

Pittenweem Post

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Pittenweem Post is our monthly community newsletter, produced by volunteers at Pittenweem Community Library. Back issues are on our website www.pittenweemlibrary.org.uk. Paper copies are also available at Barnetts, One Market Place and the library – copies are free but we welcome donations of £1 to offset the cost of printing.

GYLES HOUSE AT 400

Gyles House is now 400 years old – it is dated 1626 in Historic Environment Scotland's grade A listing and was built for a sea-captain, named in local records as James Cook. Later in the 1600s ownership passed by marriage to the Horsburgh family where it stayed for almost 300 years, eventually being sold in 1930 to artist John Henry Lorimer, who at that time held Kellie Castle.

Lorimer's restoration and the subsequent popularity of Gyles House as a subject for artists and photographers even from the 1930s can be seen as a precursor for postwar conservation efforts that saved many of the hitherto unappreciated vernacular buildings of the East Neuk. This image of Gyles House shows its condition in the 1880s. JH Lorimer bought Gyles House for £5 in 1930, by which time it was severely fire-damaged. He bought it for its position and the light off the sea and as a winter studio, installing a radiator central heating system – something Kellie Castle still lacks. Undoubtedly inspired by his father's rescue of Kellie Castle, Lorimer carried out a comprehensive restoration of the house, adding the white harling which transformed its appearance.

In the early 1940s sculptor Hew Lorimer, John Henry's nephew, moved into Gyles House with his young family and used the house as his studio, but his stay was terminated by the explosion of a naval mine which rendered the building uninhabitable. This prompted Lorimer's move to Kellie Castle, setting up his studio in the stables block where it is now preserved and used for an exhibition of his life and work.

In the 1960s, as Fife representative for the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), Hew Lorimer led the implementation in the county of the NTS's national



Gyles House in the 1880s

Little Houses Improvement Scheme, as part of which the historic buildings at Nos 1–5 The Gyles were acquired and restored.



Gyles House today

One mythical claim to fame of Gyles House is that it was Captain James Cook's ship that carried Charles II on his escape to the continent after his defeat by Cromwell. Sadly this is based solely on an anonymous 19th century local pamphlet that contained a number of howlers and was not meant to be taken seriously, for example that Charles's escape was to Holland rather than to France and that he abdicated the Scots crown. This myth continues to be quoted in popular histories and tourist guides, and appears on the West Braes tourist notice board.

Latterly Gyles House has been used as a film location: in 1997 for *The Winter Guest* with Emma Thompson and her mother, Phyllida Lloyd, directed by Alan Rickman, and in 2019 for *Mr Jones* starring James Norton and Vanessa Kirby.

This is an adapted extract of an article by Bill Kennaway in the East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society 2024 Annual Report. The Society promotes awareness of the East Neuk's architectural heritage and seeks to safeguard its unique historic character through engaging with the planning process. The Society also holds talks on conservation topics, traditionally combined with a social event at Kellie Castle, and conducts members' visits to historic houses, including those not generally open to the public. This year's first visit is to Kellie Lodging and Gyles House. To find out more about the Society see www.enfps.co.uk.

Huge thanks to the West End Bar for generously funding this issue of the Post.

SCOTLAND'S GARDENS FIFE SUMMER TRAIL

The Fife Summer Trail offers a range of gardens opening in three different areas on three Fridays on 22 May, 29 May and 5 June – a lovely opportunity to explore a collection of gardens on the same day, or visit on all three days!

22 May – North East Fife Gardens

29 May – Mid Fife Gardens

5 June – East Neuk Gardens

Buy your tickets online at [Fife Summer Trail 2026 Tickets. Various Gardens in Fife | TryBooking United Kingdom](#) £12.50 for a day ticket or £30 for all three days, with proceeds going to Scotland's Gardens Scheme charities.

The third and final day of the Fife Summer Trail features gardens in the East Neuk ([Fife Trail Day 3](#)). Discover secret gardens and enjoy spectacular views across the Forth as you explore eight wonderful gardens in our local area.

