



CRAIL MATTERS

W/C 29 July 2019. No 119 Free - donations welcome
Suggested hard copy Donation 40p

Crail: The Jewel of the East Neuk.

Community Emergency Plan Launched



East Neuk Community Emergency Planning Team (ENCEPT) is a newly formed organisation within the East Neuk. A plan has been set up to help in a community emergency, such as flood, severe weather, power cuts and other local emergencies. The Team has been working with Community Councils and other groups in the area to draw up a community emergency plan in partnership with Fife Council.

The group's spokesperson, Julie Middleton, said yesterday "We have created a single free telephone number **0800 999 6543** which mem-

bers of the East Neuk Community can use to alert us of a community emergency. We can then, in conjunction with the Fife Council Emergency Resilience Officer, activate our Emergency Plan and offer a co-ordinated response." She added, "we are delighted that this response will be supported by East Neuk First Responders, Anstruther Lifeboat crew and other local volunteers." Julie was quick to add that "this number should **not** be used for life threatening emergencies, we are not in any way replacing the statutory 999 number."

The Team is raising funds to equip each village/community with a response kit should it be required.

If anyone would like further information you can find us on Facebook or e-mail: encept@hotmail.com

Wee Crailers

'Wee Crailers' is an art, craft, and lunch club for all ages of tiny humans and their big humans too! Our arts and crafts have a nature and science theme to them and are, most importantly, fun! Held in Crail Kirk Hall, 2nd Friday of the month, 12-2 pm.

With our coffee morning we hope to raise funds to help us get up and running; buying some art and craft supplies and providing a nutritious lunch for our wee crafters. Come along and enjoy some lovely home-bakes, win some unique prizes in our raffle, and try your hand at some Wee Crailers arts and crafts.

Wee Crailers can be contacted at dawn.wallace.100@hotmail.com

Vacancy – Morton of Pitmilley Countryside Resort

We are looking for an experienced Front of House Team Member w/Business Dev. & PA skills to join an established and award winning resort in Kingsbarns. The resort is renowned for its excellent customer service, facilities and beautiful surroundings.

This is a full time role (40 hours per week) and requires excellent administration and customer service skills.

Days required to work are Tuesday through Saturday. If interested in this position, please email admin@pitmilley.co.uk for a full job description.

Wee Crailers
Coffee Morning

Raising funds to re-start
Crail's kids craft & lunch club

Kirk Hall
Saturday 3rd August
10 am – 12 pm

Home baked cakes
Raffle
Children's crafts £2 entry

All welcome

Donations of cakes appreciated – drop them off in the Kirk Hall from 9 am.
Donations of good quality toys and craft materials welcome – just bring them on the day

Find us on Facebook @weecrailleurs

WILD CRAIL

Will Cresswell,
with Photographs by John Anderson
There will be no Wild Crail 22 and 29 July



Community Council Notes



Our new website is <https://crailcc.com/>
Next Community Council Meeting 7.15pm 26 August in the Town Hall

Community Council Notes is taking a holiday until 19 August

Crail Matters Holiday

There will be no publication of Crail Matters on 26 August and 2 September.

Advert/Copy Submission to Crail Matters

The Editors are happy to accept material for publication in a variety of formats, but we prefer .jpg and .pdf copy. We would urge anyone submitting material to have regard to efficient use of space - we cannot guarantee to publish in original format large adverts designed as posters. We reserve the right to edit material.

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.



FIFE COAST &
COUNTRYSIDE TRUST



World Ranger Day - Drop in Day

Wed 31st July, 10 am - 4pm

Join our West Sands Rangers for this annual world celebration of Countryside Rangers' contribution to nature conservation. It's your chance to find out more about the work that the Rangers do at West Sands with fun activities for all to enjoy. Try Plant ID, Tracking and using binoculars. (Meeting point between entrance points 3 and 4)

If you have ever fancied being a Ranger then this event is for you!

For further information contact our Rangers on 07984 152558 or email Dominic.Rye@fifecountryside.co.uk

fifecoastalpath.co.uk fifecountryside.co.uk
experience • engage • enjoy

Celebrate International Scottish Gin Day at Darnley's Distillery & Gin School.

