



# CRAIL MATTERS



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2022**

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**Put a question to the prospective Councillors - have your say**

**Send your question into Crail Matters - we will put it to the prospective Councillors at the meeting on 27 April.**

**Election Meeting 27 April 7.30pm**

The Community Council and Crail Matters have organised an election meeting to be held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm.

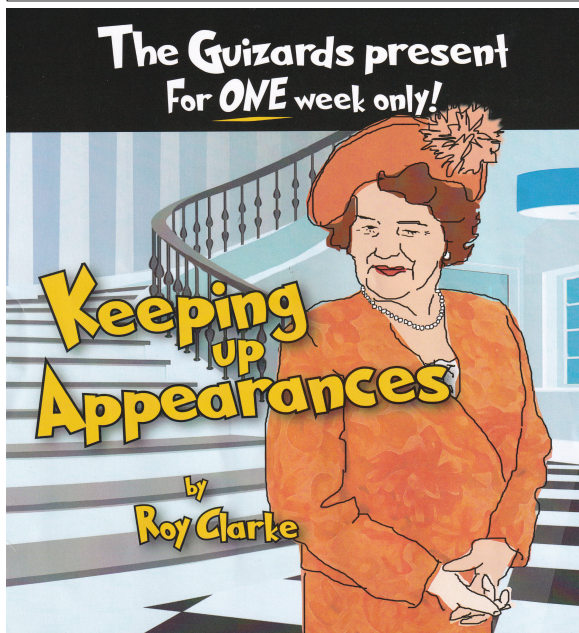
All 8 candidates for the East Neuk Ward have been invited to address the meeting. There will be opportunity to put questions to them, **This is an important opportunity to meet and question the candidates, and to learn what they can offer Crail. We urge all residents to attend and make their views known.**

**Priory Singers Concert Saturday 7th May 7.30 in Crail Church.**

Tickets £10 (accompanied children free) at the door or from Marjory Richardson 450223. Remember our last Summer Concert? Remember the star of the show, soloist Liam Bonthron from Perth who delighted us all and warranted a standing ovation? Well, he's coming again so don't miss it. We will be singing music for everyone: Lassus to Lloyd Webber See you there, and see poster.


**Hosting Ukrainian family.**

I am looking for accommodation in the East Neuk or St Andrews for an English-speaking Ukrainian woman, her son (12), and their small dog. They are the mother and brother of a first year student at St Andrews. The family has been split into three since the start of the war with the father remaining in Ukraine. They are not on the Homes for Ukraine Scheme because they already have visas and hope to stay from May to September. If you can help this family spend the summer together in safety please contact Dr Emily Finer for more details: [ef50@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:ef50@st-andrews.ac.uk)



**The Guizards present  
For ONE week only!**

**Keeping up Appearances**  
by Roy Clarke

**ONE WEEK ONLY - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**  
Tuesday 3rd - Saturday 7th May 2022 - 7.30pm | Saturday Matinee 2.30pm  
Tickets £14  
Tickets available from The Byre Theatre box-office  
01334 475 000 or [www.byretheatre.com](http://www.byretheatre.com)  
[www.theguizards.com](http://www.theguizards.com)  [www.facebook.com/theguizards](https://www.facebook.com/theguizards)

**Pinkerton Triangle and the 'ancient' standing stones**  
We have been asked to run a competition to name the standing stones, given that their origins and purpose are lost in the midst of time (or somewhere). Any ideas?

Write in to [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com) with your ideas.

**All candidates have been invited** to contribute a short paragraph outlining their positions which we are publishing in this issue. We also plan to make these statements available at the public meeting on 27 April.

**CRAIL - the jewel of the East Neuk**

### Worship Resources

**Most Holy Trinity Church** on Westgate North Crail Refer to web site [http:// www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk](http://www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk) Sunday Mass changed from 8.45am to 9.00am

**St John's Episcopal Church**, Marygate, Pittenweem is open for worship at 1130 on Sundays and is also broadcasting the services. For details of ll services and the online link required go to: <https://eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk>

**Coastline Community Church**, Pittenweem. Our Sunday service and Sunday School is at 10.30am each Sunday. All Welcome! Service also available online. <http://coastlinecommunitychurch.org.uk> For urgent pastoral needs please contact 01333 312041 pastor\_ccc@btinternet.com

### Kilrenny Parish Church

Sunday services are at 9.45am each week. Services are recorded, and are available on the church website, along with additional information on events. Church Website:- <https://e-voice.org.uk/kilrenny/>

**Kingsbarns Parish Church**, All are welcome at this friendly village church. Sunday services are at 10.00 am each week. For more information please contact Rev. Wotherspoon, 07711706634, wotherspoonrig@btinternet.com

### Crail Kirk

Our interim moderator is now Revd. Nigel Robb who acted in that role before. The Locum will be the Revd. Scott Burton who has been minister at Kelty, Perth, St. Matthews

and West Kintyre linked with Gigha. There is a short gap before our new Locum takes up the role on 1<sup>st</sup> May. For any urgent pastoral matters please contact the Revd. Margaret Rose 01333 312838.

