal fairly common about Crail. You don't have to look in more than a few fields before you see one and then it is often a small herd of them. I decided to find out a bit about them and so had a look in the Handbook of Mammals of the World last week. This multi-volume work is still in progress – when it is finished there will be a detailed article for every species of mammal in the world. Luckily deer are in Volume 2. Roe deer are split into two species – a Western and an Eastern species. They look similar and this probably reflects separation of an ancestral single species into two isolated "refugia" in southern Europe and Asia during the last ice age. Since then the two forms have spread back across all of Europe and Asia to meet at



long-tailed duck

the Ural Mountains, and when they did they had probably evolved sufficiently that they were then incompatible. So speciation goes. Western roe deer are one of Europe's commonest large mammals with a population estimated at about 9 million animals. Amazingly, nearly 3 million are killed by human hunters each year, yet the species remains widespread and common. It has been overhunted in the past but game protection laws and hunting licences have resulted in a stable population. In the past, wolves and lynxes would have been their main predator – that so many roe deer can be harvested by us without the population declining perhaps indicates how many wolves and lynxes there would have been before we got rid of them. The key to the roe deer's success is of course its ability to thrive in man altered habitats. It most favours the open areas, scrub and light woodland that humans tend to create, and it is small enough to be able to hide in these habitats. They have particular adaptations to cope with a high tannin diet so can eat pretty much



roe deer

any vegetation. It is estimated that a roe deer needs 2 – 4 kg of vegetation a day. That is not that much greenery really, although on a frosty winter's day, in competition with the rest of a group, that might be a problem. Roe deer also don't tend to have much in the way of fat reserves so have to forage much of the day. They are active at night as well. The roe deer around Crail don't seem to have too much of a hard time. I often see quite large groups (8 or more animals), and often they are lounging or lying on the ground rather than feeding. Another measure is how sensitive they are to disturbance, and Crail deer tend to run away at long distances – hundreds of metres. Animals that are starving take greater risks. Of course, they may feel more threatened, but I don't think they are shot at too often around here. The greatest danger may well be being hit by cars. I do quite often see road kill roe deer, despite the fact that a freshly hit deer is a good boot full of venison and so is often quickly removed from the scene.

## The East Neuk Foodbank

The East Neuk Foodbank was started in April 2013 by Anstruther Church who had an idea that there may be a need for such a service in our community but had no idea of what the demand may be. In the first year 555 bags were handed out and the following year once the service became known a phenomenal 1,400 bags were distributed. This service became too big for purely a voluntary group and the church applied for funding and the post of Foodbank Coordinator was created which is a 20 hour a week post paid for by Charities and Fife Council poverty action monies over the past 4 years.

The following two years the bag distribution numbers dropped to just over 1,000 annually but this year we have seen a huge rise in demand and it is predicted that we will reach the 1,400 figure again by the end of our year in March.

In total, since we opened we have handed out 6,200 bags, considering that approximately 18 items are in each bag that is an incredible community donation of 111, 600 items. We really appreciate the support the whole community gives the Foodbank.

With the appointment of Richard Wemyss the service changed from purely a food hand out provision to a drop in centre where teas and coffees in a warm friendly environment could be enjoyed. Richard also applied for funding and purchased laptops, printers and installed a landline phone and broadband. This meant that anyone visiting could fulfil their obligations with the Department of Work and Pensions by filling in their on line diaries, or applying for benefits or any other online service. The phone land line has proved to be a vital service as most clients have pay as you go mobile phones and calls to government departments are not free.

We have also provided other help such as cookery, food hygiene and first aid courses, to help people apply for jobs or just boost confidence. We can also direct people to other help and support such as, Emergency Trusts, Mental Health support, and adult learning. We are a doorway that has in many instances helped people away from having to rely on our food services.

Coming up to Christmas we ask that our supporters do not spend their hardearned money on treats or Christmas fayre, as there are other local support groups that can do this so much better and target their resources. Two years ago we still had 45 packets of mincemeat pies into February.

Please just stick to our basics: - tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned soup, tinned beans, tinned fish, tinned puddings, tea, coffee, UHT milk, pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, jams and biscuits.