46 South St,

St Andrews KY16 9JT: 11am–3pm

Gilston House Gardens,

by Largoward, Leven KY8 5QP: 11am–7pm

Cambo Farmhouse,

Kingsbarns KY16 8QD: 11am–7pm

Little Dumbarnie,

Upper Largo KY8 6JG: 11am–7pm

7B Temple Crescent,

Craik KY10 3RS: 11am–7pm

12 West Forth Street,

Cellardyke KY10 3HL: 11am–4pm

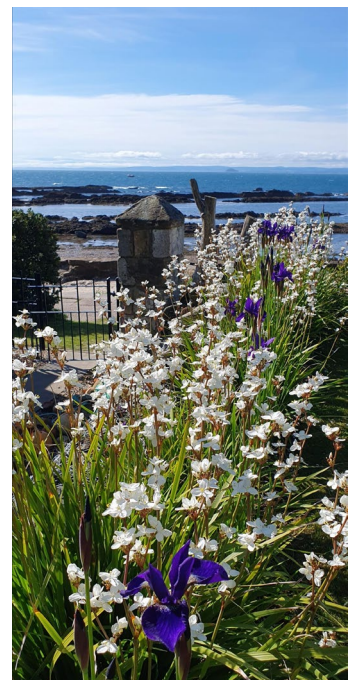
Seabeach,

West Shore, Pittenweem KY10 2NU: 11am–7pm

Easter Kellie Cottage

KY10 2RF: 11am–7pm

Don't forget Pittenweem's own open gardens event: Gardens in the Burgh on Saturday and Sunday 13 and 14 June from 12 to 5pm. More details in next month's issue.



Easter Kellie Cottage

Seabeach

LENNON LEAVES THE LOCAL

The end of an era! On Thursday 23 April we bid the fondest of farewells to Michael, known by nearly everyone as Lennon, from the West End Bar. Oonagh and I bought the West End in December 2017 and Lennon joined us just six months later. Eight years. Pre-COVID, post-COVID. Hard to believe!

Were we sad when Lennon told us he was leaving, to move up to Aberdeen? Yes, of course. But our main emotion is happiness; we're delighted that Michael is making the move to start the next big chapter in his life. (We hear a woman may be involved too....)

As the old saying goes, Pittenweem's loss is Aberdeen's gain. This was abundantly clear from the crowd who turned out on 23 April for his last evening's shift (a shift where for once he could sit on the other side of the bar while Oonagh dispensed the necessary). Generous warm feeling, the phrase 'the best barman in the East Neuk' heard many times during the evening.

What makes a great bartender? It might appear simple but it's not. You need to be friendly and professional. You have to give every customer a warm welcome (isn't it amazing how often this doesn't happen?), you need to pour the drinks well, and enjoy a bit of chat over the bar, but you also need to be confident, not be messed around, and be prepared to do bit of gentle enforcement when needed. And maybe the hardest ask? Cutting someone off when they've had enough. Never easy. Lennon ticks all those boxes with aplomb. No mean feat!

Now, Lennon's leaving means that for the time being the kitchen is closed and the gorgeous Oonagh will be leading the bar with a bit of help from me. The hospitality job market is abysmal so we'll see what changes, but just to let you know.

So, finally, we say to Michael, fare ye well. The Granite City awaits your cheery heft!

Tim Findlay-Coulson



Our very own Pittenweem leprechaun, Michael; photo courtesy of Tim Findlay-Coulson

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www.thirstybooks.com

TEXTILE EXHIBITION AT THE FISHERIES MUSEUM, ANSTRUTHER

Pins and Needles: Domestic, Decorative Craft from the Fishing Community, 3 April to 18 August 2026

This exhibition showcases previously unseen or rarely seen items from the museum's textile collection that illustrate the skill and care taken by makers of domestic crafts from the late 19th into the 20th century.

