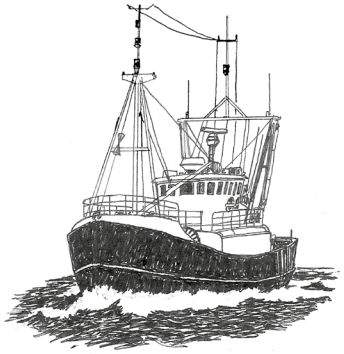


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NEW EFFORTS TO SAVE PITTENWEEM OLD KIRK



Since our article in last month's Pittenweem Post, we have been overwhelmed by offers of support from members of the community. It is clear that there is a desire in Pittenweem to retain the Kirk following its planned closure and we have begun making progress to achieve this.

On Wednesday 18 November we will be hosting a coffee morning in the Church Hall to start raising funds for the project. As well as the usual refreshments and raffle there will be a home baking stall and an opportunity to hear more about our efforts. All are very welcome to attend.

Over the course of the next week, leaflets will be delivered to each house in Pittenweem to advertise that we will be hosting a drop-in at the Kirk to update the community on where we are and to complete a questionnaire that will help shape the future of the building.

The Kirk will be open for the drop-in 11.00–16.00 on Saturday 21 November and 14.00–16.00 Sunday 22 November. All are welcome to attend and there will also be refreshments and home baking. A QR code for the questionnaire will be included on the leaflet for those unable to attend on the day.

As always, if you would like to get involved please email us at pittenweemoldkirk@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram at 'Pittenweem Old Kirk', where we will be posting regular updates on our progress.

Aileen Campbell & Sean Dillon,
Co-Chairs – Pittenweem Old Kirk

Pittenweem Parish Church

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

EAST NEUK KNITTED POPPY DISPLAY CONTINUES TO GROW

The Dreel Crafters Remembrance Day display of hand knitted poppies outside Anstruther's Dreel Halls has grown year on year since it began, thanks to the help of the local and wider community. The first display of around 400 hand-knitted poppies in 2024 grew to almost 2,500 in 2025 and this year features more than 4,000 poppies. Donations of knitted poppies have come from people in Anstruther and the nearby villages, from a swimming group in St Andrews, and in the post from crafters and members of other groups in England and Wales.

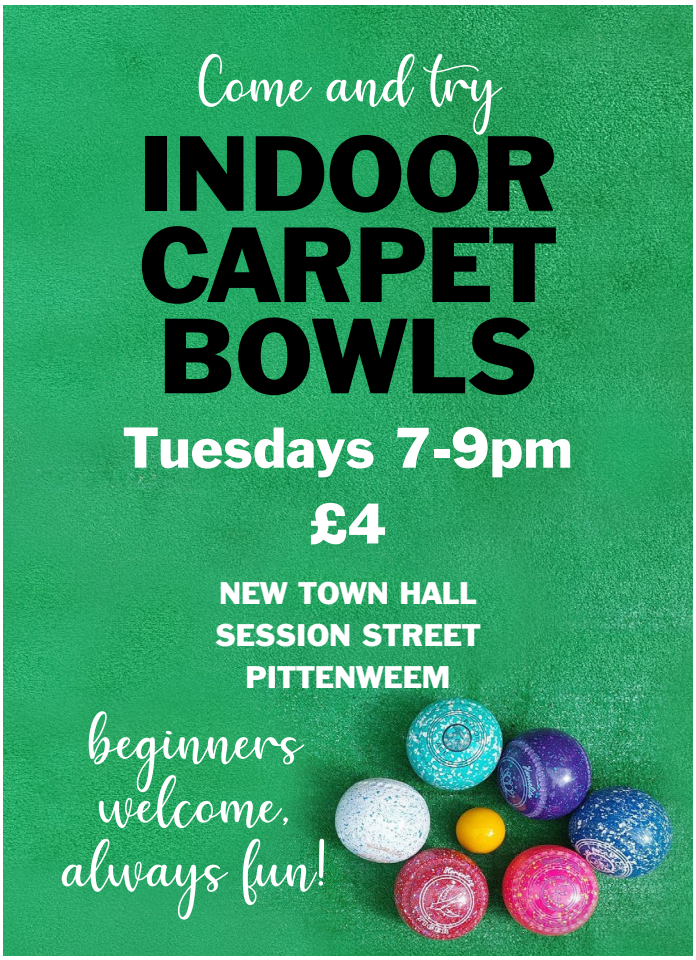
The poppies are displayed on a fishing net from Pittenweem, which ties the display to the local community and its fishing heritage. Within Anstruther Wester graveyard, which surrounds the building, is a Commonwealth War Grave with the inscription 'A Seaman of The Great War'. As one volunteer said, 'It's about remembering everybody.'

