



Pittenweem Post

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A Report from Coastline Community Church

Tenth Anniversary Of Building

Psalm 127 starts '*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain*'.

It took around 11 years to get the Church building on Session Street from an idea to opening on 13 August 2013. The passage from Psalm 127 was, and remains, central to the church's prayers and actions. Throughout the building project it was blessed with many answers to prayer!

The two East Neuk Baptist Churches in Anstruther and Pittenweem amalgamated in November 2003, and it was decided that the existing properties were no longer fit for purpose. A new building was needed.

The old buildings were sold in 2007, just before the economic crash of 2008. A search was begun for a site on which to build the new premises and young people in the church came up with the new name of Coastline Community Church.

After much fruitless searching, a suitable site was offered to the church and after several major amendments, planning permission was finally granted. Construction work started in November 2012.

The foundations were in place by the end of 2012, and the main construction work started in January 2013. Progress was good, and site clearing was completed in July that year. Fitting out was then started, and final certification by Fife Council was granted on 12 August 2013. The Opening Ceremony was held on 13 August 2013.

A special time of thanksgiving as part of a series on 'The Power of Worship' was held in the church recently on 19 August 2023. The theme was 'gratefulness' and the congregation gave thanks for the first 10 years of use of such a wonderful building!



Building work in progress in 2013



*Coastline Community Church, Session Street
on its tenth anniversary in 2023*

West Braes Sea Pool

We held a very successful Strawberry Fayre in August which coincided with the Pittenweem Arts Festival.

Lots of fun and burgers and strawberries for everyone and we raised considerable funds for our next work at the pool.

We have invited back Covenburn Contractors, who completed the major initial work, to look at some repair work and also some improvements to the safety of the steps.

The trustees with our friendly and helpful volunteers are always looking out - with the public - to see how we can improve.

Thanks also to Fife Coast and Countryside Trust who, as well as keeping the public toilets and litter bins empty, have now provided recycling bins to help us and others manage waste properly.



Scotties by the Sea

Scotties by the Sea – a large-scale public art trail - has come to St Andrews and the Northeast Fife Coastal Community this September. It will end on 12 November 2023.

We have our very own Scottie in Pittenweem!

Decorated by local artists and communities, more than 30 giant Scottie sculptures have appeared across St Andrews and the Northeast Fife Coast, forming a free 10-week art trail of discovery for locals and visitors of all ages to explore and enjoy.

Scotties by the Sea is designed to celebrate the communities, culture, and creativity of Northeast Fife, whilst also raising money for Maggie's Charity – working locally and nationally, providing free cancer support and information in centres. The Scotties will be auctioned off at the end of the event to provide funds for Maggie's.

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Pittenweem Reminiscence Cafe, at the Community Library in Cove Wynd

We will be re-commencing after the summer break at a different day of the week and time. It will now be held on the first Monday of the month between 11 am and 12 pm.

Please consider joining us for a trip down memory lane. Your memory may not be as good as it used to be but you will be surprised how chatting about times past with friends helps with times present.

There will be a welcome cuppa and nibble in the warmth, courtesy of the library, so come along for an hour, meet with the team and see for yourself!

Dates 2 October, 6 November, 4 December at 11am



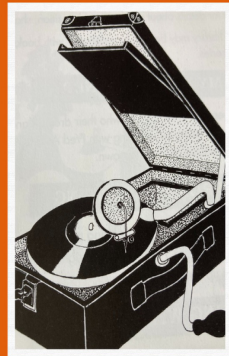
Meet the Team

Reminiscence Café

★ FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH (11AM-12PM)

★ 2 OCTOBER,
6 NOVEMBER &
4 DECEMBER

★ PITTENWEEM LIBRARY,
COVE WYND



Pittenweem Library has a Reminiscence Café for older members of the community.

Everyone is welcome to come along for a cuppa, chat about times past and present or just to enjoy the warmth of company in the library.

Hope to see you there!

If you'd like to find out more, please contact us on 01333 311591, email library@pittcllc.org.uk or look in at the Library when we're open.

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PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

AUTUMN 2023 EVENING TALKS

INNOVATIONS IN BOATBUILDING IN THE EAST NEUK 1850s TO 1940

**Richard Wemyss, historian, writer, artist and chair
of the Cellardyke Trust**



Richard will talk about the boatbuilders of the East Neuk and the contribution they made to fishing communities across Scotland and beyond.

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER

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

Coastline Community Church

21 Session Street, Pittenweem KY10 2QL

Tickets: £6 available from the Library

Opening hours: Mon & Wed 2-5pm; Fri & Sat 10am-1pm

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News in Brief

East Neuk Skatepark

Fife Council Officers using the Local Place Plan Process met with representatives of the Pittenweem Community Council, interested local people and of West Braes Sea Pool to consider criteria for the location of the Skatepark - West Braes, Waid Academy or Bankie Park. Fife Council will continue to consult across our East Neuk Community.