Crafting skills, including hand-spinning, weaving and sewing to produce clothes and coverings, were essential in Scottish homes from at least medieval times. Handlooms and spinning wheels retained their importance in more remote coastal and rural communities long after they became almost decorative 'props' in wealthier urban houses, but over the course of the nineteenth century industrialisation made shop-bought goods including textiles more widely available and enabled more time to be allocated to less utilitarian home-making.



Women in fishing and agricultural communities always had extra jobs to do including net-mending and sock-knitting – rarely getting to the point of being 'haund-idle' – but as we move closer to the more mechanised era we find examples of craft for decoration and thus evidence for at least a little leisure time. What we are looking at in this exhibition is the development of craft for purposes other than the practical ones of being dressed and keeping warm – craft to demonstrate knowledge and virtue, craft for decoration, craft to 'civilise' and 'feminise' the home.

Entry is included with general museum admission. For more information contact jen@scotfishmuseum.org or call 01333 310628.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Easter Tea Party total

Our Easter Tea Party was successful beyond our wildest hopes and raised £2656.70 for Cancer Research UK. We were overwhelmed by the response and would like to extend our thanks to everyone who contributed, in so many ways, especially those who provided generous raffle prizes, beautiful tableware, incredible baking and in particular those who worked so hard on the day.

Fay Smith and Aileen Campbell

Cruden Homes development: information sharing walk-in (see also p.11)

On Wednesday 20 May from 4pm to 6pm Cruden Homes will hold an information sharing walk-in event at the New Town Hall. Residents are invited to come and hear about the plans and timelines for construction, as well as information on sales. Sales information can also be found at www.cruden.co.uk/homes/developments/neukhaven-green-pittenweem or contact Cruden on 01333 400331; email: neukhavengreen@cruden.co.uk

Speed limit amendment

The introduction of a 40mph speed limit on the A917 between the east side of St Monans and the B942 junction west of Pittenweem has been approved by the NE Fife Area Committee. The aim is to make speed limits more consistent and provide safer access to homes and businesses along this stretch of road.



Bottlenose dolphin calf; photo courtesy of Mònica Arso Civil

WHALES AND DOLPHINS IN THE FORTH

April has been a really busy month in the Forth with a very varied species count. Three different dolphin types were spotted: common, bottlenose and orca. On the whale front we started the month with a group of sperm whales and in the last few days we have had reported sightings of humpbacks and also fin whales. You never know what May will bring so keep an eye open to try and catch a glimpse of our next visitors to the waters of the Forth.

David Thomson

PATHHEAD GARDEN CENTRE

If it's a wee while since you've visited Pathhead, the well-established garden centre between Pittenweem and St Monans, then prepare to be blown away. Already well known to anyone lucky enough to have a garden, Pathhead changed hands in September 2024, and new owner Fiona Pratt has not stood still. Her focus is still on producing plants that will thrive in our coastal climate but she will also produce plants that will delight visitors from further afield. She knows folk need basket liners and gardening gloves but also like to be surprised by the gifts found in the new reception area and shop.

All the old favourites can be found, with a stunning collection of Ranunculus currently gladdening the eye. Perennials are located in their own outside area, and thousands of annuals, including Zinnia, Cosmos and sunflowers, are situated at the back close to the area where they are grown. Shrubs have their own section, hooked up to an irrigation system, and the selection of trees has been expanded. Cut flowers are being grown – Peony, Alstroemeria and Dahlia to name a few. The hanging baskets and tubs, some of them made by the St Andrews Men's Shed, are ready to be planted out for local villages over the next few weeks.

