



# CRAIL MATTERS



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## Easter Reflections, *The Rev Peter Neilson*

### It is a *Good Friday!*

It is 25 years since the Good Friday agreement brought an end to the violence in Northern Ireland. In a land branded by religion, the symbolism of the date resonated deeply. If ever there was a day for marking a journey of reconciliation, this was it. A truly *Good Friday*. Whatever the continuing political issues of that unique Province, this is a day to pray for a deepening peace that will heal the old hurts and nurture fresh hopes.

In the August of 1997, eight months before that historic agreement, I attended a Christian conference in Coleraine with several thousand people. Its theme was reconciliation. One of the speakers was Michael Cassidy who had worked with Desmond Tutu and others towards ending apartheid in South Africa.

He introduced us to two young people from Rwanda who had lived through the atrocities of that troubled land. Both spoke movingly of forgiveness. For one, it was a moment of being released from hatred by the healing grace of God. For the other it was a story of a struggle on the journey to forgive the people who had destroyed her family.

Day by day the speaker laid out stories and principles of reconciliation alongside the local pain. At the end of the conference the people were called go home and work for peace and reconciliation. It was a sleepless night for many who had lost so much and so many. What would it cost them to live out the message of the Cross?

I look back and believe that seeds of the Gospel were sown back then into hundreds of communities that may have helped to make the political change a little more possible.

Our society today has become damagingly polarised, distrustful and anxious. We would do well to spend some time at that Cross, soaking in the words of Jesus, *Father, forgive them.....* whoever "them" may be.

Imagine a world where that prayer was answered in us and through us. That would be a *Good Friday*.



### **Pinkerton Lochs**

Crail Community Partnership are delighted to report that the 3 ponds at Pinkerton triangle have now been lined and are fairly full of water. Nature will now take its course!

### **Crail Tennis Courts**

The tennis courts at Beech Walk Park have been spring cleaned and new nets fitted all thanks to CRAIL COMMUNITY TRUST. We would like to form a group to play tennis every Wednesday after 2 pm. Any existing players, budding players or former players would be most welcome.

If interested please contact Ronnie at:

[ronaldwebster11@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ronaldwebster11@yahoo.co.uk)



### Short Term Letting Scheme

It has been pointed out to us that perhaps the information provided in last week's article may not have been entirely accurate. Please see the following for additional information.  
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/short-term-lets/>

### Crail in Bloom Coffee Morning

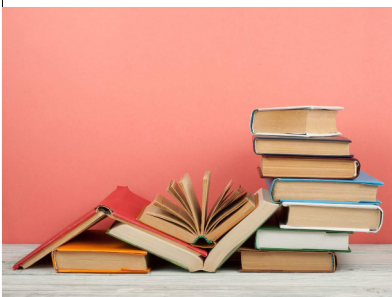
**Coffee Morning** to raise funds for plants will be held in the Legion Hall on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** from 10 to 11:30am there will be various stalls including plants.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May** will be the day we **plant up** the tubs and planters with summer bedding, new volunteers always welcome, please make yourself known to Kate Eggo or Erica Hollis at the coffee morning.



### **Attention All Bookworms**

I am delighted to announce that I shall be having a stall at the Easter Fayre in the Community Hall. I plan to be there both days, Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April. I enjoyed my first appearance at the Christmas Fayre, sadly a "regular" customer said she had looked in and I didn't seem to be there. The main hall did look gloriously festive and modesty forbids my mentioning the short slot when I left my books to leap onstage to join a small group from the community choir. However, I was THERE with several other stalls in the smaller hall at the back. Although I was pleased to be near the cafe and adjacent stallholders who happened to be bookworms, I secretly wonder if those who know me and my followers (notorious bookworms) in the village put me there to avoid desperate book addicts storming the front door before opening time (11am-4pm), rushing to the nearest stall and rummaging desperately in strangers' half-unpacked crates of delightful handcrafted wares demanding to know if they've got the latest Elly Griffiths. I shall have a range of pre-loved books some almost new, others interestingly old, adult fiction and nonfiction and children's' all at £1 so you can save some money to spend at all the other stalls. Or sit and read a book in the cafe. I hope everyone has a lovely Easter weekend, and look forward to seeing old and new customers. To "regulars" I must reiterate: I know I appear with books at different venues so please take your nose out of that book for a moment, doublecheck you are going to the correct event in the correct hall to avoid exchanges of Reproachful Looks at a later date. Some folk like to go on Easter Egg hunts - but I know a minority like to go hunting for books. Lots



on in the village over the long weekend, you have time to visit them all if you don't oversleep having stayed up all night reading in bed.  
*Ruth Redfer*

### **Crail Art Group Easter Art Exhibition**

Crail Art Group are delighted to announce we're back after two long years. At the end of 2022 we ran a successful Christmas Art and Craft sale. Now we're back in our Easter Exhibition home at the **Kirk Hall in Marketgate**. Come along and meet the artists & enjoy teas and coffees courtesy of the lovely folk in the Kirk Hall. Our talented artists will also be exhibiting a small selection of hand made crafts and there will be a raffle, with prizes for some lucky visitors.