"This is a day to celebrate all things Scottish Gin. The people, the places, the passion, the gins. With a rich and diverse range of Scottish Gins being made across the width and breadth of Scotland, ISGD is the perfect opportunity for you to discover Scottish Gin." – The Gin Cooperative

You can start the day by booking a space on a Distil Your Own Experience to make your own Scottish Gin, choose from a selection of botanicals to create your recipe before distilling your gin on your own mini copper pot still. Visit our Gin School page to discover more.

In the afternoon, take a seat on our distillery terrace and enjoy a complimentary G&T or cocktail whilst taking in the scenery and listening to music from a local guitarist. we have FREE quick fire tours of the distillery all afternoon and our cafe will be open as usual serving sandwiches, soups, cakes and tea and coffee.

If you want to make a purchase in our shop we have special offers running throughout the day.

Saturday 3rd August

11AM – 4PM

Darnley's Distillery & Gin School, East Newhall Farm, Kingsbarns, KY16 8QE

11am – Distil Your Own Scottish Gin at Darnley's Gin School

12.30 – Discover Darnley's Tour

1pm – 4pm Darnley's Summer Terrace

Crail Open Gardens Appeal

At the recent Crail Open Gardens, a lady called Ms Bishop purchased a pot of Orchids at the plant sale at 2 Castle Street. Unfortunately, Ms Bishop forgot to return to collect the pot of plants. If you - Ms Bishop - read this and would like to collect the Orchids or if you know the lady in question, please contact Jeni Auchinleck on 01333 450538.



The Putting Green will be open
1.30pm - 7.00pm

22 June - 25 August

Letters to the Editor

Sir,

To "Name and Address Withheld" of Shoregate. Thank you for saying what dozens of us also feel. The vitriol being directed at so-called "second home owners" completely bewilders me. I work in Edinburgh and my husband runs a business in Crail. It is not practical for me to commute to Edinburgh every day and we can't afford to heat our property in the winter because we are outside Crail and don't have the benefit of mains gas. So we're here part of the week and at our other property closer to Edinburgh the rest of the week and full time in the winter. We contribute the local economy in many ways. As our friend in Shoregate correctly states, we use local tradesmen, we participate in local events, we raise money for local charities, we pay the same council tax as everyone else. Most importantly, we worked very hard for many years to afford two properties, bought both of them as a young couple when they were practically abandoned and in a perilous state of repair and restored them. We have taken no hand-outs from anyone. We have no benefit of inherited wealth. These houses are our pension, our future our investment. If we had taken our money and put it in the Bank, we wouldn't be subjected to the same negativity that we are feeling now.

This is envy, plain and simple. Selling one of our houses isn't going to help the homeless or disadvantaged in any way. It isn't going to bring jobs or resources to the area. It isn't going to reduce the pressure on council services. We are not remote landlords rarely visiting the village, making thousands a week and moaning constantly about the prices being charged by the cleaners or tradesmen we employ to maintain them.

Stop dictating how people presume to live their lives and invest their money. It is none of your business. If we all packed up and left tomorrow and you gave our homes away to the people your presume our departure would magically help you would soon complain about the feckless lifestyles of the poor folk who would be condemned to stay in them.

Name And Address Withheld

Sir,

I was interested in the two letters re the ' Second Homes ' Issue.

It is a highly complicated problem and I do not want those with second homes to in any way feel unwelcome in any of our communities in East Neuk & Landward.

Often the homes are used very frequently and the owners may well be planning to join us here permanently on their retirement.

They like others in the community DO have a lot to contribute to Crail and other places and we are happy to have them with us and join in with voluntary work whenever they can or wish to do so.

Cllr Bill Porteous



What's Biting You?

Spider

Mosquito

Tick

Bed Bug

Bee

95 Timetable changes from 29th July 2019

The 95 bus is having a major timetable change as of Monday 29th July 2019.

There are two reasons why the change has come about: Stagecoach are increasing the frequency of their express bus services from Halbeath Park and Ride to Edinburgh to a bus every 10 minutes.