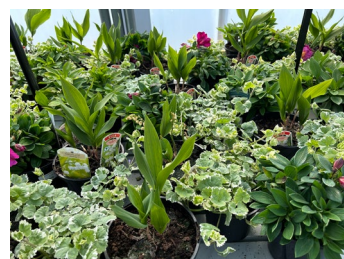
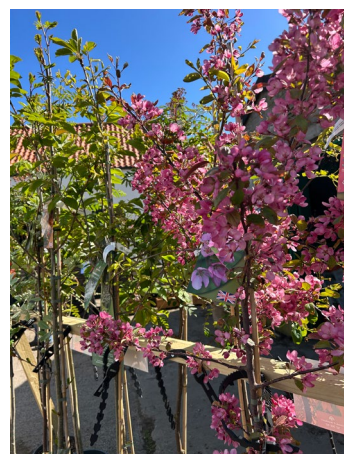
Fiona takes pride in her focus on local talent – the flowers at the entrance were painted by a St Monans graffiti artist, and another talented local looks after social media. The four permanent and the seasonal staff all live nearby. She believes in making things as eco as possible: willows are being planted so that Christmas wreaths can be made without the need to buy in and compostable pots are on sale. The polytunnels have been refurbished, thanks to help from Grangemuir Farm.



A new compost system helps prevent waste. And Fiona's builder husband can clearly turn his hand to anything.

Brought up on an Angus farm, with a father who was not afraid to try out new ideas, Fiona took a degree in agriculture and then developed her business experience, working in various offices from Scottish Widows to CR Smith. Latterly she ran Bibi's Bakery and Café, where she met Susan, her friend of 17 years, who runs the newly opened Potting Shed, offering a wide range of coffees, teas and smoothies alongside homemade sandwiches, cakes and scones, with indoor seating available. Fiona is excited about other projects to come onstream: a bee area with grass and wildflowers will produce Pathhead honey, and next year sample gardens including a pond-based garden will help customers to form ideas. Expert Calum Clunie will run horticultural advice sessions on Saturdays in May.

Pathhead is much more than a garden centre: ideally situated on the coastal path, it's a place to stroll and relax, sit over a coffee, enjoy the displays and envisage what's possible in our own gardens, inspired by plants looking for an East Neuk home.



RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

This year's London Marathon saw tens of thousands of people running for a cause and the East Neuk was well represented. Wendy Chamberlain MP raised an incredible £7300 for two charities dear to her heart. PANS PANDAS UK does vital work to raise awareness and improve diagnosis and care for children with neuropsychiatric conditions, while Fife Carers Centre provides essential advice and support to unpaid carers across our community.

Meanwhile a dedicated team of East Neuk residents, including Ewan Cameron, Audrey Wishart and Victoria Crozier from Pittenweem and four runners from Cellardyke, raised thousands of pounds in support of Guide Dogs. With them ran volunteer Danny Rooney, soon to welcome and train his 20th Guide Dogs puppy; each Guide Dog costs an estimated £102,000 over its lifetime.

The runners trained in really challenging conditions, be they the bitter winds and rain over our recent winter by the coast, or early morning and late evening runs through London streets for Wendy, but they shared an enormous sense of achievement as they crossed the finishing line, motivated by the organisations they supported and the encouragement of everyone who backed them all the way.



East Neuk runners



Wendy Chamberlain MP

Donations can be made to Guide Dogs via the team's JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/page/fifeguidedogs

Details on PANS PANDAS UK can be found at <https://panspandasuk.org> and on Fife Carers Centre at www.fifecarerscentre.org

An illustration of a market stall. The top shelf holds various kitchen items: a blue patterned vase with wooden spoons, a whisk, a blue plate, a blue cup, a blue bowl, a blue mug, a blue bottle, and a blue jar. The middle shelf holds a red jar, a yellow jar, a bag of sugar, a blue jar, and a bunch of red and green vegetables. The bottom shelf holds a blue teapot, a blue vase with yellow flowers, a potted plant, and a basket of fresh produce including carrots and green beans. The text 'BOWHOUSE' is written in large yellow letters across the middle, and 'NEXT MARKET MAY 9TH & 10TH' is written in yellow text to the right of the middle shelf.

NEWS FROM BALCASKIE

If anyone has been to Bowhouse over the past few months you will see that we have been undertaking work in our garden area out to the front of the main building. These dilapidated outbuildings are currently being converted into a bar, BBQ and smokery for serving within this space and providing Stocks Events, one of the onsite businesses based at Bowhouse, an additional event catering space.

