



CRAIL MATTERS

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Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.

MILITARY EXERCISE NOTIFICATION

Military Exercises

24th - 30th March 2019

The MoD will be conducting a Small Exercise within the confines of Crail Airfield. The Exercise will see increased traffic and Military Activity in the Immediate Area: In Particular:

- The Main Route in
- Crail Airfield

Helicopter Overhead Flying has been authorised for this Exercise.

Low Flying Complaints: MoD Complaints and Enquiries Unit,
lowflying@mod.uk/cas-lowflying@mod.uk,
Tel: 0845 6007580

Crail Rowing Club Cheese & Wine Evening

Crail Rowing Club would like to thank the local community, businesses and all those who very generously supported the Cheese & Wine Evening on Friday March 8th in the Town Hall. The event was very well attended and all enjoyed a delicious cheese buffet, a variety of wines, an entertaining raffle and a draw for a prestigious bottle of malt whisky. All monies raised help keep the club afloat, going towards maintenance materials, servicing and replacement of essential safety equipment, insurance, boat-shed rental and harbour dues. New members are always welcome and details can be found on: <https://crailrowingclub.weebly.com/>

West Sands Ranger Update - Palm Oil

Last week we have found more clumps of palm oil washed up on the beach at West Sands. Dogs are attracted to these due to the smell and unfortunately have a habit of eating them which can make them ill. It's likely that these clumps of palm oil can be found on other beaches around the Fife coast so we'd recommend that if you are walking your dog on the beach you keep it under close control or on a lead



Notice to Mariners

Marine Scotland Science intends to install 30 scientific moorings along the east coast of Scotland, and one East of Orkney. The moorings will hold research equipment that records echolocation clicks of dolphins and porpoises. Below are the proposed locations of these moorings around Crail. Once the moorings are in the water, the locations will be confirmed and updated with as-laid positions. Positions are given in degrees and decimal minutes (WGS84). We anticipate deploying these moorings between 26 April – 7 May 2019, and the moorings will be removed in November 2019.

The moorings will have no surface marker, because they are in areas where there is considerable vessel traffic. They will extend vertically no more than 5 metres from the seabed.

Lat. 56. 15.8987 N Long. 002. 34.3235 W depth 16 m. Lat. 56. 15.4736 N Long. 002. 29.9587 W depth 43 m

Lat. 56. 17.4036 N Long. 002. 25.9837 W depth 47 m

All enquiries should be made to the Marine Scotland marine mammal acoustics mailbox (acoustics@gov.scot).



Crail Charrette 3rd Workshop



Trekking to Everest

Yvonne Richmond is undertaking a trek in the Himalayas to raise money and the profile of a charity that she volunteers for, The Wave project Scotland, based in Dunbar.

The Wave Project brings people together through surfing. The evidence-based surf therapy programme is proven to help young people feel less anxious and more positive. They also run beach school projects to help children feel more engaged in education. Working with partner organisations and the amazing volunteers we are changing lives together.

She will be trekking from Lukla to Everest base camp over a 2 week period in April. We know that Crail residents are hugely generous and would ask if they would like to sponsor this Trek?

All cost for the expedition are covered by Yvonne, any and all donations will go to the charity.

Finlay at the chemist has agreed to receive cash donations should anyone not be able to access the link to the just giving page which has the full details of the charity and the trek itself.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-richmondeverestbasecamp2019?utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Yvonne-

[RichmondEverestbasecamp2019&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=PMWqvPN53](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-richmondeverestbasecamp2019?utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_content=Yvonne-RichmondEverestbasecamp2019&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_source=Facebook&utm_term=PMWqvPN53)

Scottish Fisheries Museum

Friday 15th March – 16th June 2019 A Tale of Tea Cities: Tea shipping and consumption around the 19th century

Monday 18th March, Spring Has Sprung: Drop-in Seasonal Craft Session for Primary School Children, 3pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 21st March, Anstruther Improvements Association presents “Anster Nicht” – Threads: An Introduction to the Clothing of Scottish Fisherfolk with Jen Gordon of Scottish Fisheries Museum at Dreel Halls, 7.30pm

Sunday 31st March to Sunday 28th April, ‘Sunday Selfies’ present ‘Easter in the East Neuk’ and ‘Chick Hunt’ at Scottish Fisheries Museum

Wednesday 3rd April – Friday 3rd May (end date TBC), Margaret Maclean, Art Exhibition at Scottish Fisheries Museum

Saturday 6th April, A Tale of Tea Cities Event – Still Life Painting with Tea for adults and teenagers 13+, 2-3pm