### Services-

24<sup>th</sup> April - Revd. Ewen Gilchrist.  
1st May - Revd. Scott Burton

**Time of Services.** Please note that throughout 2022 the service in Crail Church will be at 11.30 a.m. and in St Ayle at 10.00 a.m.

All welcome. Contact:

[crailchurchsessionclerk@gmail.com](mailto:crailchurchsessionclerk@gmail.com).

**The Easter Coffee Morning.** Thank you to everyone who donated and supported our Coffee Morning. It was great to see so many people on Saturday morning.

**Covid.** It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a mask. It is recognised however that some people will prefer to continue to wear a mask. Whatever your choice please continue to give people space. The present seating arrangements will remain in place meanwhile.

**Prayer Group.** – The Prayer Group meets on a Thursday morning at 10.30. a.m. in St Ayle, Anstruther.

**East Neuk Foodbank** – Donations for the Food Bank are being accepted and can be left in the box in the tower area.



### Music in Crail

Date	Event
12 May	Outside Track – Folk Club
26 May	Singers' Night – Folk Club
9 June	Keith Christmas – Folk Club
23 June	Singers' Night – Folk Club
14 July	Georgia Shackleton Trio – Folk Club
20 July	Queens of the Blues - Crail Festival
21 July	Simon Mayor and Hilary James – Crail Festival – Venue Holy Trinity
22 July	Musical Mystery Tour - Crail Festival – Venue Kirk Hall
23 July	Soul Sisters - Crail Festival
25 July	Tenement Jazz Band - Crail Festival
28 July	Edwina Hayes and Forgaitherin' – Folk Club
30 July	Richard Digance - Crail Festival
18 Aug	Eddi Reader – Folk Club & Crail Festival
25 Aug	Jack Badcock – Folk Club
3 Sept	Liz Jones & Broken Windows * - Scotland on Tour
8 Sept	Singers' Night – Folk Club
22 Sept	Martin Simpson – Folk Club

1 Oct	Elaine Lennon * - Scotland on Tour
8 Oct	Christine Bovill - 'Tonight You Belong To Me: The Roaring 1920s' – Crail Festival
13 Oct	Colum Sands – Folk Club
22 Oct	Elsa-Jean McTaggart 'Eva Cassidy Show' * - Scotland on Tour
27 Oct	Dave Peabody & Regina Mudrich – Folk Club
10 Nov	Singers' Night – Folk Club
13 Nov	Tommy Smith * - Scotland on Tour
24 Nov	Kirsten Adamson – Folk Club
26 Nov	Opera Alba * - Scotland on Tour
4 Dec	The Other Guys – the CCP
8 Dec	Folk Club - Christmas Party – Folk Club
2023	
19 Jan	Bully Wee Band – Folk Club
16 Feb	Scottish Opera on Tour - CCP
18 Feb	Karen Marshalsay * - Scotland on T Tour
23 Feb	Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira – Folk Club

All events take place at Crail Community Hall  
apart from 21 and 22 July

Tickets through <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/>  
unless\* <https://scotlandontour.com/>

### Tips for Coping with the Cost of Living Crisis

Rising prices in the shops coupled with the recent hike in energy prices have led to a cost of living crisis across the UK. It doesn't look like there's going to be any respite soon, either, with those people on the lowest incomes being hardest hit again. The staff at the Money Saving Expert site have put together a guide that contains 90(!) tips that you can use to help save money and survive the crisis <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/>.



**MoneySavingExpert**

Cutting your costs, fighting your corner

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**East Neuk Makers POP UP**

**8-23 APRIL**  
**JULIA'S CAFE**

Crail High Street  
 (next to Penman's Butchers)

**10:30-4PM DAILY**

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE  
**SPRING 2022 EVENING TALKS**

**Sacred Landscapes**

Dr Bess Rhodes  
 Project Officer for the Perth and Kinross Archaeological Research Framework and part of University of St Andrews' 'Sacred Landscape' Project



The religious heritage of Crail and other medieval communities in the East Neuk has often been overshadowed by the fame of St Andrews and Dunfermline. Yet places such as Crail, Pittenweem and St Monans were significant religious sites, with ecclesiastical foundations which attracted the patronage of kings and profoundly shaped the landscape, economy and administration of the area. In her talk on these sacred landscapes historian Dr Bess Rhodes will explore medieval religious activity in the East Neuk of Fife and its long-standing legacy for local communities.