We are also currently working to develop a selection of 'incubator units' based at Bowhouse, which will be small spaces for micro or start-up businesses from converted shipping containers with the first three businesses hopefully moving in within the next couple of months.

CALL FOR CRAFTERS!

Pittenweem Community Crafts invites makers to a friendly drop-in session on Saturday 23 May from 11am to 1pm at the Festival Office, 47 High Street in Pittenweem. This relaxed session is open to everyone, whatever your craft or level of experience. Bring along your own project or make use of the group's stash of materials.

Creations are encouraged to reflect this year's theme, 'This Farming Life'. Items made and donated will be sold during Pittenweem Arts Festival with proceeds supporting The Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) and Crossroads (Fife), helping these charities to continue their good work in our communities.



Come along, get creative, take a sneaky peek at some of the items already made and have a cup of tea!

**Pittenweem
Community
Crafts**

PITTENWEEN COMMUNITY CRAFTS

DROP-IN SESSION

Date – Saturday 23rd May 2026
11AM – 1PM

Venue – Festival Office, High Street, Pittenweem

Bring your project or get some inspiration

We are creating handmade items to sell for charity

This year's crafting theme is
This Farming Life



Charities are RHET & Crossroads (Fife)

RHET
 Crossroads (Fife)

The Priory Singers Present

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Talitha Kearey, soprano
Alex Hayes, tenor
Jim Tribble, piano
Sarah Moerman, director

Featuring Scots Singer and Performer
Lynne Campbell

*Music by Haydn, Faure,
Tippett, and more!*

Crail Parish Church
Saturday 9 May
at 7.30pm



TICKETS

Tickets available online, from a choir member, or at the door
£12/£5 concession; children under 12 free

Generously supported by Fife Council Local Community Planning and by the Helen Main Trust

**St Adrian's East Neuk
Church of Scotland
Pittenweem,
Anstruther & Cellardyke**

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 Street
Wednesdays
10.00 - 11.30 am

Special thanks to all our 'regulars' supporting
Local groups, Charities and the Parish Churches

All Welcome
Come along and support us.

THE WEST BRAES PROJECT

Our 2026 season got off to a great start over Easter with lots of visitors enjoying a game of crazy golf, visiting the refreshments hut and having a dip in the pool. Thank you to the Easter Bunny who also paid us a visit! We will be open on the Monday school holiday 1 June but apart from that we'll be open weekends only from 11am – 5pm until the school summer holidays. Dates and times depend on the weather and volunteer availability so please message us via Facebook or email to check.

Our new railings are in place around the changing area and look amazing. We are still planning to clear the pool area of rocks before the summer holidays and dates for this will appear on social media and in future issues of the Post.

Painting of the crazy golf course has also begun, and we look forward to seeing this refreshed over the coming weeks. Thank you to all our sponsors again this year. We are also grateful to Cadie, one of our junior volunteers, who produces items for us to sell at the hut. These are very popular so come along to see what she has been making.

A date for your diary – Saturday 18 July is our Strawberry Fayre. Burgers, home baking and games from 12pm. All welcome!

We are always looking for new volunteers to help – whether at the hut, painting our crazy golf course, completing funding applications, gardening



Photos courtesy of West Braes volunteers

or maintenance. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please get in touch at thewestbraesproject@gmail.com. We also welcome supervised younger volunteers who can gain hours towards the Saltire Award – more information available from the Project.

Mairi Kerrigan

Anstruther Harbour Festival Fundraiser

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 15th May @ Anstruther Bowling Club
Doors Open 7pm. Quiz starts 7.30pm

Prizes & Raffle!!

£5 per person entry. Maximum 4 players per team

Tickets available from Pets Pantry Anstruther or on the door.