**Friday 7th April 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

**Saturday 8th April 1.00pm to 4.00pm.**

**Sunday 9th April 12.00am to 4.00pm.**

**Monday 10th April 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

We look forward to meeting friends old and new.



## St John's Lectures 2023

We are pleased to welcome

# Donald MacEwan

Chaplain of St Andrews University



## Assisted Dying

Revd Dr Donald MacEwan, will explore some of the principles which can guide our thinking as Christians and others in the area of assisted dying, in a spirit of open discussion in which different views are welcome.

**Friday 28th April 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**St John's Episcopal Church, Marygate, Pittenweem**

Please reserve free tickets by email:  
[lectures.stjohns@eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk](mailto:lectures.stjohns@eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk)  
All Welcome /Refreshments

# Wild Crail Will Cresswell.

Photos - Razorbill John Anderson, rest Will Cresswell



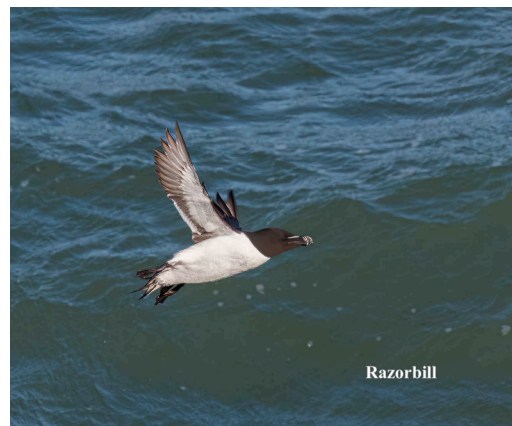
There was an easterly wind for the last three days of March hence the dreich and chill. But with an airstream straight from Denmark on the night of the 31st to divert migrants across to us. It is early season and the list of potential species is limited. But that day it felt like a hoopoe was just around every corner. I tried to cover as much ground as possible, along the coastal path from Kilminning all the way to the end of Balcomie and inland at Balcomie Cottages and Kilminning. Of course, it turned out to be spectacularly quiet apart from the occasional chiffchaff, although a **black redstart** was found further up the coast at Kenly Water. The Crail patch motto is bird in hope, and it was business as usual. It all came good that evening though. I got a message at 17:02 from my neighbour Jim Reid six doors down that he had a hawfinch in his garden. I was there at 17:04, looking at the huge orange finch in a tall birch tree. I was just considering heading back to my garden to get it on my garden list – the birch tree is easily visible from my back garden – when it started ticking (like a robin) and it and the greefinches flew off in the opposite direction. I appreciated its distinctive rugby ball shape and huge wing bar as it circled around before landing in another tall tree at the edge of the Denburn sheep field. I chased after it along Marketgate and got to the tree. I couldn't locate it but after a while it started ticking again and it must have flown off, as I could see other finches leaving the tree and heading towards Denburn Wood or the trees on the east side of the sheep field. That was the last of it. I, and several other local birders who had scrambled to the scene within the next ten minutes, scoured Crail fruitlessly for another hour, concentrating on the tall trees in Denburn, the Kirkyard, Beech Walk Park and Victoria Park. Last time we had a hawfinch actually in Crail (April 2016) it stayed a few days around a couple of gardens in Bow Butts visiting a peanut feeder between bouts perched in the top of the trees along the edge of the putting green. There was a good chance that the hawfinch would stay in Crail a while – a newly arrived migrant arriving in reasonable habitat late from a North Sea crossing is likely to stay put for the night - and if so it will then surface at a bird feeder the next day. Hawfinches are unmistakable. Huge finch, huge bill and bright orange in its plumage (this bird seemed to be in quite bright summer plumage). And quite a rarity for the Crail patch – only my third occasion (although 4 birds) in 21 years (2016, 2020 and now 2023); two in spring and a pair in autumn. They probably pass through Crail in most years spring and autumn but in very small numbers and we just have to get lucky to detect them. They breed in very low numbers across the UK and the British population exchanges birds with Continental breeders, where they are a much more common bird, and often in urban areas and gardens. Here they are much harder to see.



The **hawfinch** resurfaced at 9 the next morning, again briefly in the gardens between Marketgate and Nethergate. I went trekking around Crail again and finally found it back where I started in Tollbooth Wynd about half an hour later. A much better view than the day before, with better light. A full summer plumage adult male, crisp and perfect. It perched in a tall birch tree for a minute before flying down into a garden below it. I knocked on a few doors locally to see if it was visiting anyone's bird feeders, but no-one had seen it. I then climbed up on to my roof and sat on the crows' steps where I have a good view of the whole south of Crail, including all the trees where the hawfinch had perched. But it wasn't seen again after about 10, and although I enjoyed the view, I wasn't able to add hawfinch to my garden list. I think I will be investing in some serious early April peanut feeding in my back garden in future years.