**Thursday 28 APRIL**  
 Doors open 7pm, talks start 7.30pm  
**Coastline Community Church**  
 21 Session Street, Pittenweem KY10 2QL

**Tickets: £6**  
 Available from the Library on Cove Wynd  
 Mon & Wed 2-5pm; Fri & Sat 10am-1pm  
 And at the door on the night from 7.00pm

**SERIES DETAILS**

**7 April**  
**Marine Mammals and Man in the Firth of Forth**  
 Emily Hague, PhD Researcher, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh

**12 May**  
**Treasures from Fife in the National Museum of Scotland**  
 Dr David Caldwell FSA FSA Scot, Formerly Keeper of Scotland and Europe and Archaeology at the National Museum of Scotland, President of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Chair of Fife Cultural Trust

**26 May**  
**Putin and his Russia**  
 John Lloyd, Moscow Correspondent for the Financial Times

**16 June**  
**An evening with Andrew Greig**  
 Expect the unexpected with Scottish author Andrew Greig, who will discuss his novel Rose Nicolson

Pittenweem Library  
 Cove Wynd, Pittenweem KY10 2LE  
 WEB: [pittenweemlibrary.org.uk](http://pittenweemlibrary.org.uk)  
 EMAIL: [library@pittclic.org.uk](mailto:library@pittclic.org.uk)  
 FACEBOOK: @pittclic

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Charity number SC047013

**Coastline Friendship Club**

**Upcoming dates**  
 Fridays from 11.30 - 13.30

**April 15 & 29**  
**May 13 & 27**  
**June 10 & 24**



Just join us at Crail Community hall!  
 No booking required!

Join us for our first in-person talk of the year!

**Date:** Tuesday, 26th of April

**Location:** Merchant's Room, WAVES Café, Scottish Fisheries Museum

**Time:** 7pm

Inspired by our *Snapshots of Memory* exhibition in the Merchant's Room, we're delighted to be welcoming Kevin Dunion, Vice-Chair of the Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust and Chair of the Kilrenny and Anstruther Burgh Collection, who'll be presenting, "**Tracing everyday life in Anstruther and Cellardyke - what have we kept, what have we lost**".

Kevin's talk will last approximately 40 minutes, followed by a Q&A and an opportunity to look around *Snapshots of Memory*.

**Free entry**, with donations for teas and coffees. You can find more info and reserve a ticket via Eventbrite [here](https://www.eventbrite.com), or get in contact with us at [enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org](mailto:enquiries@scotfishmuseum.org) if you have any questions or need help booking.



### Sauchope Links Holiday Park

Crail Matters has received a number of enquiries about the planning application to build 8 new holiday homes at Sauchope Links Holiday Park. The closing date for public submissions through the [Fife Planning Portal](https://www.fife.gov.uk/planning-portal) is 10 May, where the full application can be seen..

### Mobile Library - Marketgate Crail

5, 19 May,  
 2, 16, 30 Jun.

### Bin Collection

You can find your bin collection arrangements for your address by consulting the web site : <https://www.fife.gov.uk/services/bin-calendar>

27 April Brown and Blue bins  
 4 May Green bin

### Crail Small Gardens

Every year, about a dozen private gardens in Crail, open to the public, who are charged a ticket price. The proceeds go to support the work of Scotland's Garden Scheme and local charities.

This year, the gardens will be open on the afternoon of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 2-5pm.

We are always looking for new gardens to open. It is great fun and you meet a lot of interesting and interested people.

If you are interested in participating this year, or want further information, please contact Sue Jerdan.

Email [sueellen.jerdan@gmail.com](mailto:sueellen.jerdan@gmail.com) or 01333 450797.

### Crail Museum and Heritage Centre

#### Call for Volunteers

Crail Museum and Heritage Centre opened in 1979. Run entirely by volunteers it has gone from strength to strength over the last 43 years. We are now looking to take on more volunteers. Whether you are Crail born bred or are new to Crail and would like to learn more about the history of this ancient Royal Burgh and its people, we would love to hear from you. As a front of house volunteer you would extend a welcome to visitors to the museum and be there to answer any queries/questions and act as a guide round the exhibitions or assist in the small but well stocked shop. Behind the scenes volunteers assist with cataloguing the many artefacts, help to prepare and dismantle exhibitions and look after the museum collections. Whatever your interests you will be made very welcome. You do not need any experience as full training will be given.

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to become involved please contact [volunteers@crailmuseum.uk](mailto:volunteers@crailmuseum.uk) or phone 01333450869 for further information. Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation: SC023505



### Waid Community Library is Finally Open Again

After a long (and contentious) delay, the Waid Community Library finally re- opened its doors on Monday. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 17:00 (16:30 during school holidays).

### Crail Sketchbook

Hi,

I am Kenneth Williams and I do a lot of sketching around Crail from time to time. My son and his family live in Crail and so my wife, Gloria and I are frequent visitors. You may have seen us wandering about town. I am a retired Science Illustrator and have worked a number of years as a fisheries biologist. I live in a suburb of Little Rock, the capital of Arkansas in the U.S.