Email to reserve a table: contact@anstrutherharbourfestival.org

Celebrate World Environment Day and World Oceans Day 2026

Largo Blue Space Festival Spotlight on Forth Conservation

6–7 June 2026, Aurrie Mor, Lower Largo, Fife

A two-day community festival shining a light on conservation in our coastal backyard.

Meet the organisations caring for Largo Bay & the Firth of Forth.

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- Get stuck into citizen science
- Make things in creative workshops
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PRETTY PITTENWEEM – A NEW PROJECT

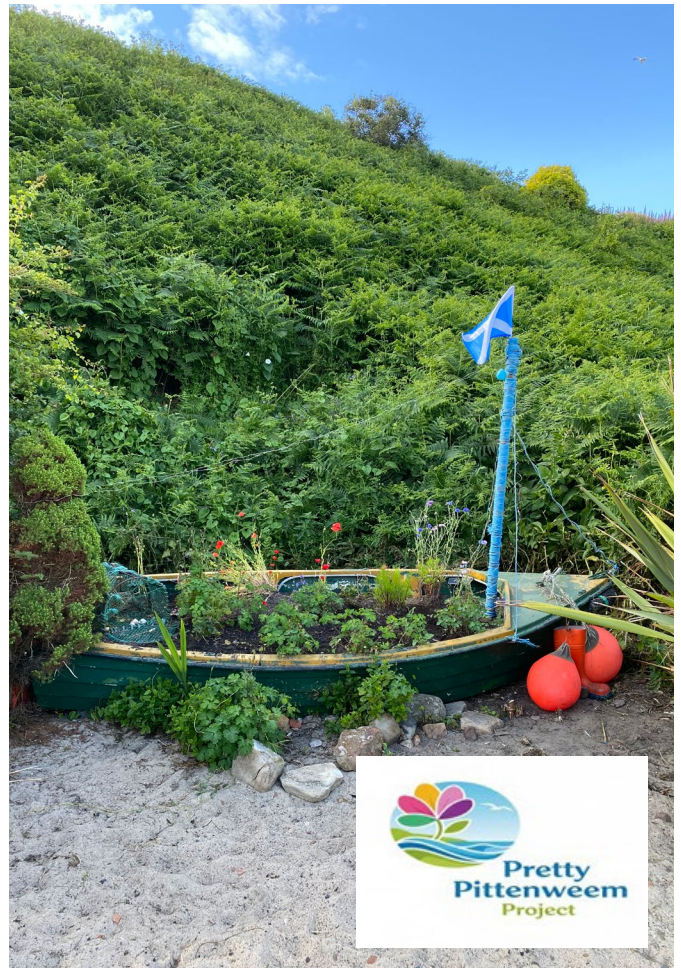
The Pretty Pittenweem Project is a new group set up to repair and renew the planters, pots and boats that are not already being cared for within the village. We have already met with the Community Council and we held our first group meeting in April where we looked at the planters along the shore. Thanks to everyone who came along and braved the wet and windy weather on our stroll.

We are working with the Community Council to secure available funds for gardening projects in the village and hope to be completing our first few planters in the coming weeks. Thanks to Janet Dick et al. at the Community Council for their ongoing support.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who wishes to join us in 'making Pittenweem Pretty again' and invite suggestions regarding plants that might thrive in our sunny seaside climate too.

Please get in touch with us at prettypittenweemproject@gmail.com, and look out for more photos of our work on our Facebook page ([10](#)) [The Pretty Pittenweem Project](#) | [Facebook](#) New members welcome!

The Pretty Pittenweem Project



Pegeen Flaherty's life is turned upside down when a young man walks into her pub claiming that he's killed his father. Instead of being shunned, the killer becomes a local hero and begins to win hearts, that is until a second man unexpectedly arrives on the scene...

'A sumptuous production, rich in detail, craft and spectacle' Guardian

'Two of Ireland's best-loved comic actors go head-to-head' Independent.

Wednesday, 3 June - 7.00 pm
Crail Community Hall - BYOB
Tickets £14

www.craillcommunityhall.co.uk



HIGHLAND DANCE CLASSES COMING TO CRAIL!