We really do appreciate all the help you give us, as do the recipients, we are genuinely a life line to many people, even if it's just a warm place to come with a safe place to chat about things.

Thank you all for your continued support please have a good festive period.

Our Christmas opening times are:

**CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES, at Anstruther Church**  
**Monday 24th Dec 10am-12, bag collection and drop off**  
**Closed Christmas Day**  
**Thursday 27th Dec 4- 6 pm**  
**31st Dec 10am-12 bag collection and drop off**  
**Closed New Year's Day**  
**Thursday 3rd 4-6 pm**

Collection Points, Smoke Fired Foodshop Crail, Crail Parish Church, Crail Kirk Hall, Carol's Shop Elie, Co Op Anstruther and Anstruther Church at the above opening times.

*Richard Wemyss*

## Useful Emergency Numbers

<b>Samaritans</b>	<b>116 123</b>
<b>Breathing Space</b>	<b>0800 838587</b>
<b>Social Work Out Of Hours Emergencies</b>	<b>03451 55 00 99</b>
<b>Adult Protection Phone Line</b>	<b>01383 602200</b>
<b>Child Protection</b>	<b>Police 101 or Social Work 03451 551503</b>
<b>NHS24</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>CARF (Citizen's Advice &amp; Rights)</b>	<b>0345 1400 095</b>
<b>Homeless Emergency Number</b>	<b>Homeless Emergency Number</b>



The Committee of Crail Food Festival are pleased to announce that, because of a financially successful festival this year, we are able to make several donations to local groups. In addition to the generous amount given to the RNLI from residents' wristbands the main beneficiaries are as follows: Firstly, £2,050 to East Neuk First Responders, who gave us their invaluable support during the event. Secondly, the Crail Charrette identified the Food Festival as part of the list of festivals and events that can assist in increasing tourism to the area. Now that the Charrette is fully funded and up and running a sum of £5,000 will be given to help facilitate some early action resulting from the deliberations. This will be for a physical project that will enhance Crail. A donation was also given to the Fisheries Museum and East Neuk Scouts.

This year's festival was very successful on many fronts and the new locations seemed to work well. We were also successful in achieving 3 tourism related awards. A full report will be given, including a full financial breakdown, at our AGM early in the new year. **In the meantime there is a pressing need for a few new volunteers to join our committee.** An ideal opportunity for those who enjoy food and drink and are keen to promote Crail in particular and Fife produce in general. The mechanisms for running the event are in place, so membership of the committee requires attendance at a monthly meeting until the festival, a busy, but enjoyable weekend during the festival itself and the overseeing of our Festival Manager, who organises the day to day programmes.

Vacancies are caused by long serving committee members retiring at the AGM. If you wish to see the, now well established, festival continue, please contact either **Bruce on 07972 725857** or **David on 451644**.

### Crail Community Choir

Crail Community Choir would like to take this opportunity to say thank you so much to all those who braved the elements to attend our concert on Wednesday 28th November and for their very generous donations of £330 which will go as always to local good causes. We hope you enjoyed the songs as much as we did performing them.

The choir welcomes all adults who enjoy singing. There is no requirement to read music and the evenings are relaxed, friendly and informal.

**The new session starts on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.**

### *Festive Cocktails*

#### **Bees' Knees.**

50ml gin/vodka/ Bacardi  
5ml water  
10ml runny honey  
15ml fresh lemon juice, though bottled concentrate also works.  
Place honey and water into a jar.  
Add spirit and lemon juice to the jar and shake well.  
Chill in the fridge.  
Cut a slice of lemon, and run it round the rim of a glass, then dip it in sugar.  
Pour the mixture into the frosted glass and hang a slice of lemon over the glass. Enjoy.

#### **Negroni**

1 part (50ml) gin  
1 part (50ml) Campari  
1part (50ml) Martini Rosso or any red vermouth  
Pour over ice, stir, and add a sliver of orange peel  
Yum!

#### **Acapulco Gold (Mocktail)**

Shake together six parts pineapple juice, one part grapefruit juice, two parts coconut cream, two parts fresh cream and a scoop of crushed ice. Serve unstrained.