I thought perhaps you might find the views and images of Crail as seen through the eyes of a foreigner to be of some interest or at least mildly diverting. Many of my Crail sketches are "postcard" views of your lovely village that I draw or paint to share with friends either in my sketchbook or actually sent as postcards. I also have used them as educational tools in sketching workshops and classes that I teach. Things that an artist sees and is attracted to may not always be of notice to others. So perhaps some of my sketch subjects might surprise you from time to time. I love sketching architecture and the play of light and weather on buildings and landscape. And I like to make sketches that in some way project feelings or emotions that a scene may invoke within me. It helps me to understand and make sense of the world. However, many of the drawings just document everyday life, festivals and scenes around town as I experience them. Mostly though, I sketch for the joy, satisfaction and peace that it provides whenever I pick up a pencil.

I have sketched the tollbooth many times and find the sonorous knell of the old bell tolling over the North Sea a comforting continuity and connection with the past; which I find reassuring in these times. Low afternoon light of a sunny winter's day casts deep shadows on the warmly lit wall of the old building in this sketch.



These sketches are provided at no charge for use in the "Crail Matters" publication. No other uses are authorized.



# Wild Crail

Will Cresswell, Photos by John Anderson



There was a sudden pulse of migrants arriving on the 14th. I had my first Crail blackcap tuning up from the trees by the entrance to Sypsies; my first Crail swallow at Lochton Farm and a male yellow wagtail back at Oldbarns. There were some willow warblers reported from Anstruther and I also had a snipe in a wet pasture that was almost certainly another migrant. There were more migrants in the next day. I heard willow warblers singing from the Secret Bunker woods in the morning, more chiff-chaffs, and there were a couple of northern wheatears up near the old railway line by Kippo Farm, where I often see passage wheatears. There were more swallows over the sheep fields at West Newhall Farm. The swallows were not everywhere yet, but they were a couple of days later.

The weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> was more of the same, with more swallows, wheatears, willow warblers, chiff-chaffs and blackcaps in (two singing in Denburn on the 16th), and at last, my first sandwich terns past Balcomie Beach at lunchtime. I missed the early first pulse of sandwich terns in late March. There were redwings and fieldfares passing through Kilminning as well. I had my first swallows singing around the airfield, as they now become ubiquitous for the summer. There was a tree sparrow singing at Upper Kilminning from the middle of a bramble. Initially I was puzzled. I could hear typical tree sparrow chipping but interspersed with quite a Sylvia like warble. I think this might be the first time I have really heard a tree sparrow singing well because I have never noticed how unsparrowlike it is before. I don't usually expect tree sparrows in spring at Upper Kilminning, but they seem to move territories a lot between years. This is quite unusual, birds usually stick with the same territories for life.

The highlight of last weekend was a good sighting of an otter at Balcomie. One was reported swimming past the beach midday on Sunday and I cycled down from Kilminning straight away to try my luck. I hardly ever see otters around Crail even though they have been becoming more common in the last few years. An otter is now seen every few months at Fife Ness but I always miss them. I staked out the shore at Stinky Pool and after about 20 minutes finally spotted the head of an otter as it swam along the shore back towards Balcomie Beach. I realized why I keep missing them. It dived straight away, and then it was just pure luck whether I was looking in the right place as it surfaced for a few seconds before diving again.



It was only visible for about 10% of the time – it was mostly underwater and moving fast so when it was close it very hard to keep track

off. It was only more obvious when it swam across the bay at Balcomie Beach, its dark shape clear in the calmer water when I could easily scan a much larger area at the same time. At one point when it was closer in and less conspicuous, some herring gulls began squawking and flying above it, or perching on nearby rocks, presumably hoping to scavenge some fish. They helped me relocate the otter this time, but then there are always herring gulls making a fuss at Fife Ness so I am not sure how helpful it is when I don't already know there is an otter about. Anyway, it is always great to see an otter, and better still it was around and about doing its thing despite lots of people and dogs nearby on the golf course, coastal path and Balcomie Beach. The upward trend in numbers of otter sightings in the East Neuk is very encouraging, perhaps one day they will be as easy to see down at Balcomie as the seals.

There were some white wagtails down on the beach at Kilrenny Mill on the 19th. Every year they pass through on their way to Iceland or Scandinavia from wintering in sub-Saharan Africa. Just as exciting as yellow wagtails, but because white wagtails get lost among our resident pied wagtails, and are a little bit tricky to identify, they don't get the same attention. Mid-April is the best time to see them. Best thing to look for is the pale grey back contrasting with the black crown, rather than a black or dark greyish back merging indistinctly with the crown. A white wagtail's call is more melodious, less di-syllabic than a pied – but that might be pushing it as a reliable character. It did draw my attention to my first one this spring among the piers at Kilrenny. There was a greenshank calling in the background – another sub-Saharan migrant on its way to northern Europe.