As part of this the X60 is diverting from Kirkcaldy bus station via the Fife Retail Park at Chapel Level to Halbeath Park and Ride and then on via Ferrytoll to Edinburgh. This should improve the speed and the reliability of the X60 in not having to go via Dalgety Bay.

And, Waid Academy are going to have shorter schooldays on Fridays from the start of the new term.

For much of the day both bus timetables are offset from the old timetables by about 30 minutes – the effect is that the bus at around 20 past the hour through Crail is the one going to St Andrews and the bus around 50 minutes past the hour is the one going towards Anstruther. Early morning, evening and Sunday timetables tend to stay much the same as the old timetable.

But, you probably need to see the new timetable to see how it affects you.

Copies of the new printed timetable are available from Crail Museum and Information Centre (open 11am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, 1:30pm to 4pm on Sunday) and from the Bus Stations at St Andrews and Leven.

Leven • St Monans • Anstruther • Crail • St Andrews 95																								
MONDAY TO FRIDAY																								
route number	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95										
Leven bus station	—	0615	0645	0740	0815	0915							1615	1720	1745	1820							2220	2320
Letham Glen Scoonie Road	—	0619	0649	0744	0819	0919							1619	1724	1749	1823							2223	2323
Lundin Links Woodielea Road	—	0623	0653	0748	0823	0923							1623	1728	1753	1827							2227	2327
Lower Largo opp Crusoe Hotel	—	0626	0656	0751	0826	0926							1626	1731	1756	1830							2230	2330
Upper Largo Main Street	—	0631	0701	0756	0831	0931							1631	1736	1801	1835							2235	2335
Colinsburgh library	—	0637	0707	0802	0837	0937							1637	1742	1807	1841							2241	2341
Kilconquhar Church	—	0642	0712	0807	0842	0942							1642	1747	1812	1846							2246	2346
Elie High Street	—	0648	0718	0813	0848	0948							1648	1753	1818	1851							2251	2351
St Monans Elm Grove	—	0653	0723	0818	0853	0953							1653	1758	1823	1856							2256	2356
Pittenweem Tollcross	—	0658	0728	0823	0858	0958							1658	1803	1828	1900							2300	0000
Waid Community Campus	—	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼							1703	1808	1833	▼							▼	▼
Anstruther opp harbour arr	0610	0705	0735	0830	0905	1005							1705	1810	1835	1904							2304	0004
		⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚							⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚							⌚	⌚
Anstruther opp harbour dep	0610	0706	0738	0832	0906	1006							1706	1811	▼	1905							2305	▼
Cellardyke Toll Road	0615	0711	0743	0837	0911	1011							1711	1816	1840	1910							2310	0009
Crail High Street	0623	0720	0752	0846	0920	1020							1720	1825	—	1919							2319	—
Crail Pinkerton Road	0626	0724	0756	0850	0924	1024							1724	1829	—	▼							▼	—
Kingsbarns Church	0636	0734	0806	0900	0934	1034							1734	1839	—	1928							2328	—
St Andrews Bay road end	0643	0742	0814	0908	0942	1042							1742	1847	—	1935							2335	—
Lamond Dr Langlands Rd													▼	1853	—	1941							2341	—
South Street Madras College	0652	0752	0824	0918	0952	1052							1752	▼	—	▼							▼	—
St Andrews bus station	0655	0755	0827	0921	0955	1055							1755	1857	—	1945							2345	—

You can also find it on the internet at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/>