#### **Princess Margaret (Mocktail, as if!)**

Blend together six strawberries, one slice pineapple, juice of half a lemon, juice of half an orange, 1 egg white and 1 scoop crushed ice. Pour into a sugar frosted glass and garnish with a strawberry on the rim.

#### **Caribbean Rum Punch**

1 measure each dark rum, light rum, coconut rum  
2 ½ measures orange juice  
2 ½ measures pineapple juice  
1 measure lime juice (fresh or bottled)  
Mix well  
Pour over lots of ice  
Serve in a frosted glass.  
To frost a glass:  
Whisk up some egg white in a shallow dish until it resembles foam. Dip the rim of the glasses into the foam then into caster sugar about 1 hour prior to serving.  
Careful now!

#### **Acapulco Gold (Mocktail)**

Shake together six parts pineapple juice, one part grapefruit juice, two parts coconut cream, two parts fresh cream and a scoop of crushed ice. Serve unstrained.

We know these are very tasty but please, drink responsibly!

## St John's Church Pittenweem Christmas and Advent Message

Dear Friends

Immanuel, Prince of Peace, God is with us.

In amongst all the bustle and hustle of people writing and sending cards, wrapping presents, decorating of homes, buying mountains of food for friends and family, Christmas is coming. Every year, bang on the 25th of December, Christmas Day arrives and God is with us.

'God is with us' is indeed the theme we remember as we prepare to meet our Maker in the form of a tiny child. Christmas is the time when families come together and love is shared. It can also be a hard and lonely period for those mourning the loss of loved ones and for those who find themselves alone.

And that is where the Churches can step in and step up. This is the season which can be great fun for some but an empty few days for others. Christmas means our Churches are full of believers who come together to remember Christ and his birth on this earth, a community that is also a family.

This family is one that accepts, welcomes and loves all who come in through the church Doors. But we are also a family called to love those outwith our doors. God is with us but He is also with those who are broken, poor, depressed, starving and alone.

This Christmas-tide, it is up to us, as individuals and as a community, to reach out in whatever way we can to share what we have and be as Christ. When we remember Christ born as a tiny helpless child, it is easy to step up and offer help to those in need, to be God to and for and with them.

So remember to buy an extra gift for a child who won't get a present this year, donate money to help buy a bed for a child who has to sleep on the floor, and put an extra can of food or packet of biscuits in the food bank collection points for the family who don't have the spare money to heat the food let alone buy it.

We can help and we have a duty at Christmas and at all times to help those in need. This is what Christ became incarnate for, to show us how to love one another. Reach out today to those who you see before you and those who are faceless, this Christmas time and use your New Year resolutions to make sure giving and loving others becomes a regular habit.

As Christians this time of year is most precious to all of us and we can claim the right to celebrate because the best present in the world, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is about to be unwrapped. So join us in the re-telling of the most wonderful story once again.

Come along to the various Carol and Communion Services being held at the many churches over the next few weeks. Remember too we are one of the few places that are still open on Christmas Morning, to welcome not only our lord and saviour, but you as well, in to God's family.

So please do not feel you are alone this Christmas, pop into your local church and celebrate with us the Good news in Christ – we will even have a mince pie or two to share and most definitely, in my church, there will be chocolate!

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

Blessings

*Samantha*

### Christmas Greetings



Christmas Greetings to the Salkeld family from your cousins across the pond. May this New Year bring you Health and Happiness.

*Paul Raider and Family*

Seasons Greetings to the Seagull - keep it up!!!

*The Grumpy Owl*

Isla Reid sends very best wishes to Marianne and Sebastian, Stephanie and Chris, Kirsty and Ewan, and Ann and Vince. Enjoy the festive season and all the best for 2019.

### Crail Rowing Club Coffee Morning



Crail Rowing Club would like to thank all those who generously supported our coffee morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec in the Town Hall, which raised £537. The home baking stall was brimming with delicious creations, alongside the ever popular bottle stall and raffle. The club takes great pride in representing Crail at various regattas across Scotland and is proud of its achievements since entering its first event in 2012. In preparation for the next World Championships in July 2019, Partan, our red skiff, is undergoing some major repairs. Monies raised will go towards maintenance materials, essential safety equipment, and the servicing/replacement of life jackets.