We had another early spring scarce migrant in Crail on the 3rd. A female black redstart turned up in Pinkerton at lunchtime. It was feeding on the front lawns in between perching on the roof tops and fences, moving round a circuit of several houses. It kept on being chased away by the local robins. There was a good southerly wind and I suspect it came in on this the previous night. I shouldn't think it was missed the day before: it was pretty obvious. Pinkerton looked like a German housing estate with it parading round. I should think the redstart felt the same way. Pinkerton is getting a good reputation for black redstarts. They are some of the first houses a black redstart would find after getting to Fife Ness, and the first place that must feel a bit like home.

Not all days can be stellar days. It was a quiet and rainy cycle around Balcomie, Fife Ness and Kilminning on the morning of the 5th. Just two ringed plovers, a few redshanks, curlews and oystercatchers on the beach. **Razorbills**, gannets, common scoter and a few kittiwakes at sea. No migrants at Kilminning, although there was a chiffchaff singing in central Crail later. The hawfinch was still about but 40 minutes standing at ground zero in the gardens on the east side of Tollbooth Wynd didn't turn it up. I have a feeling it might be keeping well away from people and it is only visible in the gardens there when someone looks out of their window. If anyone goes in or near the gardens, the hawfinch goes elsewhere. It will surely be permanently on its way soon. The black redstart was also still about, at Pinkerton at least until the 4<sup>th</sup> – it too will be on its way by now.



## Crail Preservation Society (SC016960)



Crail Preservation Society (CPS) is an organisation that reached the grand old age of 63 years in September 2022.

The overall objectives have remained largely unchanged; that is to preserve the architecture, historic character and ambience of the Royal Burgh of Crail, also to improve the amenity of Crail and to co-operate with the Trustees of Crail Museum. Crail Museum grew within CPS until becoming an independent trust in 1993 CPS is the custodian of properties that have been bought or given as transfers, gifts and bequests to CPS since the 1960's. These include; Denburn Park, The Doocot, Memorial Garden (in Denburn), Triangle Park, 62 Marketgate, 64 Marketgate, Part of Denburn Wood, Pinkerton Wood and most recently the Doocot pathway. CPS along with Crail Museum and a small army of volunteers look after these special features within Crail.

CPS has a respected advisory role when reviewing Fife Council planning applications and will comment on or object to proposals that do not maintain or enrich the architecture and historic atmosphere of Crail.

CPS has completed a number of projects that help us fulfil the CPS objectives:

• **Doocot Restoration** - with funding from the CPS reserves, supported by Grants from Historic Environment Scotland, the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Crail Common Good Fund and the Helen Main Fund. ~£140,000. (Annual maintenance estimated to be >£2,000).

The **Crail Kirkyard Flyer** information sheet was completed in 2020. Offered free to visitors. **Crail Kirkyard** - Mural Monument Conservation - initially supported by The Pilgrims Trust to develop the **Kirkyard Monument Conservation Statement**.

Delivering the Conservation Statement to Fife Council triggered a major amount of Kirkyard conservation work carried out by Fife Council, completed in 2021.

The first CPS Kirkyard project the **Lumsden Monument** conservation work was completed in the summer of 2022. ~£45,000.

**Mercat Cross** restoration. Started in 2021 and completed in the spring of 2022. ~£25,000.

Crail Preservation Society continues to thrive because of the willingness of volunteers to work towards our objectives and the financial contributions that are collected through bequests, memberships, donations or fund raising. Please help us keep working towards our objectives and financially support Crail Preservation Society.

**Please join CPS as a member or renew your membership using our new Online Membership portal at <https://membermojo.co.uk/crailpreservationsociety> or call 01333 451150 if you would like to receive a membership form.**

## Crail Settlement Trust

A number of charitable Trusts have been established over the centuries to benefit residents of communities in Fife. These were aggregated by Fife Council in 2012, and are now described as Fife Council Charitable Trusts, and are referred to as Settlement Trusts. Crail had a number of such old Trusts that were aggregated into this larger whole - the resultant Crail Settlement Trust (as with others) remains legally an independent Trust. Applications can be made for support by members of the community.

The original Crail Trusts which were amalgamated included (balance at 2012 in brackets): Ramsay Charity - Benefit of Poor Householders (£1151.64), Isabella Anderson Gay Fund - Benefit of poor householders (£15,147), Scott Bonthron Fund - benefit of the poor (£11,095), Crail Parish Mortification - benefit of the poor (£14,664), Moneypenny Bequest - benefit of the poor (£5,915), Henrietta Gay Lothian Bequest - upkeep of Victoria Gardens (£645), Beech Park Fund - upkeep of public park (£1693), Civil War Memorial - upkeep of war memorial (£4,591), D&J Cowper Bequest - Distribution to pensioners (£16,185), Mrs K. Browning's Bequest - unknown purpose (£4,980), Crail Public Library Trust (£19,313). As you will see, some of these had quite specific remits, others were more general.