St John's Church, Marygate

On 20 August we gave a good send off to Revd Steve Butler, who is retiring, and his wife Anne, and we look forward to welcoming Revd Elaine Ryder who will be acting as interim pastor while a new incumbent is sought. The church remains open every day and also serves as a collection point for the East Neuk Foodbank.

Friendship Club, Coastline Community Church

The Friendship Club, which will be held in the cafe of the Coastline church, will recommence on Friday 8 September from 11.30 am-1.30 pm and will then take place fortnightly.

New Town Hall

In October, the Mad Ferrets will be returning. They were a sell out last year and asked if they could come back again this year. The date is Friday 13 October 7 pm for 7.30 pm. It will be bring your own bottle and snacks. Tickets can be bought at the door or reserved in advance from Margaret Wardlaw on tel number 01333 312362.

West Braes AGM

There will be a public AGM on Friday 22 September in the Coastline Community Church at 7 pm.

Pittenweem Community Crafts - Pittenweem Arts Festival

We had a very successful Festival this year, and two good days at the St Monans Arts Festival. The support of all the crafters who donate their handiwork, and everyone who comes and buys it, have made it possible for us to donate £1,600 each to the East Neuk Foodbank and Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland. The support that we receive locally and from much further afield is much appreciated.

Festival Café

The Coastline Community Church ran a cafe during arts festival week in August which raised nearly £5,000 in donations. This money will be spent on community and youth work. This is a great result, and huge thanks to everyone involved.

Pittenweem Play Park

Councillor Sean Dillon reports that the most recent update he has is that the group has currently raised £61,500. This is made up of £50,000 from the COVID Recovery Fund, £10,000 from the Norah Webber Trust and £1,500 raised by parents. There will be an application made to Fife Environmental Trust for a further £50,000 in September.



Diving Gannets by Robert Melville

Tales From the Cave

How did it go?

In our last edition we reported that volunteers from Pittenweem Community Library were planning to hold children's story-telling sessions in St Fillan's Cave. So how did it go? In its second year as a Festival event, Tales from the Cave was a great success - 151 child tickets were sold. Children and parents flocked to discover the mysteries of the Cave.

What was in the Cave? There were fairies, smugglers and even a dinosaur. The youngsters (aged 3-5) loved the fun activities and well-known songs in the stories of 'Moirra and the Cakes' and 'The Wizard and the Princess'.

The older ones (6-10) were thrilled by the bad jokes and exciting adventures. One story was told by smugglers who found that the Cave was a perfect place to hide their contraband, until the night that two children discovered a secret entrance and heard the smugglers plotting. They informed the exciseman and the smugglers were arrested. This secret entrance really exists, said the storytellers, and was used by the monks of the Priory to enter the Cave without going outside their walls.

When Trisha the Triceratops arrived on Cove Wynd, she created quite a stir! She told a rude story – The Dinosaur that pooped the Planets – and terrible jokes as well.

What do you call a dinosaur that destroys everything - Tyrannosaurus Wrecks!
What do you call a dinosaur that never gives up? A Tri-tri-tri-triceratops!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Tales from the Cave such a success – all the volunteers plus the parents and children who attended. The Pittenweem Arts Festival was supportive and the Bishop Low Trust, custodian of the Cave, gave permission to use it. Donations and ticket money were shared between the Trust and Pittenweem Library.



A Free Creative Writing Workshop at St Fillan's Cave

Helen Evans, who runs a pioneer lay ministry in Devon, is doing a mini-pilgrimage from Anstruther to St Andrews in September, pausing and writing at sacred sites along the way. She is offering a poetry quiet hour or creative writing workshop at St Fillan's Cave on Monday 18 September at 3pm. All are most welcome; no experience necessary.

Please dress warmly for the drips and the damp!

Please email her before September 13th if you're interested in coming:

helen@helenevans.co.uk



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Thursday 12 OCTOBER

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Thursday 26 OCTOBER

AN EVENING WITH THE MAKAR
Kathleen Jamie, poet, essayist and Scotland's Makar

Thursday 9 NOVEMBER

REFLECTIONS ON THE RUSSO-UKRAINE WAR
Phillips O'Brien, Head of the School of International Relations, University of St Andrews

Thursday 23 NOVEMBER

BOOKS IN WARTIME: INNOCENT VICTIMS OR GUILTY PARTIES?
Professor Andrew Pettegree, School of History, University of St Andrews

Doors open 7pm, talks start 7.30pm

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Pittenweem
Parish Church



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

Back again at end of August
see you then! Special thanks to all our
'regulars' and especially our organisers and
helpers!

All Welcome

Come along and support us.



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