

# Pittenweem Post

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## ICONIC FISHING BOAT LAUNCH OUT TO BE SOLD

The *Launch Out* was designed and built sixty years ago by James N. Miller & Sons, boatbuilders of St Monans, and launched on St Andrew's Day 1966. Advertised as a new type of boat, she was the first of the transom stern fishing boats built for Pittenweem and has since been skippered by three generations of the Wood family. An oral history interview for the Scottish Fisheries Museum records that this wooden boat with her beautiful lines has proved herself capable of upgrading with additional power machinery without affecting her seaworthiness.

Her first skipper and owner was Willie Wood, whose son Jim served three years as a cadet in the Merchant Navy before joining the crew of the *Launch Out* in 1973. When Willie died Jim took over as skipper when he was only 24 years old. Years of prosperity followed, fishing in the traditional fishing grounds off the east coast and at least fifteen seasons in the west, fishing out of Mallaig in the waters of the Minch and around the island of Mull. Eventually in the mid 1990s the inshore fishing came to an end and the boats went over to prawns. Now, as Jim Wood explains below, her fishing days are over.

### THE END OF AN ERA

It is the end of an era for the Wood Family fishing out of Pittenweem. Due to being unable to get a crew, the *Launch Out* KY 374 will be put up for sale. She is sixty years old but has an MCA certificate until 2030. However, there is more chance she will be 'cut up' rather than sold.



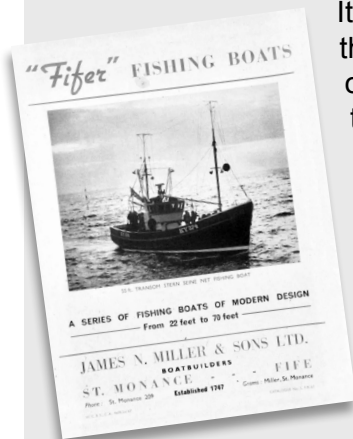
*Launch Out as it looks today*

My father had the *Launch Out* built in St Monans in 1966. I took over as skipper in 1979 after my father died. I remained in the wheelhouse until December 2018 and then my son took over until the present day.

There are very few trawlers left in Pittenweem but hopefully the boats that are left can continue to make a living for themselves. My son has managed to get a job still involved with the sea running crew transfer boats up at Hound Point at South Queensferry.

**Jim Wood**

*Our thanks to Willie McNaughton and Ronnie Hughes for some of the information, which originally appeared in Tales from the East Neuk (2021), published by Pittenweem Fishermen's Memorial Association. You can read more about the history of Launch Out and the Wood family on pp142–145 of the Tales, available to buy at the Hub and other outlets, or you can borrow a copy from Pittenweem Community Library.*



*Launch Out as it looked in the past*

**Huge thanks to a generous library member for sponsoring this issue of the Post.**

## PITTENWEEM: GARDENS IN THE BURGH 2026



Every two years Pittenweem gardeners open their gardens to the public – to raise money for charity and also to share their love of plants and gardens with visitors from near and far. This weekend twelve gardens will be open – more than ever before – and they are hugely varied in size and style. Small and large, sheltered behind stone walls or exposed to the wild salt winds, flat gardens and terraced gardens, patio gardens and cottage gardens.

In spite of the vagaries of the climate in the East Neuk an amazing range of plants can flourish here.

Visitors will discover a stunning array of beautiful irises, inspirational pot planting, traditional flower borders, innovative ways to grow vegetables – and of course spectacular sea views. Two of the gardens have plants for sale; and two others offer tea and cake, and strawberries and cream.

Last time, in spite of torrential rain, a total of £1500 was raised. This year the proceeds will be shared between the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Alzheimer's Scotland (60%) and Scotland's Gardens Scheme (40%).

The gardens will be open on Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 June from 12pm to 5pm. Tickets £8.00 (children free) with maps will be on sale, during the garden opening hours only, from the Pittenweem Arts Festival office at 47 High Street and from a few of the gardens. If you buy a ticket on Saturday you are welcome to visit the gardens on both days. Please remember to bring cash with you as there are no cash machines in the burgh. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome except where signs indicate otherwise. The gardeners of Pittenweem look forward to welcoming you.

## PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY CRAFTS



Thank you to all the talented crafters who have donated beautiful handmade items to sell at this year's Pittenweem Arts Festival. We already have a wonderful selection, including knitting, crochet, sewing and many other creative crafts.