Rosie Anderson





Left: Commonwealth War Grave, Anstruther. Right: Poppy display volunteers. Credit: Dreel Crafters Group





PITTENWEEM SAILOR FOUND AFTER 200 YEARS

When the former bomb ships HMS *Terror* and HMS *Erebus* were lost with all hands in 1848 on the tragic Franklin Expedition searching for the North West Passage, they carried an Anstruther connection through Surgeon Harry Goodsir, brother of John Goodsir, whose surgery was in the house now known as The Hermitage in School Green. More recently, however, an earlier Pittenweem connection to HMS *Terror* was discovered in a cemetery in Mystic, Connecticut, through patient detective work by local American historians Grace Cleere and Jon Fuller, and an Oxford University historian, Roger Hutchins.

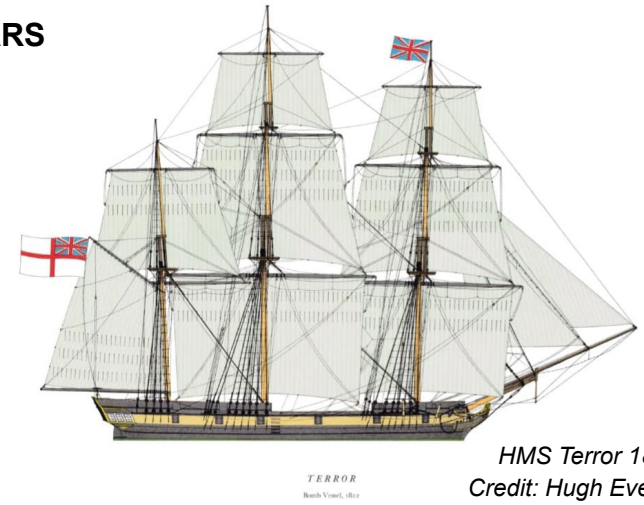
During the British–American war of 1812–14, HMS *Terror* was part of the Royal Navy North American squadron when it laid siege to Fort McHenry. The battle there in September 1814, witnessed by Francis Scott Key, led the poet to write the famous words 'the bombs bursting in air', now immortalised in 'The Star Spangled Banner', the US national anthem. The bursting 600lb bombs were fired by HMS *Terror*.

HMS *Terror* was blockading Long Island Sound, Connecticut, on 13 August 1814 when a fishing boat was sighted on the Mystic River loaded with crates and behaving suspiciously. A cutter was despatched to give chase. The Americans feinted toward New London before suddenly turning towards the Groton Long Point beaches. It was a trap, for the banks were lined with American militia men intending to capture the British sailors and their boat for prize money.

Although the first shots were intended as a warning, two sailors were injured and one was fatally shot in the head. The British sailor was buried in a corner of a Mystic Cemetery in an unmarked grave 'under an apple tree', and there he lay for 200 years until local amateur historian Jon Fuller discovered the story of the unknown sailor and placed a headstone on the spot which read 'Unknown HMS Terror August 13, 1814'. Later, Grace Cleere in Mystic, intrigued by the mysterious headstone, researched the facts of the incident, aided by Dr Roger Hutchins, who only this year identified the missing sailor in the ship's log in the Royal Navy Archives.



Credit: The New York Times



HMS Terror 1812
Credit: Hugh Evelyn



Royal Navy Cutter in action

An entry in August 1814 recorded the capture of 11 British sailors and the death of quarter gunner William Adamson, born 1771 in Pittenweem. His wife, Christian Thomson, and his two daughters, Agnes and Betty, had been receiving regular payments from Adamson's naval pay since 1807, when his younger daughter was two months old. Given his age, 40, and his two-month-old daughter at the start of his naval service, it is almost certain that Adamson, a merchant seaman, had been captured by the thuggish press gangs, which were the terror of the fishing communities and coastal shipping during the Napoleonic wars. As an experienced sailor, Adamson was especially valuable, and his enlisted rating was Able Seaman.

On 9 October 2026 *The New York Times* carried the front page story of William Adamson and his untimely death under the headline: 'His Unmarked Grave lay forgotten for 200 years. They had to fix that.' A new plaque had been placed on Adamson's grave, and on 23 August this year a dignified and sincere ceremony was held in Packer Cemetery to honour his memory, with contributions from local historians, the church and the US Navy. Bagpipes, fife and drums accompanied the ceremony, and most amazingly, Roger Hutchins had located a sixth generation descendant of William Adamson, Claudia Chagnon, now living in Virginia, who attended the ceremony.