Saturday 20th April, Anstruther Improvements Association presents the annual ‘Duck Race’ on the Dreel Burn at 10.30am. Easter Bonnet Competition and Prize-giving afterwards in Dreel Halls from approx. 11am



**CRAIL BEACH
CLEAN UP**

**MEET AT THE LEGION HALL 10AM
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH**

Bin bags provided, limited supply of litter pickers,
if you have one please bring it with you

COME AND JOIN US AND HELP KEEP OUR BEACH CLEAN

EVERYBODY WELCOME

Tea and cake served in
the hall afterwards

CRAIL FOOD FESTIVAL

Crail Food Festival 8th- 9th June 2019

Yes! – there will be a Food Festival in Crail this year. It will be held on the usual weekend, the second weekend in June – on the 8th and 9th June. The interim committee (David J, David M. Pat, Annie, Sophie and Catriona, ably assisted by events manager, Aadam and Peter as treasurer) have now met to arrange a smaller event for this year. An outline of events has

now been settled and details resulting from an ideas session, are being worked on.

This year's event will be limited to Crail Community Hall, Crail Kirk Hall and part of Beechwalk Park. The event, for this year only, will be free, although there will be a charge for car parking. The only cones to be seen should be those lining St Andrews Road, within the town, for safety reasons.

It is still a festival for **Crail** and we are working on a theme of “**Picnic**”. The Community Hall will have a range of producers, many of whom will be encouraged to sell produce suitable for a picnic. In addition we will have a variety of ‘**streetfood**’ vendors and we will provide a map of suitable spots for a picnic around the town, including Beechwalk Park itself. We intend to have the Legion Hall as an alternative eating venue, should the weather be unkind. We are working on a plan for a food related **Treasure Hunt**, to include all food outlets in Crail between the Community Hall and the harbour. This will also include some of the more interesting buildings in Crail. We are also working on a variety of entertainment, including Falconry displays and music. All we need is weather like we had last year! We are working on a Saturday evening dinner event. A splendid **5- course Taster Menu** is being considered for Crail Kirk Hall.

We will give fuller details of this years reduced festival in a few weeks in Crail Matters. **We still need one or two local people to join our hard working committee – it is good fun as well!**



12th Fife East Neuk Scouts

The Scouts would like to thank everyone who supported and helped at the coffee morning on Saturday 16th March the total made was £634.66. This will go towards the up coming Jamboree in Cambridge.



Spring Crafts Fayre & Coffee Morning



@ The Waid Academy

A GOOD WALK

At Crail Matters, we believe that a good walk is one of the most beneficial activities, in which many people can participate. We are most fortunate, in this area, to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and coast, which is enjoyed by many visitors and, of course, locals.

Local people who walk regularly, with or without dogs, who jog and run, will know the many lovely walks around here and we are asking you to share them with other Crail Matters readers.

If you have a favourite walk, send in a description of it to Crail Matters and we will publish it so that others, who many not know it, can discover its pleasures. Your should describe:-

- * The start and end points of the walk
- * Any landmarks, wildlife, wild flowers and so on
- * Time taken, if you are a brisk or slow walker, state which.
- * Difficulty of the walk, ie easy, moderate, difficult
- * Any refreshments available, or whether a flask is necessary.



The walk can be anywhere in the East Neuk, from Earlsferry to Kingsbarns/Boarhills. It can be short or long, it can be one-way, catching the 95 bus back or to the start point.

Although there are several publications listing walks in the area, this feature is intended have a local focus, sharing local information. Many people will often stick to one or two routes and would enjoy discovering new areas to explore. Please stick to around 250-300 words, include your name and address (if you do not want your name published, you can request "name and address supplied" or a nickname. We look forward to receiving your entries.

Visit East Neuk

Visit East Neuk has received the following updates on future events, activities and workshops from a variety of sources, and we send this along to you for your information and use.

- **Year of Coast and Waters** – This will be celebrated nationally in 2020. Deadline for funding for events closes 7th June <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/year-of-coasts-and-waters-2020/>

- **Scottish Food & Drink Fortnight** – dates for this year are 31st August until 5th September inclusive. More info on the focus of this year's campaign to follow soon.

- **Scottish Tourism Month** – lots going on throughout March, all listed <https://scottishtourismmonth.scot/> . You can also submit your own tourism-related event.