Blackcap



Pied Wagtail



White Wagtail

**Crail Festival** is calling for volunteers. Returning and New!  
Come to the Kirk Hall 30<sup>th</sup> April 4pm to 6pm  
Meet the Committee, Learn about events,  
Signup for volunteering on the events and enjoy nibbles.

### **Crail Putting Green needs a wheelbarrow.....**

.....for many different essential jobs.  
Do you have one that is no longer in use?

Redeploying redundant tools is good for the environment.

If you can help please call 01333 450108.



### **Letter to the Editor Re-tree planting - last weeks Crail Matters**

Thank you to Fife Council for providing the cherry trees.

How lovely it would have been to have had the children from the primary school involved in the celebration to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A wonderful memory for them and the community.

Elma Birrell



*Crail  
Community  
Hall*

# **Newsletter**

4/2022

## **Welcome to the Crail Community Hall Newsletter**

The Easter Fayre was a great success and attracted locals and visitor alike. The stalls offered a wide variety from arts and crafts, to beauty products as well as food and drink. Especially succesful with the children were the Treasure Hunt and the Painting Competition, and Monica's cakes were welcome by all.

With Easter behind us now, the Hall will be used in different ways including the Polling Station for the Council Elections on 5<sup>th</sup> of May. In preparation for this, the Community Council and Crail Matters have organised an election meeting to be held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm. All 8 candidates for the East Neuk Ward will be attending to address the meeting. There will be opportunity to put questions to them, and all Crail Matters readers are invited to submit questions or comments to Crail Matters, who will collate the questions and put them to the candidates.

The summer will focus on the Crail Food Festival in June and the Hall will host some of the Crail Festival events in July. Check out their websites for further details.

<https://www.crailfoodfestival.co.uk/> and <https://www.crailfestival.org/>

The Hall will also host a number of private events, in the main wedding celebrations, but also birthday parties and family get-togethers. These are vital for us to ensure the financial viability of the Hall and allow us to continue to keep our prices as low as possible for community events. However, also we are suffering from the increase in energy prices and will need to be careful how we manage our funds, especially over the colder months.

In summary, we had a great start to the year with the Easter Fayre and some fabulous music events, murder mystery and quiz nights, which will be continued once the busy summer is over. And, of course, the Christmas Fayre will be back in December.

We are currently working on a winter schedule of events for the Hall. If you have any suggestion for events, please get in touch with CCH.

### **See you soon!**

Children's Paintings at the Easter Fayre



## **Important Dates**

**27 April - 19.30**  
Election Meeting

**5 May**  
Polling Place - Scottish Local Elections

**14 May - 10.00 - 12.00**  
Air Ambulance Coffee Morning

**17-19 June**  
Crail Food Festival

**20 July**  
Kirk Sale

**20-30 July**  
Crail Festival

## **Regular Events**

**Mondays - 19.30 - 21.00**  
Crail Community Choir Practice

**Tuesdays - 19.00**  
Table Tennis to restart 5/7/22  
Badminton to restart 27/9/22

**Wednesdays - 9.15, 10.30, 11.40**  
Pilates with Judy Drew

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - 20.00**  
Folk Club

**Every two weeks on Fridays - 11.30 - 13.30**  
Coastline Friendship Club  
April 29  
May 13 & 27  
June 10 & 24

Crail Community Hall - St Andrews Road - Crail - KY10 3UH  
[crailcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:crailcommunityhall@gmail.com)  
<https://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk/>





**A rare opportunity!!**  
We understand the Crail Seagull has arranged for a limited edition mug to be produced priced at £10 each. These will be available from Crail Matters - write to [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com).



Shades of standing with Ukraine? *Gordon Baxter*



## Anstruther Dementia Information Café

Come along and meet us at:

**Location:**

The East Neuk Centre  
Ladywalk  
Anstruther, KY10 3EX

**Day & Time:**

Third Monday of each month,  
10.30-11.30am.

**Contact:**

Faye or Anne,  
Alzheimer Scotland,  
Fife Dementia Resource Centre,  
tel: 01592 204 541  
or email: [FifeServices@Alzscot.org](mailto:FifeServices@Alzscot.org)

Our Community Groups are there to be enjoyed by anyone living with dementia or experiencing difficulties with their memory, including their families and friends. All are welcome: people who can attend independently and/or for those unable to do so should come with a companion who can provide any support for them. We don't provide transport for these groups and therefore it is your responsibility to get to and from this community activity, safely.

Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia is a company limited by guarantee registered in Scotland 142009. Registered as a charity by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. No. SC040255 160 Dundee Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DT. 0131 450 1100 [www.alzscot.org](http://www.alzscot.org)



The Scottish Government have changed the regulations on smoke, heat and carbon monoxide alarms

All homeowners and landlords must have interlinked smoke and heat detectors fitted



Smarter Homes can help, we are a local East Neuk company

Contact George - 07399 800 594

for a free no obligation quote at very competitive prices



<https://www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes/>



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## The Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council

Next meeting 25 April 2022 at  
7.15pm  
in the Town Hall

Contact: [crailcommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:crailcommunitycouncil@gmail.com)  
for further information

### AGENDA

Welcome and Apologies  
Minutes of meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**Action Summary:**

Signs – JD  
Web portal – communications sub committee  
Traffic calming at Orchard Park - DJ/CM  
**Chairman's Report**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Update - Crail Community Partnership**  
**Items for Discussion**  
**Cycle Parking – SP**  
**Planning application – Sauchope Links Caravan Park extension**  
**Crail Common Good Fund – Fife Council consultation**  
**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Plaque - JW**  
**Fife Councillors Reports**  
**AOCB**  
**DONM & AGM - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Crail Town Hall 7.15pm**

### Free Lateral Flow Tests

**Most people no longer need to test regularly if they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.** You can still get free lateral flow tests if you're:

- fully vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who tested positive
- eligible to end self-isolation early so need to take tests on days six and seven
- visiting a care home or hospital
- an unpaid carer
- eligible for COVID treatment (for details go to <https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19treatments>)

If you are eligible for an LFD test, you can order online (<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>) or by calling 119 for home delivery.

You need to be 18 or over to collect or order the test kits. You can no longer collect LFD tests from your local pharmacy or local test sites. You cannot use this service to book tests for travel. To purchase expect to pay around £2/test.

**Unemployed 19 - 65 years old?**  
**Resident Of Fife?**  
**CV / Employment Support**  
**Free Service Get In touch**

Are you needing advice re cv / applications or training in all sectors?  
Security / Construction, Admin, Hospitality / Cleaning or Manual working?  
Funding for Training!!!

Please get in touch Call Keith - 07594760375 or email [kmcgeoch@brag.co.uk](mailto:kmcgeoch@brag.co.uk)  
or leave a message

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shaping the young workforce

**no one left behind**



 **Butterfly Conservation**  
Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

**Create Your Own Pit-stops For Pollinators!**

Butterfly Conservation have teamed up with well-know gardening celebrity Alan Titchmarsh for their latest campaign, Pit-stops for Pollinators. The basic idea is to make sure that you include plants in your garden or green space that can help pollinators, particularly butterflies and moths, to survive. They've produced a guide that you can download for free from the campaign's dedicated web page: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/pit-stops-for-pollinators>

## The Crail Seagull has its eye on you

Хай живе україно.



Is this a comment on the standard of the golf ..  
or just sensible? Glasses required!!  
*Colin Morrison*

Have you seen that pothole leaving Crail on the way to Anstruther? You must have, it has been there for weeks and it's huge! I'm pretty sure it would be simpler for FC to fill it in than to continually shove a cone in it which then gets wiped out inside a couple of days. I heard from the gossip sparrow about a chap in Wales who was so tired of potholes on his road that he put some flowering plans in them, surely that can't be true? And how does that sparrow even find this out?



Did you know that it was National Unicorn Day on April 9? It's the day to celebrate the most popular mythical creature ever so I'm delighted to see work progressing on the Crail Unicorn on Marketgate.



# CRAIL MATTERS

## Local Election Supplement - Candidates for the East Neuk and Landward Ward Fife Council

22 April, 2022

### ELECTION DAY 5 MAY

Local elections can be seen as something of a waste of time. After all, the news is full of the activities of Government, and big issues like the war in Ukraine, the cost of living crisis, independence..... an almost endless litany of issues that in one way or another affect us all. But at the level of our everyday experiences, the agency that affects us most is Fife Council. It makes the choices about the state of our roads, the care (or otherwise) given to public places, the provision of social welfare services. This election is about who represents us in Fife Council and who can best reflect our needs in these important local decisions - it is not about those big issues. Crail Matters is not advising a choice of candidates, but it is strongly urging you to vote for whoever you think will best represent Crail in what at times is a very remote, bureaucratic and unresponsive local authority.

To produce the following, we invited all candidates to give us a brief account of what they might offer Crail. All candidates have also been invited to the public meeting on **27 April at 7.30 in the Community Hall**.

#### John Docherty, Independent

I have for nearly ten years already served Crail and its community as your Councillor, supporting local groups and attending community events and helping the Community Council with issues that might arise.

I feel my most satisfactory contribution was when I had a meeting where I provided information and gave direction, so permission was given, for a lift to be installed in the Hall so people with disability issues, parents with prams etc, could attend meetings, functions etc. I very much intend, as always, to be there for the people of Crail. I am standing as an Independent candidate so my loyalty is to the people not to a political party and I have shown that loyalty, I feel, throughout my last two terms in office.



#### Alycia Hayes, Scottish National Party



My name is Alycia Hayes. I live with my family in the “next door” village of Kingsbarns and have experience in not only Local Politics, but also the Arts and Tourism.