### Crail Matters Christmas Publication

The last issue of Crail Matters before Christmas 2018 will be 17 Deember. The next issue after Christmas will be 7 January 2019.

Any copy for these issues need to be received by midday on the preceeding Friday.

## Christmas Services Crail Churches

### Crail Kirk

December	
9 December	7.00pm Anstruther Philharmonic Carol Concert
16 December	Third Sunday in Advent (Gift Sunday, gifts for children which go to the Barony in Buckhaven)
23 December	11.15 am Children's Nativity Service
24 December	6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Christmas Eve Services 8pm Kingsbarns Candlelight Service
25 December	11.15pm Crail Carol singing and Watchnight Service
30 December	10.am Christmas Day Family Service (Peter Neilson's last Service with us)

### St John's Pittenweem

Wednesday, 19th December 2018  
7.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols at St John's Church, Pittenweem

Christmas Day – Come and Celebrate!  
Tuesday, 25th December 2018  
11.30am Holy Communion at St John's Church, Pittenweem

First Sunday after Christmas  
Sunday, 30th December 2018  
11.30am Holy Communion and Baptism Pittenweem

Epiphany – Come and see the Wise Men!  
Sunday, 6th January 2019

### Roman Catholic

Advent Rorate (Candlelit) Masses & Confessions:  
This Advent we will once again have rorate Masses on the Friday evenings at 5.30pm in St James'. These Masses are traditionally by candle light only and have a Marian theme. The student scholar will be doing the music for most of these Masses. Visiting priests will also be available for confession on 14 December. This is an excellent way to have our souls prepared for the joy of Christmas.

Christmas Mass Times:  
Monday 24 December, 6pm Carols with Vigil Mass, St James', The Scores, St Andrews  
11.30pm Carols with Midnight Mass, Most Holy Trinity, Crail.  
Tuesday 25 December, 10:30am St James in St Andrews.  
[www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk](http://www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk)



## Christmas at Kingsbarns Church

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Carol-Singing round the village  
Meet in the Square at 6.00 pm. Please wear warm clothes with appropriate footwear, and bring a torch. If wet, meet at the same time and place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Family Service at 9.45 am

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Carols by Candlelight Service at 8.00 pm. If you can, please bring your own candle in a jar.

**ALL WELCOME**

SCO 12192  
Donations in aid of TCCL SCO 23997 and Enable SCO 09024

### 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](mailto:intimations@crailchurch.co.uk))  
Locum Minister: Rev Peter Neilson  
(tel: 01333 310 477)

The last Chatbite of the year will be **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Come and join us for your FREE mince pies and shortbread. Reopens **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Thanks to all for the continuing support.

**Guild: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 12:30pm for 1:00pm Christmas Lunch in Crail Golf Club.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** is the Gift Service, if you wish to donate a gift please wrap it up and label it saying if it's a Boy or Girl and the age it's suitable for.

**Rotary post** is now delivering to the East Neuk Coastal villages from Elie to Crail. Last date for posting **Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**. Still only 25p per card! Usual arrangements. Thanks for your support for all Rotary charities.

There will be a soup and sandwich after church on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December** to say "Bon Voyage" to Rev Peter Neilson. The theme of the last Sunday of the year will be "Looking Back- Looking Ahead". If you have a hymn which means a lot to you on that theme, and you would be willing to say a few words about why it is important to you, Peter would like to hear from you - preferably by next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> at the latest.

The Session would like to make a collection for Peter Neilson, if you would like to contribute, please put it into an envelope marked Peter Neilson and hand it to either Diana Brown or Helen Armitage.

**Intimations from St Ayle: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00am in Cellardyke Church is our "messy" service.