- **Seeking traders** - Spring Market at The Rhynd Café -- The Spring Fair at The Rhynd will run on 23rd and 24th March from 11am-3pm and the organisers are looking for traders to create a farmers market style event. Stalls cost £20 for the two days. They do not provide tables, chairs or stalls. There are power points in the event space and stall holders will be able to set up on the Friday from 10am-4pm or the Saturday morning from 9am. The Rhynd's Christmas Fair last year had 400-500 people through the door in one day. The Rhynd also works alongside Made in Fife and have 14 artists/crafters signed up for the event. If you're interested in getting involved, contact - lisa@craigiefarm.co.uk

- **Scottish Personal Licence Training** -- Rufflets Hotel has several spare places on a training course they've organised for

SPLH refresher training. This takes place on the afternoon of 19th March. It starts at around 1.00pm and runs for 4.5 hours. The cost is £95.00 plus vat (the price that the hotel is charged). This is aimed at SPL holders whose licence expires this year, who will need to do the refresher course, and submit application before end of May. If you're interested please contact Stephen Owen on gm@rufflets.co.uk.

- **Stirling Summer Festival** – 19th August 2019 -- Could you let Visit East Neuk know if you're interested in trading at this event, please? Fife Council is looking at packages that might be worthwhile.

<https://www.sruighlea.scot/>

- **Food from Fife**, with support from the Trade Development Programme, are looking to take a Fife group stand at the Royal Highland Show between 20th and 23rd June 2019 to showcase Fife food and drink pre-prepared brands. This stand is likely to include opportunities to sample, rather than demonstration cooking. I'm sure most of you are familiar with the show but this is a consumer show with opportunity to sell produce as well as putting your produce in front of some potential trade customers. Plans and package costs are being co-ordinated. Contact: Martha Bryce, Food from Fife coordinator, tel. 07905 761 525.

FIRST
Little Welly Club
Friday, 1st March 2019
10AM - 11:30AM

ST MONANS
BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Little Welly Club

Come and join
Our FREE Little Welly Club
held every Friday from 10am-
11:30am

CHURCH HALL
STATION ROAD
ST MONANS

***Soft Play * Sing and Story Time * Art & Craft**
*** Baby Area * Hot Drinks and Fruit * Books & Puzzles**
*** Toys * Theme based sessions**

ALL WELCOME
0-5 years

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE
In association with Colinsburgh Community Cinema

HIDDEN FIGURES

At Pittenweem Church Hall, James Street
7.30 Friday 29 March 2018 Cert PG



Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

**Tickets £5.00, on sale at the Library, Cove Wynd
and at the Cocoa Tree Café, 9 High Street
Doors open 7.00pm—refreshments available**

Proceeds to go to Pittenweem Community Library & Information Centre
SCIO Charity registration no SC047013

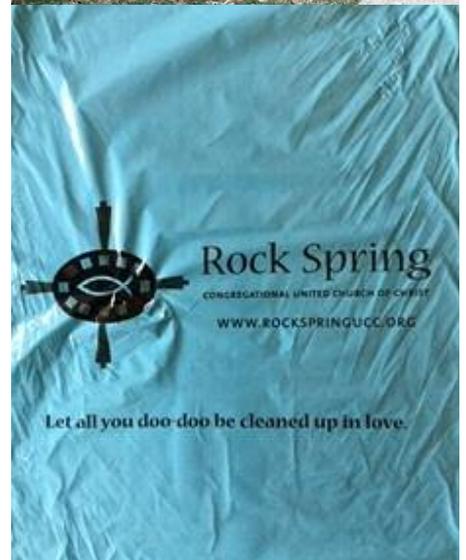
A nocturnal visitor to a Crail garden



Cleaning up Washington

The story of ten-year-old Ivy's poop bag dispenser in Crail Matters three weeks ago showed great creativity in dealing with a problem that afflicts districts around the world that have concentrations of dog ownership. My suburb of Washington DC is a case in point. A noticeable trend is that numbers of dog-loving people in the area have taken on "rescue dogs" in recent times and the frequency of dog walkers in the area is now quite similar to that in Crail. I wanted to share what one local church has done to ease the dog poop problem. The photos below speak for themselves. What it needs is a community-minded local entity – be it a business, church, or other organization – to sponsor a dispenser. The sponsor can use the poop bags as a vehicle for creative advertising or, as in the case of our local church, for an encouraging message!

*Alex Fleming
Washington DC*



**Scottish Country
Dancing**

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

CRAIL COMMUNITY CHOIR

**The choir meets on Monday 18th March
at 7.30 pm in the TOWN HALL**

Crail in Bloom

Dates for your Diary

Spring Coffee Morning - Saturday 6th April - doors open at 10.00a.m. - Legion Hall, Crail

St. Andrews Photographic Society

St. Andrews Photographic Society meets every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Art Club premises, St. Andrews (down the lane beyond West Port Printers) in Argyle Street. Weekly programme can be found on the Society web page at: www.standrewsphotographic.society.com All welcome.