St Andrews • Crail • Anstruther • St Monans • Leven 95													
MONDAY TO FRIDAY													
route number	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95
St Andrews bus station	0552	0743	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1535	1635	1735	1825	
St Andrews Church Street	0555	0746	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1538	1638	1738	1828	
St Andrews Bay road end	0604	0755	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1547	1647	1747	1837	
Kingsbarns Church	0611	0803	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1555	1655	1755	1845	
Crail Pinkerton Road	0620	0813	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1605	1705	1805	1855	
Crail High Street	0624	0817	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	1609	1709	1809	1859	
Cellardyke Toll Road	0632	0826	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1618	1718	1818	1908	
Anstruther harbour arr	0635	0831	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1623	1723	1823	1913	
	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	
Anstruther harbour dep	0636	0833	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1625	1725	1825	1915	
Anstruther Primary School		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	
Waid Community Campus	▼	0835	1017	1117	1217	1317	1417	1517	1627	1727	1827	1917	
Pittenweem Tollcross	0642	0840	1022	1122	1222	1322	1422	1522	1632	1732	1832	1922	
St Monans Elm Grove	0649	0847	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1639	1739	1839	1929	
Elie High Street	0654	0852	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1644	1744	1844	1934	
Kilconquhar opp Church	0659	0857	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1649	1749	1849	1939	
Colinsburgh opp library	0704	0902	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1654	1754	1854	1944	
Upper Largo Main Street	0711	0909	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1701	1801	1901	1951	
Lower Largo Crusoe Hotel	0714	0912	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1704	1804	1904	1954	
Lundin Links Crescent Road	0717	0915	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1707	1807	1907	1957	
Letham Glen Scoonie Road	0721	0919	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	1601	1711	1811	1911	2001	
Leven bus station	0725	0923	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1715	1815	1915	2005	

Education Maintenance Allowance

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is a weekly payment of £30 for young people who are planning to continue in post-compulsory education.

Eligibility

Pupils born between 1st March 2000 and 30th September 2003 may be eligible for an award starting in August 2019.

Pupils born between 1st October 2003 and 29th February 2004 may be eligible for an award starting in January 2020. Pupils eligible from January 2020 do not need to wait until January to submit their application form.

The taxable household income between April 2018 and April 2019 determines the award:

Income of up to £24,421 (for families with a single dependant child) - £30

Income of up to £26,884 (for families with more than one dependant child) - £30

Dependant children are all those up to the age of 16, and those over the age of 16 and up to the age of 25 if they are in full time or higher education courses. If there is a significant change in financial circumstances within the household since financial year 2018/19, you may be eligible to apply for an in-year reassessment during the current academic year. This is possible where income for the current financial year has fallen from over £24,421 or £26,884 to within the EMA thresholds. Any award made will be classed as provisional.

All payments are paid directly into the pupils' bank account, normally on a fortnightly basis.

EMA is paid in addition to other support and benefits provided by the government. No one will lose out on any other money if the pupil is in receipt of an EMA. It will not affect the parent's Child Benefit or any money the pupil earns from a part-time job.

The pupil must attend all their course sessions and sign an EMA Learning Agreement with their school. This agreement details what is expected of them in terms of attendance, coursework and progress.

How to apply?

Apply at the following link:

[https://vf.fifedirect.org.uk/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Education%20Maintenance%20Allowance%20\(EMA\)%20Application%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://vf.fifedirect.org.uk/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Education%20Maintenance%20Allowance%20(EMA)%20Application%20(1.0).wdf)

If you don't have access to a PC or mobile device with an internet connection, you can use:

Self Service PC's available at some local offices

Internet cafes

A friend or relatives PC or mobile device where this is internet access.

If you need help completing the application form you can contact us

Online: www.fifedirect.org.uk/contactrevenues; or

Tel: 03451 55 11 55

If eligible from August 2019, the application will only be back-dated to the 19th of August 2019 if received by 30th September 2019 otherwise the EMA will start from the date the application is received.

If eligible from January 2020, the application will only be back-dated to 6th January 2020 if received by 29th February 2020 otherwise the EMA will start from the date the application is received.

EMA recipients are required to complete a new application each academic year.

No applications for session 2019/20 will be processed after 31st March 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: The above information is only applicable to pupils attending school or being Home Educated in Fife. This information is not relevant for young people attending school in England, Ireland or Wales. If you require information regarding an EMA for attending College please contact the College you will be attending.



EMA Team, PO BOX 18015, Glenrothes, KY7 5YJ
Tel: 03451 55 11 55

Greens of Crail - reusing plastic

The scallop tubs which are quite well made and are ideal for salmon are available if anyone would prefer a reusable tub instead of a plastic bag - please ask. Also if anyone wishes to bring in their own plastic tubs for haddock there is no issue as it can simply be tared on the scales. *thanks Clem at Greens`*

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

Chat Bite: This Wednesday from 10.00am

Stepping Stone Coffee Morning every Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30 at St

Session meeting: There will be a Session meeting on the 30th July at 7.00pm in the Kirk Hall

Crail Church will be serving Teas and Coffees before the church Service during **July and August at 10.30am** come and join us for refreshments and fellowship.

