



# CRAIL MATTERS

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## *Crail; The Jewel of the East Neuk.*

### **Crail Folk Club**

There is a special event coming up at Crail Folk Club on **Thursday 11th April 8pm in Crail Town Hall**. Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith are one of the finest duos to have emerged onto the British folk and acoustic scene in recent years. Their combination of outstanding vocal work, sensitive instrumentation, and a powerful social conscience has brought them widespread critical acclaim.

‘Their real strength lies in their original compositions, which range from stories of protest and eviction to the powerful, atmospheric title track about night workers. An impressive set.’ (Robin Denselow, *The Guardian*)

The songs themselves are always given centre stage but they are brought to life with stunning musical arrangements and vocals. There is an integrity that shines through their performances and a common thread of political struggle, resistance, and justice.



Their critically acclaimed second album 'Night Hours' was released in December 2016 on Fellside Recordings. Described as 'exhilaratingly diverse and full of impeccably crafted songs', it has cemented the duo's reputation as two of the most exciting musicians and social commentators on the scene.

In September 2018 Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith released their third album with a major UK tour. The album is a further development of the duo's songwriting and the contemporary sound that attracted such critical acclaim on their second release, Night Hours.

‘To be a great folk singer, you have to be a great storyteller, as Jimmy Aldridge and Sid Goldsmith are clearly aware. The duo are both fine singers and multi-instrumentalists.’ *The Guardian*

‘Making common cause between antique songs and present circumstances is one of the grails of modern folk, one this young duo pull off impressively...Rousing stuff.’ *The Observer*

‘This is a well-judged collection that feels very timely in its preoccupation with the working poor, and of economic and ecological instability. Observations about modern life blend seamlessly with traditional material, delivered with rare poise and delicate musicianship. What particularly stands out on all the self-penned numbers is the duo's ability to treat contemporary subject matter effectively in folk music.’ ★★★★★ *Songlines*

‘Determinedly forthright singing and empathetic arrangements give a compelling intensity and freshness... This, their second album, deserves to propel them substantially further into public consciousness.’ ★★★★★ *fRoots*

‘Exhilaratingly diverse and full of impeccably crafted and beautifully realised songs.’ *Folk Radio UK*

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### **IAN GORDON SINGS AGAIN Stroke Association Charity Event**

Ian Gordon (St Andrews) first sang in public at age 7 in 1950. He has been singing with bands ever since, the most well known locally being the Rebels. A year ago he was struck down with a stroke, which has left him wheelchair bound. Although his speech was affected initially, he is now able to sing again.

On Friday 12 April in Crail Town Hall he is making his comeback, backed by Dave Burnett, guitar/vocals, James Ford bass/vocals and Eric Morris on drums. It will be an “unplugged” session (quietish) of pop and rock songs from the fifties and sixties. The proceeds will go to the charity Stroke Association.

Tickets priced £10 are available at Greens Fruit Shop, Crail.

## Crail Community Partnership

Crail Community Partnership was formally inaugurated last month and on 2nd April 2019 it was registered as a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) Charity Number SC049189.

The Partnership is a community partnership born out of the community Charrette. The SCIO's purposes are the advancement of community development (including the advancement of urban/rural regeneration) principally within the Community, but only to the extent that this is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development.

The initial 10 charity trustees have been confirmed. They are:

Heather Aird (Membership Secretary)  
David Brown  
Will Cresswell  
Dennis Gowans (Secretary)

David Jerdan (Chair)  
David Mann  
James McCallum  
Bernie McConnell  
Andrew Purves (Treasurer)  
Max Taylor

Two further trustees have been co-opted namely Helen Armitage and Danny Bates.

The Partnership are delighted that the Trustees represent a wide cross section of the people and interests of Crail and will be working hard to deliver the agreed outcomes of the Charrette.

The community are invited to take up membership of the Partnership and thus have a vote and influence. Membership is £1 per annum or £5 for life membership.

## Spring Visitors

Its Springtime, the time of year when we start to see more visitors arriving in Crail and all along the coastline too. Down at The Honeypot Frederic Marcell flew in from France, literally, as he is an Airbus A320 pilot. He seems to like all things that fly and as a keen photographer took himself out on the first May Princess trip last Monday, just in time for the arrival of some of our most endearing visitors, pictured here.