By helping us raise funds for the Royal Highland Education Trust and Crossroads Fife, you are supporting the valuable work these charities do in our community.

If you'd like to donate an item inspired by the theme 'This Farming Life', you can hand it in at the Woolly Brew on High Street. You can also get in touch or see photos of some of the fabulous items already made by visiting our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Crafting not your thing? Don't worry! You can still support us during Festival week when you'll find us upstairs at Coastline Community Church, where you can browse, buy a gift or treat yourself.

**Nicola Young**

## JOHN WALLACE TRIBUTE AT EAST NEUK FESTIVAL

A special performance of Stockhausen's five-trumpet *Donnerstags–Abschied* (Thursday–Farewell), paying tribute to the late John Wallace, has been confirmed as part of this year's East Neuk Festival (1–5 July). John Wallace, who died earlier this year, was a vital participant in the musical life in Fife and a regular collaborator with the festival. He took a lead role in three of the festival's Big Projects and worked closely with StAMP, St Andrews University's outreach programme, which has been part of the festival since its inception.

Speaking about the forthcoming performances, planned for Saturday 4 July at sunset outdoors (location tba) and as part of the Closing Concert on Sunday 5 July at 4pm at the Bowhouse, Festival Director Svend McEwan-Brown said:

*Donnerstags–Abschied* is a piece that John and I discussed often, as part of the festival's programme but sadly never achieved. I am sad that John is not here to play it, but deeply grateful to trumpeter Marco Blaauw and the other musicians who have come together at short notice to perform in his stead.

I had the privilege of working with John in many different contexts, but it was always on our Fife projects that I felt the profoundest admiration and respect for his talent and commitment to music, community, the brass players of the world, and (especially) young musicians.

That this musician of worldwide fame could quite happily sit beside a young player in a barn in Fife, to support them through their early performing experience, says much about what a special man he was, and how much we all owe him.

The sunset performance on Saturday 4 July is free and open to everyone. As an outdoor event it is subject to the weather, but it will be filmed and East Neuk Festival plans to make it available to view online after the event. For updates on this event and for details of its location (tba), please send us your details via the contact form on the festival website, and we will keep in touch <https://eastneukfestival.com/stay-in-touch/>

The performance at the Closing Concert on Sunday 5 July at 4pm is ticketed – for more information and to book tickets to other music events at this year's East Neuk Festival visit [www.eastneukfestival.com](http://www.eastneukfestival.com).

**Emma Henderson**



John Wallace performing in Thunderplump ENF Big Project 2022. (Credit Neil Hanna)

## GARDEN OPEN FOR CHARITY

### Balcarres

Colinsburgh KY9 1HN

**Sunday 5 July**

2pm - 5pm

£7.50, children free  
for St Monan's 1875 Memorial Garden  
and Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Homemade Teas

Full details here:



[scotlandsgardens.org](http://scotlandsgardens.org)

Scotland's  
**GARDENS**  
Scheme  
OPEN FOR CHARITY

Scottish Charity No. SC049866

## MY BROTHER'S SECOND CHANCE

In 2020 my brother Paul, aged just 47, suffered a cardiac arrest that could so easily have ended in tragedy. The fact that he is still with us and enjoying his second chance at life is thanks to the quick thinking, courage and determination of three remarkable individuals: his wife Kelly, his son Derry and his neighbour Colin.

When every second mattered, between the three of them they administered CPR, got the nearest defibrillator and of course dialled 999. Their quick reactions quite literally gave Paul his only chance of survival and 100% saved his life. It is impossible to thank someone for the greatest gift imaginable, the life of your loved one, but thank you!

Paul was shocked six times before the ambulance arrived, spent three days in an induced coma and Kelly was told to prepare herself for the worst. But the care Paul received from the NHS was nothing short of outstanding: the first responders, the ambulance crews, and the doctors and nurses at Ninewells Hospital. And thanks to what's known as the chain of survival, begun by Kelly, Derry and Colin, Paul miraculously made a full recovery. We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated and wonderful people working within the NHS.

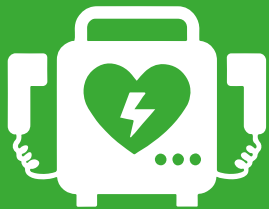


Derry, Kelly, Paul and Colin

Paul's story has just featured on STV's *Scotland Tonight* programme and the purpose of sharing his story again is to shine a light on the importance of CPR awareness and, equally importantly, knowing the exact location of the nearest defibrillator. Paul's experience is a powerful reminder that cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere and at any age; knowing how to perform CPR can mean the difference between life and death.