THE SARAH HENDRY SCHOOL OF DANCE IS BRINGING HIGHLAND DANCE TO CRAIL COMMUNITY HALL ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 4PM WITH KATHRYN

STARTING 14TH MAY

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!
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07954422860

SHELF LIFE

A community library is a beautiful thing. I say this as a Pittenweem resident newbie, glad to have been invited to become a temporary member of Pittenweem Library while on sojourn from London. I love a browse, but mostly in a bookshop, as local London libraries are few and far between. I love the serendipity.

At Pittenweem Pens the other week, one of our group mentioned *Wuthering Heights* as we rambled on about 'unreliable narrators'. My 16-year-old self had been enraptured by the book, but I had no recollection of unreliable narrators (not one but two, as it happens, in *WH*). Had I forgotten? I made a mental note to buy a copy to reread.

However, browsing the Library's shelves a week or so later, not really looking for anything in particular, lo and behold, a wonderfully earthy, green, hard-backed *Wuthering Heights*, complete with pages with deckled edges, was nestled there, right next to *Jane Eyre*, on what must be the Brontë shelf.

Thrilled to see that it was unabridged, I took it to a lovely volunteer to stamp, only to find that, apparently, it wasn't on the system. In fact, a barcode on an inside page had it as belonging to Waid Academy. A mini mystery! I was allowed to borrow it, though, and it felt like even more of a find.

When I returned it, turns out the book had found its way to the Library after Waid Academy moved from its old site in 2017.

But I felt I had personally discovered it on the shelves, and rediscovered it in rereading it. Surely it was meant for me.

There's always a story behind the story, and none more so than in a library, where books change hands, and the power of the community is tangible.

Rowena Goldman, Writer/Producer

PITTENWEEM ARTS FESTIVAL AGM TO TAKE PLACE ON 16 MAY

The Pittenweem Arts Festival will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 10am, Saturday 16 May 2026 at The Art Rooms, 47 High Street, Pittenweem.

The AGM is a key part of the Festival's governance, providing an opportunity to review the past year's activities, financial position and organisational matters. Attendees will hear reports from the Board and gain an overview of how the Festival is managed as a community-led charity. While the focus of the meeting is on governance and accountability, there will also be a brief, high-level update on plans for this year's Festival.

The meeting is open to all, and anyone with an interest in the Festival is welcome to attend. Further details, including supporting papers, can be found on our website:

www.pittenweemartsfestival.co.uk

CRAIL COMMUNITY CHOIR
with **Ben Smart** soloist present a

SUMMER CONCERT
in **CRAIL PARISH CHURCH**

Friday 22nd May
at 7.30pm

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SUMMER CONCERT WITH BEN SMART

Crail Community Choir, founded in 2013, has been bringing people together through song for over a decade. Meeting for two seasons each year – spring and autumn – the choir rehearses on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in Crail Kirk Hall, where they sing music of all styles.

This season's theme, Pop to Broadway, promises something for everyone. From the soulful sounds of Adele and the rock anthems of Elton John to the sparkle of musical theatre from some favourite shows, the choir and guest soloist will present a vibrant and varied programme. Join us for an evening of uplifting music at our concert on 22 May at 7.30pm in Crail Church.

We are delighted to welcome back tenor soloist Ben Smart from Kingsbarns, who has previously captivated audiences with his powerful yet sensitive performances in a host of different venues.

This promises to be a memorable evening of music, showcasing local talent and a wonderful range of styles – perfect for music lovers of all tastes.