**Scottish Country  
Dancing**

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

**CRAIL BADMINTON CLUB**

MEETS ON TUESDAYS 7 – 10 PM IN  
CRAIL COMMUNITY HALL  
New members welcome  
Any queries:- Tel. Anne on 07769156003

**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 opposite the Beehive  
Opening times:  
Monday: 1400-1600  
Tuesday: 1400-1600  
Wednesday: 1400-1600

**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

**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](mailto:respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk)  
Website - [YoungCarersRespite.com](http://YoungCarersRespite.com)

**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](mailto:respite@disabilitiesfife.org.uk) or call on 01592 203993

**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

**Crail Museum**

Crail Museum opening dates for Christmas 2018 are as follows:

January Sale - Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd  
11am-4pm

**Last Posting Dates for Christmas**



**Royal Mail UK Service**

Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	1st Class Royal Mail Signed For 1st Class Royal Mail Tracked 48
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Royal Mail Tracked 24
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed

**Notice to Fishermen**

The Horizon Geobay has now completed work in the Development Area.

*SFF Services  
On Behalf of Inch Cape Offshore Limited*

**Royal Mail International Standard**

Tuesday, 4th December	Africa, Middle East
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cyprus, Malta, Far East (except Poland, Czech Rep. & Slovakia)
Saturday, 8th December	Caribbean, Central & South America
Monday, 10th December	Greece, Turkey, Australia, New Zealand
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Canada, Czech Rep., Italy, Poland, USA
Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Finland, Sweden
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Austria, Denmark, Germany Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Belgium, France, Ireland (Eire), Luxembourg

**Crail Table Tennis Club**

It's 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 Honeypot on 01333 450935.  
Community Hall ( Side Entrance )  
1900 Tuesday  
All welcome

## Remembrance

Crail Matters is putting together a collection of material that will describe and commemorate the Remembrance services in Crail this year. Because it was a significant anniversary, we propose to collect together images, service details, etc. of the events in the form of a digital and hard copy booklet, and lodge them in the Museum Archives. We would like to invite any of our readers who might wish to have recorded the memories they may have of people who served in the First World War, or have family or other stories that are relevant, to submit them for inclusion in the final document.

## Crail Hospital Car Service

It's only when you can't drive because you or the car is sick, or it is too daunting to think of standing in the cold, waiting for a return bus from the health centre or the dentist, or you need to get to Kirkcaldy hospital that you wish for a bit of help. Maybe you're new to Crail and don't know many people yet. That bit of help is there and has been for 54 years in Crail. It's the Hospital Car Service. It gets no funds from anywhere, though occasional donations means no one is refused if they genuinely can't afford the contribution to the cost of the journey. It relies on a small band of drivers, good neighbours, but they are getting on a bit themselves. Two have small operations themselves; two have relatives who need care; three have part time jobs. New drivers are desperately needed. Once or twice a month. More drivers would mean even fewer calls on each one. If you feel you could offer, you can ring **450096**. If you need help it's the same number.



## Christmas Raffle

Draw to take place on  
**Wednesday 19 December 2018**

Tickets £1.00 each

All proceeds will be used to keep our Library open  
and free for our readers and computer users

### Prizes include:

Golf on the Castle Course (4 ball),  
Annual Gym Membership at Stuart Barton,  
Voucher for the Cocoa Tree,  
Veggie Box from Ardross Farm Shop,  
Christmas Hamper,  
Gin, Prosecco, Pink Fizz, Beer,  
and lots more

Tickets on sale at the Library,  
The Cocoa Tree Café and Funky Scottish

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## The Crail Seagull

Well, I've seen it all now! I was sitting by the lovely Commemorative bench the other evening, watching the world go by and wondering when the electricity board were going to start doing something about the street lights there when – zoom a car shot past at a phenomenal speed down the dip at Denburn. I know that this is a fairly common occurrence despite the 20 mph limit but what astonished me was, the lights going eastwards were at red!

Have you seen a police van around recently? Clearly, there wasn't one around the other evening! Anyway, police vehicles all have new branding in English and in Gaelic. Am I the only one who thinks that there's not a lot of difference? The Scottish Government must have heaps and heaps of spare cash, it's a pity they don't spend it on something a bit more productive.

What's going on at the recycling centres, does anyone know? Pittenweem should only be closed on Mondays & Wednesdays and St. Andrews on Tuesdays & Fridays but last week Pittenweem was also closed on Tuesday and St Andrews was closed on Wednesday morning! It's ok for me, I can just fly over the top but others in cars just have to go home again or, take a 'short' trip to Cupar or Ladybank! Are Fife Council moving surrepticiously to only opening 2 days each week instead? Who knows....



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