This short story will hopefully encourage people to educate themselves in these potentially lifesaving skills and for me to thank everyone involved again for giving us Paul back.

**Laura Hughes**



## DEFIBRILLATORS IN PITTENWEEM

### The Hub

7 Market Place KY10 2PH

### GP Surgery

2 Routine Row KY10 2LG

### Bowling Club

25 Viewforth Place KY10 2PZ

### Harbour, Mid Shore

KY10 2NJ

### West Braes - Toilet Block

KY10 2PT

### West Braes - Tidal Pool

KY10 2PT

Celebrate the  
*Summer Solstice*  
at the  
ancient Priory  
of Pittenweem

SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2026

DRINKS & NIBBLES  
*in the Garden*

ENTRY BY DONATION

5PM  
*in the Garden*  
OF THE GREAT HOUSE

6PM  
*Recital*  
IN ST. JOHN'S,  
PITTENWEEM

Join us to celebrate the Summer Solstice with drinks, nibbles and good company.

Music for a summer evening, including "SUMMER IS A COMING IN" an ancient folk song composed at Reading Abbey who formed a religious community on the Isle of May.

MUSIC BY  
**ROBIN BELL**

Scottish Charity No. SC010982

## ST MONANS HERITAGE COLLECTION

Behind the blue doors at 5 West Shore, St Monans, lies an Aladdin's cave of treasures, large and small.

No anchors (yet), but plenty of needles – the wooden kind, used for net-mending – and a multitude of items associated with fishing and boat-building, which were at the heart of life in the town from at least the 18th century until well into the 20th. We have model fishing boats, logbooks and sea-chests; knitted ganseys and pink woollen long-johns. There are leather sheaths used by the womenfolk to steady their needles as they knitted for their men, and gifts brought back by the fishermen from places like Scarborough and Yarmouth for their wives and girlfriends. We also have detailed records of the three boat-building yards which St Monans boasted in its heyday.

Not for nothing is the town's motto 'Mare Vivimus' (We live by the sea); but the Collection reflects much more than just our maritime past. There are hundreds, possibly thousands of photographs in addition to the key collection of William Easton images which give an unparalleled insight into life in an East Neuk fishing village more than a hundred years ago.

St Monans was known as 'The Holy City' because of its many churches and religious groups, and we have many church records and artefacts. School items include jotters, textbooks, nib pens and all but one volume of the daily logbook kept by head teachers from 1872 until 1969. We have objects related to local shops and businesses, the football club, the harbour, the railway station – far too much to specify here.

The Heritage Centre was opened by Mrs Elsie Fyall on 3 July 1999, and for the next twenty years was ably curated by retired head teacher Ian Reekie, who, with former Provost Jimmy Braid, had been instrumental in starting the project. A dedicated team of volunteers welcomed members of the public and hosted a special exhibition every year on a wide variety of themes.



Heritage Collection, front room



5 West Shore, St Monans

Covid put an end to all of this in 2020, and by the time it was past Ian Reekie was no longer able, for health reasons, to take up the reins again. Billy Morris, a passionate supporter of the Heritage Centre and a one-man treasure-trove of information and stories, kept things going over the next few years with help from a small group of loyal volunteers.

Little by little, new helpers have joined the team, so that we are now able to open most days between Easter and October. In 2025 we welcomed almost 4,000 visitors, each with their own story to tell of family connections with the town, holidays spent here in the past or curiosity about the place where they have come to live.

It is the stories that bring the objects and documents to life: stories of ordinary people and of a surprising number of famous people associated with the town. For further information, see our Facebook group, our brand-new website or, better still, come to visit us at 5 West Shore.

**J Mary Henderson**

**Scan for our opening hours and more information about the Collection.**



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



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



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## THIRSTY BOOKS

Anyone passing along Viewforth cannot fail to spot the striking specially made sign: DIVERSION. BOOKS, directing you to Thirsty Books, a wonderful independent bookshop. What was once a stable belonging to the Williamson family is now a warm and bright space lined with modern shelving and offering books of every genre. Seán Bradley the owner believes firmly in recycling and keeping books in circulation with a full range of good quality new and pre-loved books on offer. It's hard to believe Thirsty Books only opened in December. Since then Seán has had lots of great conversations about books and reading with locals, tourists and families, and he enjoys helping folk to dispense with their libraries. Popular is the tempting £1 box for those on the move: 'ONE LAST READ. Perfect for stuffing in a rucksack!'