Fife Council Charitable Trusts Annual Report 2021-22 describes the current situation of these aggregated Trusts - in the accounts presented you see the following:

Income for all Trusts = £67,434  
Expenditure for all Trusts = £44,644

However, if you look at the expenditure figures in more detail you see the following:

- Charitable purposes expenditure = £14,884 (33% of all expenditure)
- Other expenditure £29,760 (66% of expenditure)

This 'Other Expenditure' breaks down as follows:

- Accountancy costs £10,302
- Audit fee £7,000
- Management and Admin £12,458 (28% of expenditure)

This seems to say that 2/3 of the expenditure in 2021-2 of Fife Charitable Trusts was on various kinds of administration, of which 28% was management and Admin fees. Generally speaking, the Charities Commission recommends that charities spend no more than 10% of their income on administration and fundraising costs - given that the management of these Trusts do not involve raising funds, the level of administration fee should therefore be considerably lower than 10%. This can't be acceptable and we are sure it most certainly does not reflect the wishes of the original donors!! From an administrative perspective this may seem like a defensible position, but not from the view of the communities these funds were given to, nor from potential recipients.

It is worth noting that these concerns sit within a broader framework of concern about Fife Council's management of public Trust funds. Concerns have been raised about how Common Good Funds are invested and the levels of cost associated with investment fees, and in particular fees paid to the investment managers. There are important questions here that need to be addressed by the Fife councillors as public representatives of our interests.



**Easter**  
**at Kingsbarns Church**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Open Church 2.00-5.00 pm**  
**Come to enjoy organ music, refreshments**  
**and flowers**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day**  
**Family Service at 10.00 am**  
**including Easter egg hunt**  
**Everyone is welcome**  
**at this friendly village church**



**Crail Festival**  
**Putting Green**  
**Needs You**

Please volunteer to help man the starting hut  
 Slots are for 2 hours 30 mins only

Open 2-6pm weekends June and September, daily July & August  
 Every little helps  
 email: [jennigowans@btinternet.com](mailto:jennigowans@btinternet.com)/tel: 01333 450108

**Crail Folk Club**  
**13 April**




On Thursday 13th April at Crail Community Hall 8pm we have Anthony Toner.

Anthony is a singer songwriter based in Belfast. He caused something of a stir in Crail when supporting Barbara Dickson and Rab Noakes at the folk club last September, so due to public demand he returns.

Famed for his engaging between-songs patter and his accomplished guitar playing, he is one of Northern Ireland's most popular live acts, chalking up dozens of live shows a year as a solo acoustic artist, 'In the Round' with friends, and also on electric guitar, playing slide blues in the Ronnie Greer Blues Band. In each setting, his command of the instrument and his voice are pressed into service to deliver some of the finest lyrics you'll hear in contemporary roots music.

**North East Network Snapshot**  
 April 2023



**ROADWORK PROGRAMME:** For detailed information on the timings of these schemes please refer to our website <https://netrunksroads.scot/>

Fife	A92 Cowdenbeath Junction SB	Contraflow
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**PLEASE NOTE:** All schemes are weather dependent and may be cancelled or rescheduled if weather conditions are not favourable.

For detailed information on these and future schemes please visit the Current Works section on our website: [www.netrunksroads.scot/current-works/](http://www.netrunksroads.scot/current-works/)

To report a problem on the network please visit: [www.netrunksroads.scot/report-a-problem/](http://www.netrunksroads.scot/report-a-problem/)

To contact us:  
 Email [enquiries: occr-northeast@amey.co.uk](mailto:occr-northeast@amey.co.uk)  
 By Post: 150 Caledonian House, West Kinfauns, Perth, PH2 7XZ  
 By Phone: 08000 830984

Please consider signing up for our free Roadwork Alerts service to be kept informed of all future works, and any changes to our programme, as soon as they happen. <https://netrunksroads.scot/roadwork-alerts/>

**Community Council Elections**

The Returning Officer has decided that, subject to there not being an unscheduled major electoral event which would impinge on the election timetable, the Community Council elections this year will take place on **Thursday 28th September 2023**.

Deadline to apply to register to vote to be able to stand as a candidate **10 July**  
 Deadline to apply to register to vote to be able to vote in any poll **10 August**  
 Submission of nomination papers for election **31 August**  
 Publication of Statements as to Persons Nominated **5 Sept.**



**Fife**  
**COUNCIL**

**Help with...**  
**energy bills**

**Financial and practical advice if you are struggling with rising energy costs**

For advice on benefits, help with bills and support with the cost of living go to: [our.fife.scot/gethelp/bills](http://our.fife.scot/gethelp/bills)

Unable to access information online?  
 call our **Community Support Line 0800 9520330 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)**





19 - 29 July 2023

[www.craillfestival.org](http://www.craillfestival.org)



Scottish Charity No SC052082

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

**RETURNING & NEW**

Join us on 15<sup>th</sup> April from 4pm – 6pm

At the Crail Kirk Hall

For Afternoon Tea, Fizz and Update on Festival Events

RSVP by 10th April to [valenciamcfest@aol.com](mailto:valenciamcfest@aol.com)

### Crail Community Partnership Trustees and Volunteers

Are you looking for an exciting and fulfilling way to get involved in your local community? If so, Crail Community Partnership (CCP) is looking for trustees and volunteers like you! CCP is a registered charity dedicated to improving the quality of life in Crail and the surrounding areas. We work to bring together local residents, businesses, and community groups to create positive change in our community.