Pastoral Visits: As we now have no locum please let the elders or myself (Helen) know if anyone requires a visit especially where people have been admitted to hospital.

Church Opening: Marjory Richardson will be organizing the rota for church opening during the summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 2.00 and 4.00pm. Please see Marjory if you can help.
Next Sunday worship will be led by the worship team

Kirk Sale & Garden Teas; Thank you to everyone who helped make both of these events a great success the total raised now for the Kirk Sale is £2,126.00 and the gardens teas on Sunday raised £231.00

Next Sunday the service will be conducted by the Rev Ewen Gilchrist

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls at Marketgate every 2nd Thursday.

East Neuk Book Group

We meet in the Cocoa Tree Pittenweem.
Come along and join us!
All welcome!

We will be discussing the following books on the first Thursday of every month. Discussion starts at 6pm but pop in from 5.30pm and have a chat with us over coffee or hot chocolate.
£1 payable on the night.

Thursday 1st August
Mike Gayle
Half a World Away

Thursday 5th September
Barbara Kingsolver
Unsheltered

Thursday 3rd October
Danny Scheinmann
Random Acts of Heroic Love

If you would like further information or would like to join our mailing list, please contact Coral
coralnapier@yahoo.co.uk

An Appeal

As noted in earlier Crail Matters, the Community Council agreed a proposal to place a second Memorial bench at the War Memorial at the Kirk Gate. The second bench would be placed at the opposite side of the gate to the existing bench. Readers will recall the last Memorial Day Service, when the memorial bench was presented.



An appeal to raise funds to purchase a second bench has now been launched. The target of the appeal is £1000. For further information please contact Victor Reynolds. Crail Matters will be very pleased to pass on any donations it might receive. The organisers wish to thank all those who have supported this appeal so far by their generous donations.

Related to this, the Community Council have established a group in co-operation with Crail Kirk, to develop plans for the War Memorial Service for this year, which will be held on Sunday 10 November. For further information please contact Bailie Hutchison at:
crailcommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

**PITMILLY STREET FOOD EVENINGS
& POP UP BAR**
ALL WELCOME! 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

WED, 17th JULY: MEZZALUNA ITALIAN STREET KITCHEN
WED, 24TH JULY: FISH & FRITES
WED, 31st JULY: WILD & SMOKY - Winners of the 2019 Food & Drink Awards
More dates to be added soon...

MoP EST. 1999 STAY - PLAY - RELAX
Fish & Frites ANSTRUTHER
MEZZALUNA EST. 2012
Wild & Smoky
MORTON PITMILLY Country side resort

Skeith Surgery

Routine GP appointments - appointments released Monday at 2pm for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning for the following week. Appointments released Wednesday at 2 pm for Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday the following week.

Nurse appointments can be booked approx 1 month in advance.

Crail Bowling Club

Our club has now opened for the season and we welcome new members or anyone wishing to try bowls. Single game tickets are available.

**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
31 July	
28 August	11 September
25 September	13 November
30 October	11 December
27 November	

**Community Transport
Transport service for people with visual im-
pairments in the East Fife area.**

Royal Voluntary Service volunteers provide Community Transport for trips where mobility issues can make it difficult, if not impossible, for you to use public transport or if you live in rural areas with limited transport. Trips usually include getting to or from hospital or to a GP appointment but can also include trips to the shops or into town or to social activities.

Telephone: 0330 555 0310

Email: fifegnhs@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk

Or have someone do it on your behalf:

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/our-services/service-enquiry?serviceid=884>



Report from Willie Rennie, MSP

Madras College Construction Gets Green Light

At the end of last month, Fife Council approved plans for construction work to begin at Madras College in St Andrews. I'm thrilled as we have been waiting for what seems like an age.