I see the role of a councillor as that of representing the wishes of the local community to both the Local Government officials as well as to the administrative political group- whatever party that may be. The party my political views align with and the party I represent is the Scottish National Party. To me, it has always been a party that puts compassion and ambition for communities at its heart.

For Crail, the Charrette of 2018-2019 highlighted a number of aims that the community aspires to. The pandemic has greatly slowed the progress of achieving these aims, but Crail will find that many of those goals chime with my own personal vision for the improvement of the East Neuk and Landward Ward: Improved Broadband, More Housing provision, Tackling poverty, Path maintenance and more recreational spaces, Soft Play facilities, Dementia Friendly Communities and support for businesses and economic growth. Crail will find in me an eager and vociferous representative in Fife Council. One who is eminently accessible through any communication channel and who will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to achieve the community’s Long Term Strategic Goals.

If you wish to discuss a local issue with me, I can be contacted on 07974 250 588.

### **Stuart Irwin, Scottish Labour Party**

On 5<sup>th</sup> May, East Neuk and Landward has the opportunity to demand better by voting for a Scottish Labour councillor that will be focussed solely on improving this area and the rest of Fife. As we start to recover from the effects of the pandemic, the new Council will have to define how we reshape local services and support the recovery of Fife's local economy.

The SNP is centralising services and starving councils of the money they need to run vital local services. Communities themselves, who know this area best, should decide what more money is spent on. That is why spending from Fife Labour's proposed £10m Recovery Fund will be decided at local level, not in Glenrothes or Edinburgh. Then there is the severe impact the cost of living crisis is having on all Fifers and for which neither the SNP or Tories have any real solutions. Fife Labour will expand free holiday meals for children and families and provide hardship funding for those most in need. To help the environment, I will campaign for better public transport, more chargers for electric cars and to scrap charges for special uplift to reduce the blight of fly-tipping.

Only Fife Labour can be trusted to focus on local issues, local services and improving the local economy. That is why, if elected, a Fife Labour authority will make sure 50% of all council spending goes to firms that are based in this region. So on 5 May, Vote Local and Vote for Fife Labour.



### **Debbie MacCallum, Conservative and Unionist Party**



HAVING lived and worked in North East Fife for 20 years, I understand the needs and priorities of my community.

The theme of my campaign is, 'Keep it local'. Eat local, shop local, support our friends and neighbours, and make sure our communities get the support they need from Fife Council. I believe our community should be making the decisions about the issues that affect us. The recent campaign over the headships of our local schools has shown us how to get our voices heard. I have a proven track record in getting things done and with your support I can help to get things done here. I've been involved in a number of volunteer groups in the area, which has involved extensive work with council officers, including working with Fife Tourism Partnership as the Chair of Tourism St Andrews. I am a Trustee of the Hamish Foundation and have been involved with projects to create a more inclusive environment in our local area, including the St Andrews Beach Wheelchairs project and the installation of the new accessible walkway at West Sands beach.

If elected, I will use my skills and experience to support the local community, assist local businesses to move forward

after the pandemic - and make the East Neuk a great place to live, work and visit. I will actively campaign to support local initiatives and needs, and work to ensure that Fife Council includes our communities in decisions made about them. Fife Council must be accountable for the decisions it makes and the taxpayers' money it spends. I am committed to working with my fellow councillors and our local communities to bring about the best possible outcomes for the East Neuk. I am acutely aware of the contribution that tourism makes to the economy of the East Neuk and I hope to help tourism develop in a sustainable way, to provide jobs for locals and support local training and development. Working collaboratively, the villages of the East Neuk are a great attraction, but this needs to be balanced against the needs of full-time residents. I would be keen to support local groups such as Crail Community Council and Visit East Neuk to promote this balance. Farmers and local food producers are vital in this area, but like everyone else they need infrastructure that's fit for purpose. Our roads need to be better maintained and our waste and recycling services must be improved. Broadband in the local area needs to be brought up to speed and our lamentable mobile phone coverage vastly improved. As your council candidate and if elected, I will work to make the East Neuk and Landward a better place to live, work and visit.



### **David Stutchfield, Scottish Green Party**

Having recently retired as Sustainability Manager at the University of St Andrews, I have a clear vision for how Fife Council can improve our lives in the East Neuk. My key campaign issues are; increased affordable housing – look at local occupation clauses on new development planning, and introducing rent controls when passed by the Greens in Scottish Government. Promote the free bus pass to under 22-year-olds, with more frequent 95 buses. Create good transport connections with rail links especially the Leven rail link due 2024. Ensure the shared use path to St Andrews is built and connect to the new paths through Anstruther and on to Elie. Improve the opening hours at Pittenweem Recycling Centre and promoting a circular economy by encouraging re-use. And crucially, hold Fife Council to account over its Climate Action Plan – encouraging local community ownership and benefit from renewables.