For more Pittenweem connections, read our follow-up article in the December *Post*. The memorial ceremony can be viewed on YouTube: America 250 | Mystic's Unknown Sailor: Finding William Adamson

Glenn Jones

PITTENWEEM YOUTH PROJECT OCTOBER 2026

School holiday time can mean a lot of things to families. The October school break apparently produces the biggest queues on roads and airports ... bonkers busy. Best stay home would be my advice but what do you do with the weans then? A dreary month known for cold and rain, a perfect combination for even MORE online activity ... Unless there's an activity locally that costs nothing, keeps them busy for a whole week and TEACHES them something.

This October in Pittenweem, 16 fabulous young people enlisted for a taste of designing and making costumes, creating sound effects, making music, writing scripts, then performing and filming all their work. For one week the New Town Hall was transformed into a creative space, jostling with energy and activity. And nobody was on their phone...

Alongside all this creativity other things were happening. Relationships were being formed, choices had to be made, decisions needed agreement and tentative steps were taken towards new challenges and then came the hard work to overcome them. Achievements!



Pittenweem Youth Project

But none of this activity can be done on an empty stomach so lunch was thrown in. Plates of hearty sandwiches and enough crisps to fill a bus ... they like their crisps! The 'cook' requested fresh fruit on day 2 and was delighted to see the arrival of oranges which went fast and early ... should have guessed; nobody actually ate them – they were star performers for producing squishy fish noises! You have to love the ingenuity of creatives!

Our young people are easy targets for criticism and they get a lot of it. But they are an inspiring bunch. If you missed out on being part of the activities you will have a chance to see the final cut of the work produced during that week some time in the early new year. Watch this space!

Special thanks to the team of people supporting this project; Otto, Robyn, Dawn, Zoe, Ross and the 'Dinner Lady'.

Funded by the NE Fife Community Planning Budget through the Pittenweem Community Council.

Janet Dick

St John's Episcopal Church, Marygate, Pittenweem

Please join us for a new season of short recitals

Music at St John's

Sunday 15th November at 3pm

James Tribble

Music Through Time

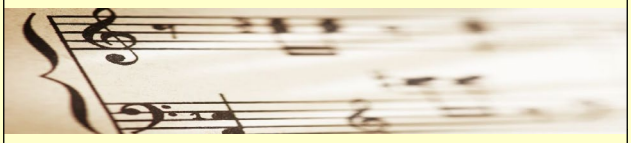
Enjoy a musical journey through time played on the

St John's Chamber Organ

plus tea and cake in our welcoming space

This is an event open to all, donations are welcome at the door

Jim Tribble is well-known throughout the East Neuk, Dundee and far beyond as a composer, performer and teacher. He teaches and performs on a wide range of instruments, and is interested in musical influences from Renaissance, Medieval, Georgian and Victorian, but especially Baroque. His website can be found at www.thewrittennote.co.uk



St John's Episcopal Church is a registered Charity No SC010982

FUNKY SCOTTISH – UNIQUE PIECES IN THE HIGH STREET

How very lucky we are to have Funky Scottish right in the middle of the High Street in Pittenweem with its gorgeous range of cards, ceramic bowls and plates, cashmere knitwear, glorious shawls, original paintings, hand-made jewellery and one-off 'finds' to tempt the eye. This co-operative works just right because of the lovely, talented people who exhibit there and who generate such an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness.

Karen Edward the owner shares the space with Caroline and James Ward and Kate Shearer, all of whom bring their unique gifts. Hailing from St Andrews and with artistic parents, Karen is inspired by the Scottish Colourists, known for their bold, vibrant use of colour and light. She lived on Mull for years before moving to the East Neuk and was excited when she was able to buy the shop from local butcher Andy Wiseman, as the black and white tiled floor reminds us. Folk may remember the shop was May Muir's greengrocery and florist, before Karen took it over 20 years ago. Folk still miss the amazing cakes and artists' lunches when Karen ran Funky Scottish as a café, but she needed to give more time to her hand-painted ceramics and large-scale tiled panels, her individualised celebratory paintings and, more recently, her digital work. You can follow her on Instagram. It may be the 'low season', but Karen takes every opportunity to embrace new things.

Caroline Ward has travelled widely and just loves collecting special treasures. Known for her Indian and vintage jewellery, and her clever eye to spot



Funky Scottish autumn window display



Painting by Kate Shearer



Silver pendant by James Ward



Painting by Karen Edward

something unusual, Caroline talks about how lovely it is to work in a co-operative space where everyone is a physically working artist. Her husband James Brent Ward, who works in gold, silver and refractory metals, takes commissions and makes beautiful pieces of jewellery in the workshop in his garden on Mid Shore. Everything is made by hand. And the fourth member of the team, local artist Kate Shearer, is known for her amazing land and sea scapes. All her work is original. Her colourful beaded bracelets are always popular and her unique sea strings can be see hanging in houses around the burgh.