As a trustee or volunteer with CCP, you will have the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of people in our community. You will work alongside like-minded individuals to develop and implement projects and initiatives that improve our community's economic, social, and environmental well-being. If you are a new retiree or have recently moved permanently to Crail, volunteering with CCP is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills, and become more involved in your community. We are particularly interested in individuals with IT and social media skills, property and planning expertise, or a financial background. However, no matter what your skills and experience are, there is a place for you at CCP.

So why not join us today? Contact us to learn more about how you can become a trustee or volunteer with Crail Community Partnership. Let's work together to make Crail an even better place to live, work, and play! Contact [craillcommunitypartnership@gmail.com](mailto:craillcommunitypartnership@gmail.com)

Charity No. SCO49189



**East Neuk Makers POP UP**

KATHRYN WILLIAMSON - JEWELLERY  
 PHILIPPA MITCHELL - ARTIST  
 TABLET+HAAR - PRINT & TEXTILES  
 WAYNE GALLOWAY - CERAMICS  
 WOOLTIDE - CREATURES & CHARACTERS

**Sat 1-8 APRIL**  
**JULIA'S**  
 Crail High Street  
 (next to Penman's Butchers)

10:30-4PM DAILY



**POLICE**  
SCOTLAND  
Keeping people safe

### Road Traffic Matters

Throughout March we have carried out speed checks in the East Neuk resulting in 30 drivers being warned, 3 drivers receiving conditional offers/fixed penalty tickets and 1 driver being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Speed checks were also carried out in St Andrews Road, Crail 6 April. From this, a further 3 drivers were given warnings in relation to their speed. Speed checks were also carried out on Nethergate South and again, 3 drivers were given warnings.

### Community Engagement

PC's Cook, Wallace and Fisher attended at Waid Academy in Anstruther to provide support for a Violence Reduction Workshop event which was organised by Depute Rector Mr Kowbel. Officer's spoke to S1, S2 and S3 pupils in relation to violence both within and out-with school and gave advice on how to behave as a responsible person. Mr Kowbel said: "We are hugely appreciative of the collaboration and support we receive from our police colleagues and today's input from PC Fisher really struck a chord with our learners, in particular the about being a positive bystander and how to support situations that may arise in our wider community. @PSOSNorthEFife

### Calls Received (up to 30/03/2023)

In total 1224 calls have been received in the North East Fife Area.

### Crail

22 Calls to the police. 5 crimes recorded .

A 19-year-old man has been arrested and charged in connection with housebreaking and theft of a vehicle in Fife. Officers were called to Arrighi Crescent in the Crail area around 12.45am on Tuesday, 28 March, 2023. He was expected to appear at Dundee Sheriff Court on Thursday, 30 March, 2023.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: "If anyone has any concerns regarding criminal activity with regard to vehicle crime in their area, please contact your local police station through 101. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555 111, where anonymity can be maintained."



## Butterflies and Moths to see in April



Holly Blue



Emperor Moth



Orange-tip



Ruby Tiger moth



Brimstone



Streamer moth



Speckled Wood



Purple Thorn moth



Peacock

### Easter at Crail Pharmacy

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00 – 13.00  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April: 9.00 – 13:00  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Closed  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April: 09:00 – 13:00



### Stitchers

Pittenweem Community Crafts will be exhibiting at Pittenweem Arts Festival from 5th to 12th August raising money for charities Chest Heart and Stroke and the East Neuk Foodbank and is interested in hearing from any fibre crafters interested in contributing.

The theme this year is 'How does your garden grow?' which will hopefully provide inspiration for a range of goods as diverse as gardens themselves.

For more information please contact [pittenweemcommunitycrafts@gmail.com](mailto:pittenweemcommunitycrafts@gmail.com).

### Calling all Knitters and



## Coffee Morning

Come for a  
Cuppa and a Chat

Looking for something to do on a  
**Wednesday morning?** Then come along  
for a coffee/tea and a chat/blether and  
Raffle! to the Parish Church Hall.

Church Hall, James St.

**Wednesdays**

10.00 - 11.30 am

**All Welcome**

Come along and support us.

### Market Place



2 year old Peloton available in Crail.  
Today's retail price £1345. £500 to good home. Remember you need to subscribe to Peloton which is £39 per month and you get a very wide range of both cycling and exercise classes. Text or WhatsApp David on 07770342157.

Hand embroidery - proceeds to Crail Matters. Offers to [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com)?



## 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. Holy Communion on Sundays at 11.30. The church is open every day. St John's is a drop off point for East Neuk Food Bank.

**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](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](mailto:wotherspoonrig@btinternet.com)

**Crail Parish Church**  
Our interim moderator is now Revd. Nigel Robb who acted in that role before.

**Services**  
6<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion Joint Service at Crail Church – 7.00pm.  
7<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday – Joint Service at Cellardyke Church at 7.00pm.  
9<sup>th</sup> April Early morning Easter Service – 8.00am-Triangle Park Followed by bacon butties in the Kirk Hall.  
9<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day Service – Crail Church at 10.00am.