Seán, who hails from Co. Cork, has lived in Scotland for most of his adult life. In 2021 he and his wife, Janet, moved from the Grassmarket in Edinburgh to Pittenweem here in the East Neuk, an area already well known to them both. A careers advisor for 30 years with a particular interest in working with those with additional support needs, Seán launched the poetry/ short fiction magazine *Deliberately Thirsty*, which took him into publishing with his old friend Derek Rodger of Argyll Publishing in the 1990s – and he's never stopped. Under his Thirsty Books imprint, Seán is publishing four books this year. This includes a short history of Alexander Selkirk by Largo writer Ronnie Graham, bringing what's known about 'fiction's first celebrity' up to date.



Seán Bradley

The book will be published in time to celebrate his 350th anniversary at the Selkirk Festival on 22 August. Thirsty Books Edinburgh and Pittenweem also publishes Alan Stewart's popular Wildlife Detective series. Stewart is regarded as the foremost wildlife detective in the country and his account (with a co-author from the Dundee *Courier*) of the recent Aberfeldy murder, *Prologue to Murder*, is on the cards this autumn.

Community life means everything to Seán. Heavily involved in community publishing and the instigator of The Word Bank in Edinburgh which he ran for six years, he is now invested in reading sessions – be they in the West End Bar, just metres from his home, where the popular poetry evenings take place, or looking ahead to readings from *Ulysses* on 16 June, known globally as Bloomsday. Seán is excited to be invited to lead a poetry event in his garden at this year's Arts Festival and he's part of Largo Arts Week in July. He really looks forward to future book readings in Pittenweem. Perhaps with luck we'll see the introduction of Thirsty Lunch – following success with 15 days of 'solid literary dining' as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. This independent publisher has an insatiable thirst.

More information can be found on [www.thirstybooks.com](http://www.thirstybooks.com).

**Jane Forbes**



The Thirsty Book diversion sign

## PITTENWEEM ARTIST WINS ROYAL SCOTTISH ACADEMY AWARD

Pittenweem artist Fay Cardigan (21) has been honoured by The Royal Scottish Academy as winner of The RSA Barns-Graham Travel Award 2026. The award is for £2000 (funded by the Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Trust) for a period of travel outside the UK for the research and development of a new body of work. Fay is planning to travel to Faenza in northern Italy, where she will join its contemporary ceramic scene and further her exploration of combining ceramics with oil painting. She will then be invited to show a selection of her work alongside other award winners at the RSA in Edinburgh. The award also offers the opportunity to donate work to the prestigious RSA Permanent Collections – a Recognised Collection of National Significance to Scotland. Fay graduates from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, Dundee at the end of June and she is looking forward to displaying her latest work at Pittenweem Arts Festival in August.



Fay Cardigan



Kisst - oil painting by Fay

### THIRSTY @ THE WEST END BAR POETRY ANIMALS



Thirsty Books  
presents poetry  
about animals



West End Bar  
Pittenweem.  
Bring a poem!



Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
7pm - 9pm.

Free entry. Limited numbers:  
text 07598323440 or email  
[thirstybooks@hotmail.com](mailto:thirstybooks@hotmail.com) to book  
[www.thirstybooks.com](http://www.thirstybooks.com)

OR POP IN TO THIRSTY BOOKSHOP AT 9 VIEWFORTH PLACE, PITTENWEEM

Scottish  
Book Trust  
inspiring readers and writers



## Bookbug Sessions

Free **story**, **song** and **rhyme** sessions for babies,  
toddlers, pre-school children and their families

**FREE DROP-IN SESSIONS**  
**OUTDOORS DURING THE SUMMER!**

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
starting 6 June  
**9.30-10.00am**

Presented by Pittenweem Community Library  
In the Priory Garden on Cove Wynd.  
(Enter by the gate next to Pittenweem Community Library.)

**BOOKBUG is really fun for small children, their parents, carers and grandparents!**  
After the session you are welcome to read and play together in the Library.

Please email [library@pittcllc.org.uk](mailto:library@pittcllc.org.uk) for more information.  
Sessions will be held indoors during wet weather.