**Singing for the Memory
and Music and Movement
for people with Dementia and their Carers at
Kilrenny Parish Church Hall**

1.30pm-4.00pm Wednesdays

Singing for Memory	Music and Movement
27 March	10 April
29 May	8 May
31 July	12 June
28 August	11 September
25 September	13 November
30 October	11 December
27 November	

CRAIL BADMINTON CLUB

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

Crail Armistice Day commemoration

A brief record of the Armistice commemoration held in Crail can be found at this link:

<https://crailmatters.com/crail-armistice-commemoration/>

This will be added to as further material is submitted.

Contact your Fife Councillor?

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cllr.bill.porteous@fife.gov.uk 01333 730837 or
07753982311
cllr.john.docherty@fife.gov.uk 07718 66 89 96

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls at Marketgate every 2nd Thursday.

Next dates 28th March, then new timetable.

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street opposite the Beehive

Opening times:

Monday: 1400-1600

Tuesday: 1400-1600

Wednesday: 1400-1600

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.

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

Useful Emergency Numbers

Samaritans	116 123
Breathing Space	0800 838587
Social Work Out Of Hours Emergencies	03451 55 00 99
Adult Protection Phone Line	01383 602200
Child Protection or Social Work	03451 551503
NHS24	111
Police	101
CARF (Citizen's Advice & Rights)	0345 1400 095
Homeless Emergency Number	0800 028 6231

Crail Hospital Car Service

Crail is full of good neighbours and it is they who provide the 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. If you could do with that bit of help, ring. 01333 450096.

Crail Matters

We continue to need funds. If you have already donated, then **thank you**. If you haven't, will you consider making a donation? You can make a bank transfer to sort code 83-26-28, Account No. 15518709, or by cheque payable to 'Crab Publishing' given to any member of the Editorial Board or posted to Crab Publishing, 1 Fife Ness, Crail, KY10 3XN. **Many thanks. A special note of thanks to the kind donors who deposited substantial amounts in the collecting can in Crail Pharmacy.**

Community Council Notes

Our new website is <https://crailcc.com/>



Next Community Council Meeting
The next Community Council meeting will be at 7.15pm 25 March.

Change to Police Scotland Community Team East Neuk

The Community Council have been notified of the following change to the Police Scotland Community Team: PC Lee Robb will be joined by PC Chris Stecka who replaces PC Gillian Tetlow who has moved to a response Team in Leven.

Recycling Point

At the last Community Council meeting, Cllr. Porteous reported that Fife Council had been asked to consider suitable Council owned land where provision could be made for recycling in Crail. The chairman suggested that there was a pressing need for resolution and that at some point a decision would have to be made. Community Councillor Andrew Purves advised that several other local authorities collected glass from the roadside to reduce landfill and this was a cost that had to be borne. Cllr. Porteous agreed to attempt to establish the reasons for Fife Council not following suit and feedback at the next Community Council meeting.

Flood lighting at the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area)

Some weeks ago, a member of the public raised the possibility of arranging for flood lighting at the MUGA to enable its use to be extended into the evening. According to Fife Council the cost for lighting at the M.U.G.A. in St Monans was £37,000.00 and had required a commitment from the local community that lighting was acceptable. The Community Council were advised that prior to the courts in Crail being built, an undertaking had been given to local residents that no lighting would be installed. It was agreed that the issue should not be pursued.

Crail Rowing Club

Notice was given at the last Community Council that the Rowing Club would be seeking funds to purchase a new road trailer for the skiff.

The Crail Seagull



Thought you'd all like to see a photo of my holiday home. It's not just Crail which has these homes. In my world Fluke Dubs is considered very "des res". The benefit of this well sought after location is how discreet it is.

Bet you can't see my wee place!

Isn't Crail looking lovely in the spring sunshine? lovely snowdrops, daffodils and primroses all in bloom. I love these mornings when the sun comes up earlier and earlier. The one thing that really makes it for me is the sound of the gossipy sparrow and his pals chattering away.

I took another wee jaunt to St Andrews the other day, it's fairly quiet around Crail at present. I see that Fife Council have dumped a couple of piles of tarmac where the road is beginning to subside between Brownhills and the Castle Golf Course and it's breaking up already. From up above, this section of road looks like a rotten tooth, don't suppose it looks any better from down below, either! What on earth is going on, when will it be fixed? Who knows.

Do you remember when I was sitting opposite the Town Hall the other week, wondering what was going on in the former library? Well, I overheard a conversation that someone was having with the new occupier, shall I tell you what it was about? Okay, apparently someone is going to make candles there. That's bound to be better than it sitting empty.



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