**Services in Crail throughout 2023 will be at 10.00 am and at 11.30 a.m at St. Ayle.**

Chatbite –. Every Wednesday in the Kirk Hall from 10am to 12pm. Come along and enjoy home baking and hospitality for £2.50. All welcome.  
Easter Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Kirk Hall from 10.00 am to noon. There will be a baking stall and a raffle .Donations of baking and raffle prizes would be most welcome.

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

**The LIBRARY is OPEN as a WARM SPACE**  
on  
**MONDAYS: 2 – 5pm**  
**WEDNESDAYS: 2 – 5pm**  
**FRIDAYS: 10am – 1pm**  
**SATURDAYS: 10am – 1pm**

Newspapers, jigsaws, books, wifi and a warm welcome



More info at:  
[www.pittenweemlibrary.org.uk](http://www.pittenweemlibrary.org.uk)

SCIO Charity registration no. SC047013

## Planning and Building Warrant Applications

Information on planning and building warrant applications in Fife can be found at:  
<https://planning.fife.gov.uk/online/search.do?action=simple>  
You can perform simple searches without registering.

21.12.22 Installation of roof terrace to flatted property - First Floor Flat 28 High Street Crail 22/04242/FULL Application Permitted with Conditions.

## Crail Community Choir

A Century of MOVIE music

### BREAK FOR EASTER

17<sup>th</sup> April

24<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> May

8<sup>th</sup> May

15<sup>th</sup> May

22<sup>nd</sup> May

29<sup>th</sup> May

All rehearsals in Crail Church Hall on Mondays at 7.30

**Mobile Library - Marketgate Crail**  
Thursday 1000 - 1100

**Mobile Bank - Marketgate Crail**  
Thursday 1100-1300

## Coastline Friendship Club



All welcome for a free bowl of soup, home-baking and a blether!

Meets every two weeks on Friday 11.30-13.30  
Crail Community Hall

3 March  
17 March  
31 March  
14 April



Coastline Community Church  
Charity no. SCO 00433  
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**Mobile Post Office - High Street South**  
Monday 1400-1545, Tuesday 1400-1545, Wednesday 1400-1545



*Crail  
Community  
Hall*

## Few tickets left to be snatched up for Crail Community Hall Party Night

There are only a few tickets left for our Party Night. Dance the night away with the most popular songs from 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and some current highlights.

*Northern Lights* are known for their wide repertoire of cover versions. They are a talented, all live four piece band with tons of experience and unmatched musical professionalism.

One of the best entertaining bands around. The guys love what they do and it shows in every performance. Their good natured enthusiasm is contagious. Before you know it, you will be up on the dance floor, having a great time dancing to one of the hottest cover bands in the country.

**Saturday 15 April 2023 - From 8 pm until 11.30 pm**

**Tickets £15 - BYOB**

Further information <https://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk/blog>

Pre-booking required <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/crail-community-partnership>



### Important Dates

8-9 April 2023 - 11.00-16.00  
Easter Craft and Food Fayre

15 April 2023 - 20.00-23.00  
Party Night with Tribute Band  
'Northern Lights'

13 May 2023 - 10.00-12.00  
Air Ambulance - Coffee Morning

13 May 2023 - 19.00-22.30  
CHAS Fundraiser-Family Ceilidh

14 July 2023 - 20-22.00  
Magic Show with Billy Reid

### Regular Events

**Mondays - 11.00**  
Yoga with Sue Jenkins

**Tuesdays - 17.00**  
Barre Class with Alice Mooney

**Tuesdays - 19.00**  
Badminton & Table Tennis -  
re-starting 26/9/23

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

**Wednesday - 14.00**  
Pickleball

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

Every two weeks alternating  
**Fridays -11.30 - 13.30**  
Coastline Friendship Club from  
20 January  
**10.30 - 13.30**  
RVS Lunch Club from 10 March

## Are you looking to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary?

Crail Community Hall is available for private hire

You can find information on our packages on our website

<https://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk/hall-hire> or email [crailcommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:crailcommunityhall@gmail.com).

#### Small Package

##### Included

Small Hall & Kitchen for up to 4 hours  
Tables & Chairs for up to 30 people  
Insurance

**Cost**  
£145

#### Large Package

##### Included

Whole Premises for up to 8 hours  
Tables & Chairs for up to 60 people  
Insurance

**Cost**  
£250

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

## SPRING 2023 EVENING TALKS

**Thursday 30 March**  
KILMINNING  
Will Cresswell, Professor of Biology, University of St Andrews

**Thursday 13 APRIL**  
BALCASKIE ESTATE – WHAT WE DO AND WHY  
Sam Parsons, Estate Manager at Balcaskie

**Thursday 4 MAY**  
NATION TO NATION – SCOTLAND'S PLACE IN THE WORLD  
Stephen Gethins, Professor of Practice in International Relations, University of St Andrews