Bookbug Sessions are fully inclusive and open to all families,  
regardless of age, disability, sex, gender identity, race, religion  
or belief, or sexual orientation. A warm welcome awaits you!

To find details of your nearest  
Bookbug Session, please visit  
[scottishbooktrust.com](http://scottishbooktrust.com)  
[/bookbug](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/bookbug)



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## WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

Most of us like a good moan. No shortage of topics: bins, parking, recycling, roads, potholes, sewage, councillors ... But getting your knickers in a twist about stuff you can't do a lot about can drive you round the bend. Imagine if you could unwind those knickers and actually make a difference?



No need for special tools or equipment, just turn up once a month for around 2 hours to chew the fat with people that you might actually know and like (or get to like) – your neighbours. The kind of people who have problems with their bins, parking, recycling, roads, potholes, etc. Imagine what a room full of these kinds of people could do. The entire history of the world has been built on this very thing: ordinary people coming together for the good of their communities, for their families, friends and neighbours.

Belonging to a place means more than just living there. And getting involved is a lot healthier than getting your knickers in a twist, better for you and everyone around you. So come and join us on the third Wednesday of the month, New Town Hall, 7.30pm.

**The next meeting is on 17 June at 7.30pm.**

Talk to us on [Facebook](#)  
Message us at [Pittenweem Community Council](#)

**Janet Dick**

## Pittenweem Community Website

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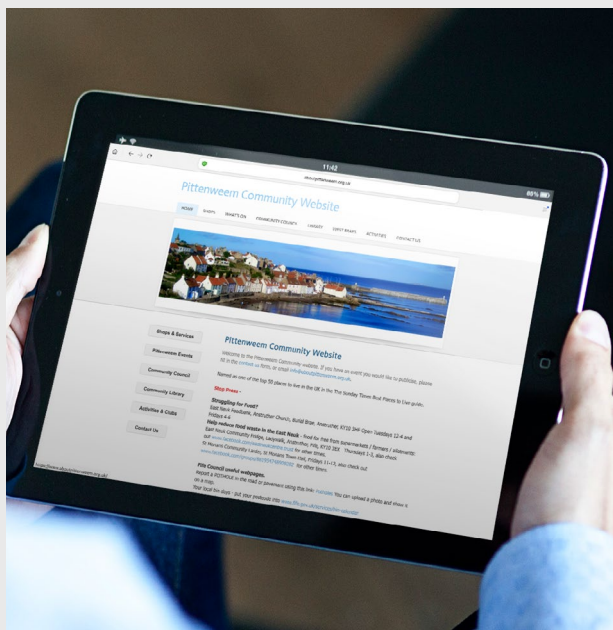
## PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Pittenweem Community Website ([aboutpittenweem.org.uk](http://aboutpittenweem.org.uk)) provides a wealth of information about multiple aspects of life in the village. You can find out about shops and services, places to eat and drink, activities and clubs, and there are handy links to the weather, tide times and shipping, as well as to Pittenweem Community Council and Fife Council services.

The website dates back to at least 2013 and was originally linked to Pittenweem Community Council but is now being run as part of the Community Library information service and managed by Pittenweem resident Neil Skilling.

The website is a work in progress and improvements planned include making it work more effectively on mobile devices. Direct engagement with local businesses aims to ensure that venue entries are accurate and up to date.

If you have any updates, activities that you would like to see listed, or suggestions for content or corrections, please contact Neil via the Contact Us form on the website [aboutpittenweem.org.uk/contact-us](http://aboutpittenweem.org.uk/contact-us) or by email to [info@aboutpittenweem.org.uk](mailto:info@aboutpittenweem.org.uk).



## NnG (Pittenweem) Community Fund

The Neart na Gaoithe (NnG) Community Benefit Fund (Pittenweem) supports community projects benefitting those living in the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council area.

APPLY NOW!

Groups may apply for grants of between **£500 - £1,500** for projects/activities lasting up to **1 year** or multi-year grants for up to **3 years**

**Deadline for applications: 30th June 2026**



For more info, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/NnG-Pittenweem>  
Contact Rae Sedman: 07912 759623  
[rachelsedman@foundationscotland.org.uk](mailto:rachelsedman@foundationscotland.org.uk)



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**PROPOSAL TO ABOLISH NORTH EAST FIFE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Fife Council is considering a proposal to abolish the North East Planning Committee and transfer its responsibilities to a single all-Fife Planning Committee. A final decision is expected on 18 June. Critics argue that the change is being pursued without adequate publicity, consultation or public engagement.