*Graham and Edna*



## Notice to Fishermen



Geophysical survey and geotechnical investigations, using GeoOcean III and Horizon Geobay, will be undertaken over ~78 days, excluding weather downtime. Works are expected to commence on or after 4th of April 2019. During the geotechnical works the vessel will hold station on ducted propellers and all vessels are requested to remain 500 m clear. The vessel will be displaying the relevant RAM lights and displays during periods of restricted manoeuvrability. Geophysical works previously scheduled to begin on the 1st of April have been postponed. The works are being carried out in phases over the Development Area of the proposed Inch Cape Offshore Wind Farm located within the Outer Firth of Tay.

There may be a need to take a small number of samples from inshore areas of the cable corridor. Any need for inshore sampling will be undertaken by stationary vessels which would require minimal disruption to inshore fishing activity. Fishermen will be informed of any need to access inshore areas of the cable corridor in advance and via NtF.



Join us on our 10 year anniversary  
Cycle ride on:

Sunday 2nd June 2019  
Start 10am - Kellie Castle

For more information contact E. Gilmour  
eastneukkfr@hotmail.com  
www.enfr.org.uk

**St. Andrews Photographic Society**  
Weekly meetings of the Society have ceased until the new season begins in September.  
The website address remains valid for summer activities notifications.

**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

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

**Letter to the Editor**



Just catching up with February Crail Matters. An the article on Ivy from Somerset reminded me of the ones I saw in Newburgh recently.  
The walkways were certainly a lot cleaner.  
Maybe some of our local children would like to adopt this as a project...

*Dot Macleod*

**CRAIL COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
**The choir next meets on Monday 22 April  
at 7.30 pm in the TOWN HALL**

**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

**Mobile Library**  
The mobile library calls at Marketgate every 2nd Thursday.  
Next date 11 April, 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**

<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 or Social Work</b>	<b>03451 551503</b>
<b>NHS24</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>CARF (Citizen's Advice &amp; Rights)</b>	<b>0345 1400 095</b>
<b>Homeless Emergency Number</b>	<b>0800 028 6231</b>

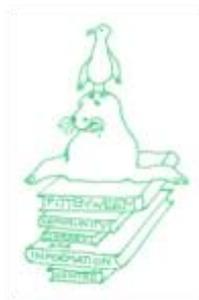
**Crail Hospital Car Service**  
Crail is full of good neighbours and it is they who provide the Hospital Car Service. It's only when you can't drive because you or the car is sick, or it is too daunting to think of standing in the cold, waiting for a return bus from the health centre or the dentist, 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.

# PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTRE SPRING 2019 EVENING TALKS

## WHEN

**APRIL 2, 16 and 30**  
**MAY 14 and 28**

**Doors open 7.00**  
**Tea/coffee available**  
**Talks start at 7.30**



## WHERE

**Coastline Community Church**  
21 Session Street, Pittenweem, KY10 2QL

## TICKETS

**£5.00**

**Available from the Library or at the door**

Pittenweem Community Library and Information Centre  
Cove Wynd, Pittenweem, KY10 2LE  
Web: [www.pittcllc.org.uk](http://www.pittcllc.org.uk)  
Email: [library@pittcllc.org.uk](mailto:library@pittcllc.org.uk)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pittcllc/](http://www.facebook.com/pittcllc/)

### Opening Hours:

Mondays 2:00pm - 6:00pm  
Wednesdays 1:30pm - 5:00pm  
Fridays 9:30am - 1:00pm  
Saturdays 10:00am - 1:00pm

## SERIES DETAILS

### APRIL 2

**CLIMATE CHANGE:  
SIMPLE, SERIOUS,  
SOLVABLE** with Dr  
James Rae, Geochemist  
and Climate Scientist of  
St Andrews University

### APRIL 16

**PHOTOGRAPHIC  
ALBUMS, SCIENTIFIC  
NETWORKS & THE  
EXPANSION OF EARLY  
PHOTOGRAPHY** with  
Rachel Nordstrom MSc,  
Photographic  
Collections Manager, St  
Andrews University