**Thursday 11 MAY**  
MORE THAN MOUNTAINS AND CAPITALS! THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF GEOGRAPHY IN SCOTLAND  
Professor Jo Sharp, Geographer Royal for Scotland

**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

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# Easter Fayre



**8 & 9 April**  
11 am – 4 pm  
Crail Community Hall  
[www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk](http://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk)

*Visit our Craft and Food Stalls and enjoy some refreshments in our Cafe*

Proceeds will benefit CoppaFeel.org

## CHARITY EVENT

# GIN TASTING

Saturday, April 22nd 2023  
19:00 - 21:00 pm  
The Legion Hall, Nethergate, Crail

**£15 per ticket**

**Entry includes: A guided tasting from Kingsbarns Distillery, 5 Gin tasting measures, mixers, nibbles and one entry into the Gin Raffle. Over 18's only.**  
Gin Raffle tickets available to all at £2 per ticket.  
Prizes include all things Gin!

For more information and to purchase tasting event or raffle tickets contact  
**Rachael Gautreau** on 07834228765  
or email [this.charity.event@gmail.com](mailto:this.charity.event@gmail.com)

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In June I will walk 100km for CoppaFeel.  
CoppaFeel! is a breast cancer awareness charity, on a mission to educate and remind people to get to know their boobs in order to catch breast cancer early.

Charity Registration No. 1132366 Coppafeel.org

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

## SPRING 2023 EVENING TALKS

### BALCASKIE ESTATE – WHAT WE DO AND WHY

**With Sam Parsons, Estate Manager at Balcaskie**



Balcaskie has been a neighbour and part of the communities around Pittenweem for centuries. Now we are changing the way we manage our farmland, buildings and the landscape. This is our opportunity to explain why we are making these changes, and discuss our ambitions and plans for the future.

**THURSDAY 13 APRIL**  
Doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.30pm  
Tea and biscuits included in the ticket price

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## Rainbows and Brownies

Mondays 5.30-6.45pm. Legion Hall.

for girls aged 5-9

crafts, games, badges, baking etc

(girls from Kingsbarns and other surrounding areas are very welcome to join!)

email: [CrailBrownies@yahoo.com](mailto:CrailBrownies@yahoo.com)

### Lunch Club Crail

The RVS (formerly WRVS) currently run lunch clubs in the East Neuk as well as other areas in North East Fife,. Our East Neuk clubs are in Cellardyke Church hall on Thursdays 12.30-2.30 and in St Monans, Church Hall, on Wednesdays, 10.30-1.30.

These groups are very popular with 40 folk regularly attending Cellardyke and 18 St Monans.

A two-course lunch is provided, and we also provide an activity for those who come along. These activities vary, quizzes, tabletop games, indoor curling, talks and other entertainment.

We will be starting a lunch club in Crail on Friday which will be run fortnightly, alternating with Coastline Church's Friendship club, ensuring that there is something every week for Crail residents to attend. Our Crail club will run from 10.30 until 1.30 in the Community Hall.

The food is supplied by the kitchens at the Waid and gets many compliments, there is a suggested donation of £3 to cover the cost of the meal, but this will not be implemented until April.

The lunch clubs with activities are looked forward to in each place as they encourage social interaction and provide a varied programme each week.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the club, serve up teas and coffees and the meals and tidy up afterwards, as well join in with the activities, please get in touch.

Richard Wemyss

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Email: [richard.wemyss@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:richard.wemyss@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)



## CRAIL MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE

Crail Museum and Heritage Centre will be open this Easter Weekend. Opening dates and times are as follows:

**Thursday 6th April, Friday 7th April,**

**Saturday 8th April and Monday 10th April**

**11am – 4pm and**

**Sunday 9th April 1.30 - 4.00pm**

**Guided walk: Sunday**

**Meet at the Museum 2.15pm for 2.30pm**

**Adults £5, Children 10-17 £3, under 10 free**

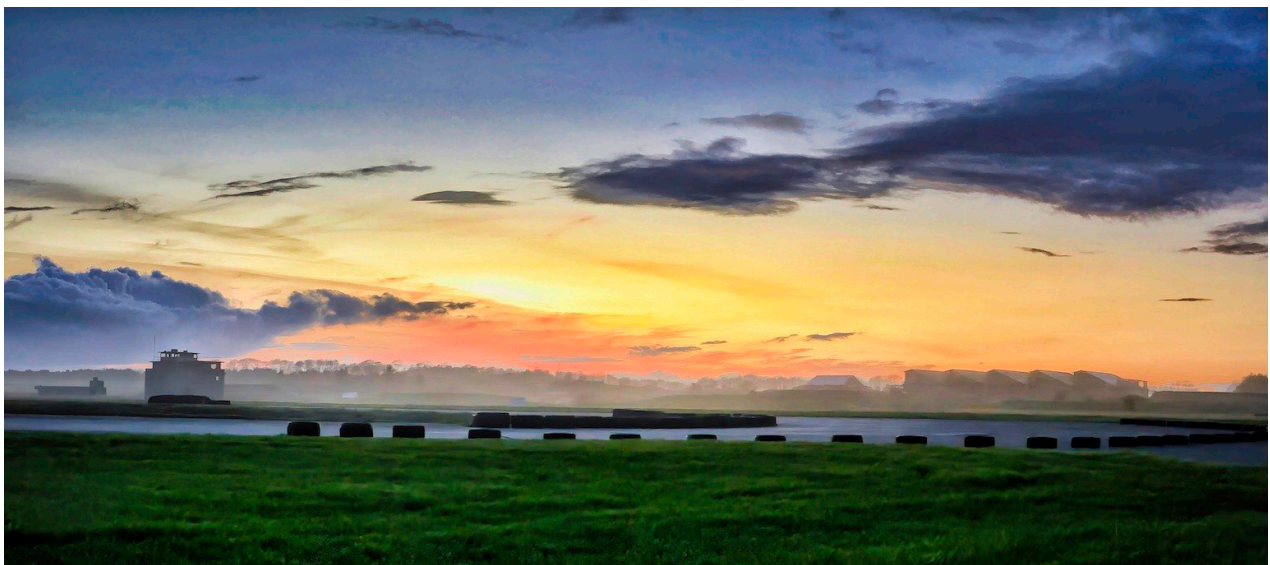
**We look forward to welcoming you back to this wee gem of a Museum which tells the story of the ancient Royal Burgh of Crail and it's people**

[www.crailmuseum.uk](http://www.crailmuseum.uk)

Tel. 01333 450869

Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation: SC023505

### The masked singer.



**HMS Jackdaw at Dusk by Colin Morrison**



## The Royal Burgh of Crail and District Community Council

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

The next Community Council meeting will be held 7.15pm 24 April, 2023, in The Town Hall

### Royal Burgh of Crail and District

#### Applications Determined

Reference	Decision Date	Decision	Applicant & Site Address	Proposal
<a href="#">22/04236/FULL</a>	28/03/2023	Application Permitted with Conditions	Mr Salvatore Amitrano, Ground Floor 61 High Street Crail Anstruther Fife KY10 3RA	Change of use for outdoor seating with the siting of post and rope barrier (removed in the evening) (Section 42 application to vary conditions 1 and 3 of 22/00442/FULL)
<a href="#">22/04242/FULL</a>	30/03/2023	Application Permitted with Conditions	Mr & Mrs Iain and Joanne Stewart, First Floor Flat 28 High Street Crail Anstruther Fife KY10 3TE	Installation of roof terrace to flatted property
<a href="#">22/04245/FULL</a>	28/03/2023	Application Permitted with Conditions	Mr & Mrs Tam & Vikki Cochrane, 18 The Glebe Crail Anstruther Fife KY10 3UJ	Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
<a href="#">23/00152/LBC</a>	30/03/2023	Application Permitted with Conditions	Mr & Mrs Iain and Joanne Stewart, First Floor Flat 28 High Street Crail Anstruther Fife KY10 3TE	Listed Building Consent for the installation of roof terrace to flatted property



### The Crail Seagull has its eye on you

#### CJABA УКРАЇНІ ! / GLORY TO

The other week, I think I might have been a bit harsh concerning the extra walking that these dogs and their owner are doing. It seems they were trying to walk quite a few miles to raise some money to help people. I didn't realise that, but it's not something that us seagulls do. I was trying to think of how I might help and I thought I could get some of my friends to decorate the owner's fence. We did it before but I can't remember whether it was appreciated or not!



Now here's some important news!! The Editors have told me that I might be able to have a nest in the Town Hall (they said it could be called rather originally 'The Seagull Nest'), as this estimable and worthy rag is going to move into the Office. How about that!!

#### Re vandalism and anti-social behaviour in Crail

The Community Council wish to emphasise that the appropriate response in the event of an incident however small involving you, or a neighbour, is to immediately call Police Scotland and report the incident - phone 101 or 999 in an emergency.

#### Attention all Crail Matters Readers!

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in our community? Are you interested in sharing your passions and hobbies with others? Look no further than Crail Matters, your local community newspaper. We are currently seeking individuals who are passionate about their interests and hobbies to write articles for our paper. Whether you're a foodie who loves to cook, an avid gardener with green thumbs, or a sports enthusiast with a love of the game, we want to hear from you. In particular, we are excited to hear from young people in the community who have a unique perspective to share. If you're a student or young adult with a passion for writing or journalism, this is the perfect opportunity for you to gain experience and get your work published - great CV/supporting statement material! By writing for Crail Matters, you'll have the chance to connect with other members of the community who share your interests and passions. You'll also have the opportunity to make a positive impact by informing and entertaining your fellow Crail residents.

So what are you waiting for? Join our team and start sharing your voice with the community today. Contact us at [crailmatters@gmail.com](mailto:crailmatters@gmail.com) for more information on how to get involved. We can't wait to hear from you!

#### Stagecoach Bus Fares

Stagecoach have announced that due to the withdrawal of government support from Friday 31st March 2023, bus fares in the East of Scotland will go up by on average 15%. You can check details [here](#)



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