Under the proposal, planning decisions would be made by councillors appointed according to political representation across Fife, reducing the number of North East Fife representatives and weakening local accountability. Residents would have fewer opportunities to raise planning concerns with councillors directly involved in decision-making, potentially limiting local knowledge and community influence.

It can be argued that this would further diminish public participation in a process already perceived as inaccessible, particularly since Fife Council

does not permit public representations at planning committee meetings. It may also be the case that the proposal conflicts with the principles of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, which promotes meaningful community involvement in planning and decision-making.

If you are concerned about what amounts to a further reduction in local democratic engagement with the planning process, a major change which has not had public consultation, contact your local councillors:

Sean Dillon [cllr.sean.dillon@fife.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.sean.dillon@fife.gov.uk)  
 Alycia Hayes [cllr.alycia.hayes@fife.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.alycia.hayes@fife.gov.uk)  
 Fiona Corps [cllr.fiona.corps@fife.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.fiona.corps@fife.gov.uk)

**STOP PRESS – this proposal was put on hold at the last minute because of adverse comments from the community. Other ideas are being considered.**



**Any Questions?**

**Any Questions? comes to Crail Kirk on 12 June.**

All members of our community are warmly invited to join the audience (or of course listen from home), as a panel of guests tackles the week’s big issues in one of Crail’s most historic and welcoming settings.

**This will be a live broadcast, and entrance will be by free ticket only** which can be obtained from

<https://www.ticketsource.com/crail-community-partnership> or <https://bit.ly/4mXQrkc>

or this QR code. Ticket numbers are limited. Doors will open at 6.30pm, and close at 7.15 pm.



The BBC rely on the questions received from the audience on the night to produce the programme every week. The BBC will provide question cards for the audience to write their questions on before the broadcast; you may write as many questions as you wish to ensure a strong range and quality of questions for the broadcast. Audience members can prepare questions in advance or on arrival at the venue.

Great questions do at least one of the following:

- Are TOPICAL - think about what’s been in the news this week.
- REFLECT THE AREA we are in—ask about what matters to you!
- Spark a GREAT DISCUSSION.



VENUE 12 EMILY NOAKES PHOTOGRAPHY




VENUE 13 FAYE ALEXANDER-MACLEOD

VENUE 14 SALTY DOG SILVER- FIONA DENHOLM

**I'M EXHIBITING**  
IN PITTENWEEM

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd June  
Sat 28th & Sun 29th June  
10.30am - 5pm

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



# BOWHOUSE

## OPEN FARM WEEKEND

JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

10am - 4PM




JOIN US THIS JUNE FOR OUR MONTHLY BOWHOUSE MARKET AND ALSO OUR OPEN FARM

## LORIMER AT KELLIE CASTLE & GARDEN

Join Ian Buchanan-Smith at Kellie Castle & Garden to explore the Furniture Designs of Sir Robert Lorimer. This exciting specialist tour will guide you through the childhood home of Sir Robert that inspired his creative process so greatly, highlighting the important pieces of his work that remain within the Castle's collection. Ian will also discuss the relationships built by Sir Robert with two furniture makers, namely Whytock and Reid in Edinburgh, and Wheelers of Arncroach.

The tours will take place at 1.45pm on the first Monday of every month. Tickets are available on the Kellie Castle & Garden Eventbrite page.



*Kellie Castle Garden, photo by Callum Black*



*Whytock and Reid Chest of Drawers*

## THE WEST BRAES PROJECT

Work has continued at the West Braes this month. Thank you to pupils and staff from Pupil Support Services for helping to tidy up the steps down to the pool and clear the sand from the tiers. We really appreciate all your hard work and the difference is amazing!



*Credit Stuart Kerrigan*

Painting of the crazy golf course is now almost complete – thank you to volunteers and sponsors for freshening up our course ready for the summer season.

A reminder that we are open weekends 11 am – 5 pm until the end of June, then every day during the school holidays (subject to volunteer availability and the weather!) – please check Facebook for planned opening.