### **Fiona Corps, Scottish Liberal Democrats Party**

Having lived in the East Neuk for most of my life, I knew there was no better place to stay and raise my own family. My father was a local fisherman, my grandfather a local builder and I have always felt a strong connection to the East Neuk and surrounding villages. Over the past 20 years I have organised the 'East Neuk Dook' raising thousands of pounds for local charities and at present I currently volunteer as an East Neuk First Responder.

In the past I have successfully campaigned to have safer routes to school and keep our green spaces green. I believe in empowering communities as it is the local people who are being affected by these decisions and therefore, they should be listened to and have a say. Sean and I have been out on the doorsteps all year round and we know that East Neuk and Landward residents are fed up with not being heard by Fife Council but as MSc graduate in therapeutic counselling, I am trained to listen. If elected as your local Liberal Democrat councillors, we will champion projects such as the Crail Charette as well as work to improve infrastructure such as roads & paths to ensure that the village is well connected within the East Neuk and ensure vital services outside the village such as the GP surgeries are as accessible as possible. If elected on May 5th, we promise to work hard to meet the needs of residents and get the job done! If you want Crail & the wider East Neuk to be represented by strong local voices, please give your first and second preferences to Sean and myself.

### **Sean Dillon, Scottish Liberal Democrats Party**

Growing up as the son of a local fish merchant, I attended The Waid Academy before going on to study Politics at the University of Edinburgh. Being born and having lived most of my life in the East Neuk, I have been involved in various projects throughout the years through my local church and more recently been involved in the attempts to ensure that the Gillingshill Nature Reserve remains accessible to the public. I am aware of how fortunate we are to live in a beautiful corner of the country; however, I am also aware, both from personal experience and through speaking to voters, that we are often neglected by a Kirkcaldy/Glenrothes-centric council. The only party that has ever asked me what my concerns are, what I want or what the priorities of local community should be is the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Crail deserves to have proactive representatives who listen and act all year round on behalf of residents - not representing the council to residents. Along with Fiona, I have been out listening to the views of residents all year round and if elected, we will work to act on issues that have come up such as improved bus services for Crail and continuing the work of current Lib Dem councillors to ensure that locals are not priced out of the property market by second homeowners. Having family who ran the Larachmhor Tavern in Pittenweem for several years, I am sensitive to the importance of tourism to the local economy however we must ensure that it does not become impossible for locals, especially young people, to afford to live in the villages where they grew up. Together, Fiona and I represent something different to other candidates, we are two ordinary, local people who want what is best for Crail and the wider East Neuk. Therefore, if you want our ward to be represented by two people who understand the benefits and challenges that come from living in the East Neuk, I'd urge you to give your first & second preferences to Fiona & myself on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.



## Linda Holt, Independent

I'm Linda Holt and I've been one of the three councillors representing East Neuk & Landward for the last five years. I'm contesting this election as an independent which means I will stand up for East Neuk residents 100% of the time. Councillors who represent parties are obliged to follow party agendas or Fife Council agendas even if they conflict with East Neuk interests.

Crail is an amazing, vibrant community with dedicated and talented volunteers who work on a wide variety of projects. I've been honoured to support some of them, including the East Neuk's most successful charrette and several community asset transfers. Going forward, I would strongly support the refurbishment of the school playground, and also fight to



protect Crail's Common Good Fund so it can continue to be used for good causes locally. I would continue to push for a 20mph town speed limit and road safety improvements by Denburn Woods - Fife Council has shown itself sympathetic about these issues but has yet to commit to action. We also need a concerted campaign to get the Crail-St Andrews Road resurfaced. Great stretches are crumbling away, and if Fife Council had the wherewithal to upgrade the A915 to St. Andrews, then it can surely find the cash for similar essential work on the A917.

- If re-elected, I have set the following East-Neuk-wide priorities:

- For the last two years Fife Council has had a significantly increased budget for roads maintenance which was long overdue given the years of neglect. I want this increased budget maintained for patching and resurfacing, and also road signs, many of which require urgent replacement.

- More affordable housing is sorely needed in the Neuk as well as a greater availability of business units and commercial sites. I will push Fife Council to be

proactive in addressing both these needs.

- I want to explore setting up a community mini-bus service to provide regular transfers between the East Neuk villages to aid residents and visitors alike. They are a more environmental alternative to the current, mainly empty double-deckers and would help to alleviate the volume of cars on our roads.

- Better mobile and broadband coverage is absolutely essential - for residents, businesses and visitors. I have been working hard to get wireless super fast broadband established in the East Neuk, but would push both Fife Council and mobile providers to improve coverage.

- It's taken several years of persistent lobbying to get the powers that be at Fife Council to acknowledge that the East Neuk suffers from unique tourist pressures on its infrastructure (parking, motor homes, bins, recycling site opening hours, toilets, signage)- and that means we need more resources spent on services in our area. This is finally starting to happen but East Neuk councillors will need to keep pushing senior managers to improve these services.



Easter Glow - Beechwalk Colin Morrison