I am grateful to everyone who contributed to making this happen from the council officials, leaders, the university, other politicians and, most of all, the local community. One of those was former Rector Lindsay Matheson who recently passed away. I am especially sad that Lindsay will not be able to see the new school.

Wind Farms And Fishing

I have been meeting the energy companies involved in developing offshore windfarms to discuss the impact of the developments on the fishing industry. The main impact is the huge cables that take the power from the farm to the shore. I want them to have adequate arrangements in place for compensation for disruption to fishing.

**CRAIL MUSEUM
AND HERITAGE
CENTRE**

MUSEUM OPENING TIMES

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.

Guided Walks

It is not a difficult walk but there is a steep hill down to and up from the harbour.

Meet at the Museum 2.15pm for 2.30pm start, walks usually lasts 1.5 - 2 hours.

Adults £3.00 Children (10 - 17) £1.00

Contact your Fife Councillor?

Cllr.Linda.Holt@fife.gov.uk 07725 223773.

cllr.bill.porteous@fife.gov.uk 01333 730837 or
07753982311

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

Crail Mobile Post Office Service

Location - Along High Street opposite the Beehive

Opening times:

Monday: 1400-1600

Tuesday: 1400-1600

Wednesday: 1400-1600

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.



The Crail Seagull



I was gliding towards Crail a few days ago when I noticed a great deal of painting going on in one of the gardens near Fife Ness. When I swooped over I was horrified to see that two recently erected fences had been painted a sort of blue colour which, I personally, found very unattractive. I had noticed the new fences being built and thought that the plain wood looked just fine, but oh no, the owner had to change it to this ghastly colour! However, I had a word with a few mates and we thought we could make it look a bit better, so we did. Not sure if the owner will agree, though!

History time folks! Just up the road from Fluke Dub is a track that runs through the golf course called Dane's Dyke. This is an entrenchment where, it is believed, there are the graves of Scottish Chieftains who may have been killed in a battle between King Constantine II and the invading Danes. I wonder if that's true? Local legend claims that King Constantine was murdered in a cave nearby in 874. Many years ago, a farmer discovered some stone coffins lying near the cave, all laid out in neat rows. One coffin was too short and the bones of one were laid out. This is called 'Long Man's Grave' and is suspected to be the burial place of a great Danish Warrior. Who knew there was so much history so close by?

Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

Name the Bay, Eden Estuary: Last month we ran a wee request for folks to send in a name for a new bay that has formed on the Eden estuary, as we said, it is a quaint old tradition going back decades to orientate folk around the reserve.

We had the usual Beachy McBeachface and some, in fact many, requesting it be named Ranald's Bay after said ranger. This is not allowed, apart from it being rather pompous, the place names have always given a clue or direction to where you actually are. So thanks folks but Ranald's Bay it isn't.

We had some very attractive names and we thank you all for the suggestions, beautiful, odd, funny, ridiculous, rude and all.

So.....(drum roll)...the name chosen is Goosepools Bay. Thanks Steven Watson for a very historic and sensible name. The coastal area the bay sits in is known locally as the 'Goosepools' even though the actual goose pools are long gone. They were tidal pools that in mid-winter would fill with geese. Time and tide eroded away the pools and now, well we have Goosepools Bay.

Thank you everyone, a wee bit of light hearted fun and another feature of this grand old nature reserve has a name.



**YOU NEED TO BE REGISTERED
TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.**

Make sure you are. Look out for your letter and reply by 8th August 2019.

You can respond on-line at:
www.hef-response.co.uk/fife-ecanvass

Crail Community Partnership and Crail Charrette

Crail Community Partnership invite all members of the Crail Community to join. An application form can be found here:
<https://crailmatterscom.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/membership-form-short.pdf>

Material for inclusion in Crail Matters should be sent to crailmatters@gmail.com and received on Friday midday before publication. Any views expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the author, and not of Crail Matters. We reserve the right to edit copy for length and style. Submission does not guarantee inclusion. © Crab Publishing 2019: Editorial Team this week: Helen Byres, Julie Middleton, Isla Reid, Valencia Sowry, Max Taylor, John Wilson