Dates for your diary – Saturday 18 July 12–3pm Strawberry Fayre. We will also have an information stall at the Anstruther Harbour Festival on Saturday 29 August.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help – whether at the hut, painting our crazy golf course, completing funding applications, gardening or maintenance. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please get in touch – [thewestbraesproject@gmail.com](mailto: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**



# LAUNCH EVENT



## ANSTRUTHER REPAIR CAFE

**2PM - 4PM, SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

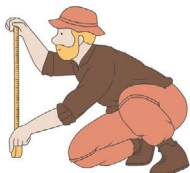
**DREEL HALLS, ANSTRUTHER, KY103DJ**

A REPAIR CAFE IS WHERE VOLUNTEERS HELP FIX BROKEN ITEMS, TEACH OR LEARN NEW SKILLS, WHILE REDUCING WASTE AND GIVING ITEMS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE.

IT'S FREE OF CHARGE, THOUGH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TO COVER COSTS.

A REPAIR CAFE IS ALSO A SOCIAL ACTIVITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN MEET FOR A CUP OF TEA, COFFEE AND HAVE A CHAT IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!



If you might like to help as a volunteer please contact Norman Paterson: [nrp@dog-days.co.uk](mailto:nrp@dog-days.co.uk) or 07772 810 538



# EAST NEUK CHURCH SERVICES

## St Aidan's East Neuk

@ Pittenweem, Anstruther and Cellardyke

Sunday services at 11.30am.

14 June – Cellardyke

21 June – Anstruther

28 June – Pittenweem

5 July – Anstruther

## Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem

Sunday services with Sunday school at 10.30am.

Tel. 01333 312041

<https://coastlinechurch.org.uk/>

## St John's Episcopal Church, Pittenweem

Sunday services at 11.30am.

## St Michael's Episcopal Church, Elie

Sunday services at 9.45am

[www.eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk](http://www.eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk)

## Most Holy Trinity Church, Crail

Sunday Mass at 9.30am.

Wednesday Mass at 12noon.

## Crail Parish Church

Sunday services at 10am.

*Tea & coffee served following the service.*

14 June – Revd David Scott

21 June – Revd Dr Ian McEwan

28 June – Revd Ian Hamilton

Sunday services are 'live' streamed as video recordings, which can be publicly accessed from our YouTube channel, or via the Crail Church website. More information is provided on the notice posted in the church entry vestibule.

*Chatbite every Wednesday in the Kirk Hall 10pm – 12noon. Feel free to pop in – only £3.*

## Kilrenny Parish Church

Sunday services at 9.45am.

Services are recorded and available on the church website, along with additional information on events <https://e-voice.org.uk/kilrenny/>

## Kingsbarns Parish Church

Sunday services at 9.45am.

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# St John's Pittenweem Summer Fayre

IN THE GARDEN OF THE GREAT HOUSE  
PRIORY COURT

**SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2-4pm**

Entry £4 includes tea and cake  
Children under 12 go free!

**3.30pm PRIZE DRAW!**  
Win £100 Cash/Restaurant & Vouchers

**Plants & Produce**

**Baking**

**Water into wine**

**Bric-a-brac**

**Books**

**Tombola**

Please note we are only able to accept cash at this event - thank you!  
St John's Church is a Registered Scottish Charity no SC010982



# Crail Festival Indoor Market



Our stallholders produce a wide variety of quality arts and crafts, including wood, tweed, wool



and fabric products, cards, photography, jewellery, honey, jam, and much more... plus the Festival Café!

**Entry is free!**

**10am - 4pm, Sunday July 26th**

**Crail Community Hall**

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### Rose of Nevada (Cert 15)

Sunday 5th July  
Doors 6.15pm for 6.45pm screening

In Mark Jenkin's new, haunting and unsettling film, fishing boat *Rose of Nevada*, lost at sea for 30 years, mysteriously reappears in its Cornish fishing village home. With a fresh crew, the boat sets out to sea. When the fishermen return, satisfied with their haul, they find they have slipped back in time, and the villagers greet them as if they are the original crew.

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

Refreshments available by donation to the AIA.

Dreeel Halls, High Street West, Anstruther  
Tickets on the door - £6 / £3 under 18s

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BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville (*Phantom Thread*) joins Aidan Turner (*Rivals*) in a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin.

**'Tense, sexy and playful'** *Radio Times*

**'Manville and Turner are simply superb'** *WhatsOnStage*

**Wednesday, 1 July - 7.00 pm**  
**Crail Community Hall - BYOB**  
**Tickets £14**

[www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk](http://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk)



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