### APRIL 30

**THE FIRTH OF FORTH  
IN THE GREAT WAR**  
with James Stormonth,  
transport artist and keen  
historian

### MAY 14

**A LOCAL HABITATION  
AND A NAME** with  
Shirley McKay, author of  
the Hew Cullan crime  
fiction series set in St  
Andrews in the 1580s

### MAY 28

**EAST NEUK BIRDS:  
LOCAL HEROES TO  
GLOBAL STARS** with  
Professor Will Cresswell,  
School of Biology,  
St Andrews University

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC047013

## Concerts in Crail

### Organ Recital

By  
Stephen Hamilton  
American Organist of International fame  
Part of his European tour  
7.00 P.M. FRIDAY 12 April 2019  
CRAIL CHURCH  
IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS  
TICKETS £10.00  
From Elders, Chatbite or at door  
Charity No SC001601

### East Fife Male Voice Choir

&  
Steeeton Choir  
(From Yorkshire)  
In Concert  
7.30 P.M. FRIDAY 26 April 2019  
CRAIL CHURCH  
IN AID OF CHURCH TOWER FUNDS  
TICKETS £8.00  
Charity No SC001601

## Community Council Notes

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



### Next Community Council Meeting

The next Community Council meeting will be at 7.15pm 29 April

#### 20 mph speed limit

An outcome of the Charrette was a strongly held community wish to impose a 20mph speed limit on the A917 passing through Crail. This request has been passed on to Fife Council Traffic Management Services, who have rejected the request. There seem to be two grounds for this refusal:

1. it is asserted that the 'fundamental purpose (of the A917) is to efficiently and safely carry a high volume of traffic for longer distances' which a 20 mph limit will impede.
2. a concern with setting precedents that might be followed by other East Neuk villages.

The letter outlining the refusal has been placed on the Community Council website.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Community Council meeting. This seems at face value to be placing a priority on traffic movement over the safety and well being of communities.

#### Glass Recycling

A request to locate the Glass recycling at in the School car park has also been rejected by Fife Council Officials, largely on Health and Safety grounds. The Community Council has responded as follows:

1. The council officer does not fully appreciate that this is the staff car park only and waste bins are situated within this car park. Provided neat modern bins are placed on site there should not be any issue for staff parking their cars. There should not be any children in this car park as parents cannot use it to drop off children. The school entrance that the children use is not via the staff car park and the school playground is entirely fenced off from this car park. Children do not have access and should not be in this area. If the council officer has not visited the staff car park perhaps a visit would help.
2. Further to the above, if there is a health and safety issue with the staff car park surely this issue is then simply transferred to whatever site glass recycling bins are sited if this site is unsupervised. If this is the case why is the council even considering placing bins on any unsupervised site in Crail or elsewhere. Would they have a potential liability issue should any accident happen?

We await a response.

### Crail Parish Church of Scotland (Charity registered in Scotland SC 001601) Linked with St Ayle

Intimations to be in by Thursday noon to Lisa 450035, or email

[\(intimations@crailchurch.co.uk\)](mailto:intimations@crailchurch.co.uk)

Session Clerk: Helen Armitage 450516

Interim Moderator: Rev Brian Oxburg

**Guild:** Thursday 11th April in the Kirk Hall from 2:15pm, talk "Story of a Violin Maker" by Linda Colston.

**Session meeting** will be held on Thursday 11th April at 7.15pm in the Kirk Hall to approve the Annual report.

Friday 12th April there is an **Organ Recital** in Crail Church with Stephen Hamilton at 7pm, Tickets cost £10.00.

**Crail Art Group Easter Art Exhibition:** Will be in the Kirk Hall from Friday 19th April 10am-4pm, Sat: 2pm-5pm, Sun: 12:30-5pm & Mon: 10am-3pm.

**The Easter Coffee Morning** is on Saturday 20th April in the Kirk Hall 10am to 12 noon. Offers of baking and items for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Helen 450516 or Patricia 451571.

Next week's service will be led by Mr G Peacock.