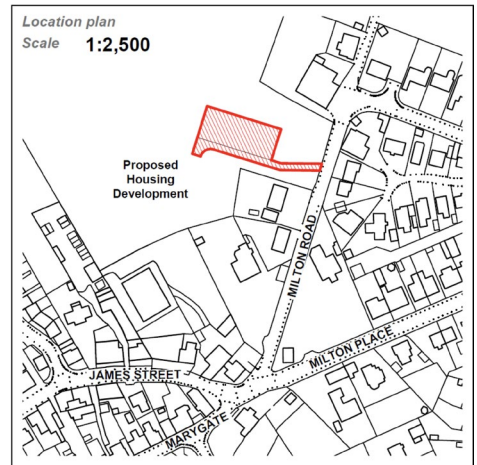
CRUDEN HOMES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN PITTENWEEM

The public consultation on the request for a short-term let of Common Good land at Milton Road has been considered by Fife Council.

60 representations were submitted and a report considered at the North East Area Committee meeting on 22 April.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. The let is approved for 18 months and the Pittenweem Common Good fund will be paid £27,000.
2. Access for heavy goods vehicles and safety were major issues and it has been agreed that vehicles will obtain access from James Street via Milton Road South and will exit via Milton Road North as shown on the map.



Maps taken from the report

Map showing land to be let outlined in red

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL



The Pittenweem Community Council meeting on 15 April 2026 focused on taking forward several ongoing initiatives, including plans for a post-decision public information session on the Cruden Homes development, continued recruitment for the NnG community funding panel, and further development of the council's website as a central information hub. Key discussions addressed governance and allocation of legacy community funds (particularly for the Pretty Pittenweem group), concerns about recycling transparency, and strengthening local emergency planning through ENCEPT. Updates also covered delays to Scottish Water works, preparation for the upcoming AGM (seen as an opportunity to recruit new members), and a modest annual grant application. Broader governance issues were prominent, including the management and transparency of Common Good funds and scrutiny of a proposed sauna development on Common Good land. Across topics, there was a consistent emphasis on improving communication, transparency, and community engagement, alongside a range of agreed actions to advance these aims. Full minutes are available at www.pittenweemcc.org.uk/

The PCC AGM will take place on Wednesday 20 May at 7:30pm in the New Town Hall. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

POETRY GROUP
PITTENWEEM LIBRARY

EAST POETICS

Email - eastpoetics@gmail.com

Are you a lover of words, a secret sonneteer, or perhaps someone who finds solace in the rhythm of free verse poetry? If so, we invite you to East Poetics, an inclusive space for adults, where all poetic forms are welcome. Whether your passion lies in the strict meter of a haiku, the powerful narrative of a slam, or calm piece, the lyrical flow of a villanelle, or the untamed spirit of experimental poetry, we embrace it all, join us.

Where: Pittenweem Library
When: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm
Email to register: eastpoetics@gmail.com

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HEARING AID BATTERIES FROM THE LIBRARY

Pittenweem library is a distribution point for NHS hearing aid batteries. There has been some confusion recently over the supply to other outlets but the library will continue to stock P312 and P13 batteries.

Everyone who uses NHS hearing aids can pick up 2 packs per hearing aid free of charge. The library is open Monday and Wednesday 2pm to 5pm, and Friday and Saturday 10am to 1pm.

We are pleased to assist with this important service.



H is for Hawk (Cert 12A)

Sunday 7th June
Doors 6.15pm for 6.45pm screening

After the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), Helen (Claire Foy) seeks solace in the ancient art of falconry, training a wild goshawk named Mabel to help navigate her profound loss.

As she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life. What begins as an act of endurance transforms into an intimate journey of resilience and healing.

Part of a season of fantastic films at Dreel Halls organised by Anstruther Improvements Association.

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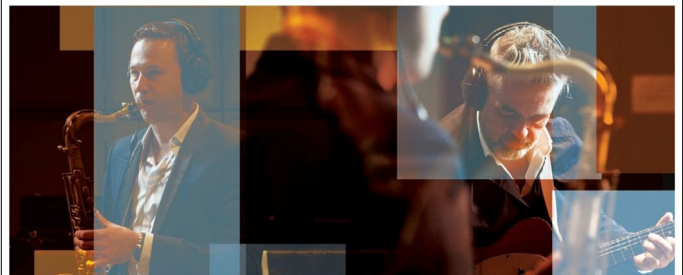
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