## CRAIL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE

### MUSEUM OPENING TIMES

*1st April - 28th April: Daily*

Guided Walks: Wednesdays and Sundays (except Easter Sunday, 21st April)

*4th May - 27th May: Weekends and Public Holidays.*

Guided Walks: Sundays

*1st June - 27th October: Daily*

Guided Walks: Wednesdays and Sundays

*Monday - Saturdays: 11am - 4pm*

*Sundays: 1.30pm - 4pm*

Admission to the Museum is FREE but donations are always gratefully received.

# WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,  
with Photographs by John Anderson



*There will be no Wild Crail for the next few weeks whilst Professor Cresswell is away on a research visit to Antarctica.*



**Saturday 27th April, 12-3pm**  
**Kingsbarns Memorial Hall**

16 Main Street, Kingsbarns, Fife KY16 8SZ

We hope you will join us on **Saturday 27th April** for an enjoyable afternoon with the **Crail to St Andrews Shared Path** project.

**Drop-in anytime between 12-3pm**, where you'll be able to find out all about the proposed route with information and presentations throughout the day. Come along to hear what others have been sharing of their experiences along the route, and we hope you'll contribute your own stories.

Our friends from [Electric Bikes Scotland](http://www.electricbikesscotland.co.uk) will be on-hand to demonstrate and advise you about the world of e-bikes. [www.electricbikesscotland.co.uk](http://www.electricbikesscotland.co.uk)

*Tasty local food and refreshments will be available.*

## 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.**

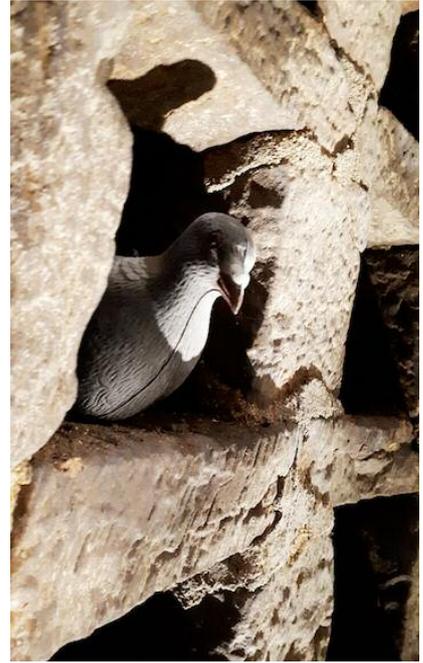


# The Crail Seagull

Some people are just SO RUDE. I had a quick trip round Roome Bay, and looked into the refurbished round white building in the field at the side. Looks fairly uncomfortable from the outside, but inside there are lots of little houses for birds - I assume its a kind of high rise for birds. A bit modern for my taste, but I was just taking a look round thinking it might be a decent  *pied a terre*  for me, and this really rude young pigeon just stood absolutely still staring at me. I tried to speak, but he just stared ..... Really!!! What are young people coming to!!!



Do you remember that I am in the habit of chasing Northlink Ferries? Well look what went past Fluke Dub last week - HMS Queen Elizabeth!! I didn't manage to catch up with it but it's pretty distinctive, don't you think? I wonder what it's doing back at Rosyth - is it a Homing Carrier?



## Calling all VOLUNTEERS! Crail Festival needs YOU!

If you would like to be involved in this year's Festival 17-27 July please come to a friendly, informative meeting in Crail Kirk Hall, 4pm-6pm on Saturday 27 April.

Your enthusiastic assistance at our events is essential; and feedback confirms that being a VOLUNTEER is fun and very enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you

# Crail festival



Crail Rowing Club at the Fife Gathering

## Crail Rowing Club attends annual Fife Gathering

Crail Rowing Club joined fellow Fifiers for the annual regatta at Lochore Meadows Country Park on Saturday 30th March. Seven coastal rowing clubs participated in the fun event which included an inter-club race giving rowers the opportunity to row with other clubs, and a blindfold race where rowers relied solely on their coxswains' instructions to guide them home. After a cold and damp start the day brightened up and clubs enjoyed some friendly competition in a variety of categories. Crail won the sprint race and overall came third to winners, Wormit.

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