Funky Scottish always has fabulous window displays to tempt you in. The shop trades seasonally: its current autumn notes will soon change to Christmas. Shop local. You'll love the unique gifts to be found in this gorgeous studio-gallery and maybe pick up a bargain that you can't bear to give away. Share an interesting conversation with an artist who listens and cares. Open in November on Saturdays 11am – 4pm, Funky Scottish is another of the wonderful local businesses that so richly deserve our support.

NEW ROAD SIGNS HONOUR ORIGINAL ROLLING STONE

The Ian Stewart Memorial Trust has installed two road signs at the east and west entrances to Pittenweem. Ian Stewart was a founder member of the Rolling Stones and we're very proud he was both born in the village and maintained strong connections here throughout his tragically short life.



Ian Stewart road sign from the east

We hope to have a music event next year to celebrate his life and work.

Please search Facebook and follow our page for updates.

Stufest - The Ian Stewart Memorial Trust, SC055576

PITCH UP!

Balcaskie is part of a network of forward-thinking farms across the UK, committed to reshaping how land, food and rural enterprises work together. Each year we invite people who would like to grow their sustainable food or farming business to apply for land or space right here on our estate and become a part of the wider pitch up family, sharing knowledge and expertise with people around the country.

Pitch Up! is open to all businesses and ideas at every stage of development. We are happy to support established businesses or work with people at early/proof of concept stage. You just need to be able to show us in your application that the idea/proposal is strong enough and how it can be a viable business.

Applications are open now and close on 30 November.

Full details can be found through the website: https://pitchupandgrow.com/

UNWANTED FURNITURE? TAKE IT TO THE RECYCLING CENTRE!

Pittenweem recycling centre is offering a new facility – it will now accept small items of furniture in good condition and Furniture Plus will pick it up, repair and sell it on at low cost. Their aim is to recycle and repair furniture and other household goods that might otherwise go to landfill.

Furniture Plus is the largest furniture re-use, recycling and repair organisation in Fife. Founded in 2001, it works throughout Fife, operating from two locations in Dysart and Dunfermline. Any profit generated from sales is reinvested in the charity, with a significant amount set aside each year to provide furniture and other household items free of charge to people in most need. You can find out more on their website Home - Furniture Plus

So if you have any items of furniture, clothing or bric-a-brac you no longer need you can take them to the container at the recycling centre. Furniture Plus will sort and collect the items each Tuesday and they will find their way to new homes.

The Scottish Government is planning a new household recycling code of practice that aims to increase recycling rates and reduce carbon emissions. You can take part in the consultation process until 21 January 2027. A new Household Recycling Code of Practice - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space



Pittenweem Recycling Centre is open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm (winter hours); closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

TREATS NOT TRICKS AT HALLOWEEN

On Halloween itself it was wonderful to see so many happy children busy making a variety of crafts under the guidance of a team of folk from the library's children's team. Spiders were lured into their webs, creepy figures created, black cat masks decorated, a range of owls produced, Halloween paper chains fashioned and motifs painted on excited hands. Thanks to the Pittenweem Arts Festival for offering its Art Rooms facilities and thanks to pop-up children's bookshop Ginger and Pickles for the Julia Donaldson activity sheets and stickers – and for staying open late for any passing guisers!





HALLOWEEN PUMPKINS WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Two wonderful pumpkin carvings from library trustee and artist, Moti Black, whose inspiration this year came from a friend's trip to India and Hokusai's The Great Wave.



From Hokusai, The Great Wave, © Moti Black



Indian elephant, © Moti Black

HELP WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CRAIL MATTERS

Enjoy words, stories and connecting with people? Help shape your community newspaper. ***Crail Matters*** seeks a part-time Editor to lead its next chapter. The appointment is for 1 year in the first instance with recompense £3-4,000 per annum (scope and working arrangements to be agreed).

Working with a small team, you will gather material, support contributors, edit copy and prepare each weekly issue. Journalistic or editorial experience is helpful, but not essential – clear writing, sound judgement, curiosity, reliability and teamwork matter most. Living locally is highly desirable.

Serving Crail and Kingsbarns, our independent, donation-funded newspaper distributes over 870 free digital copies weekly, sharing news, events and community voices. Without a suitable appointment, Crail Matters may have to close. Help secure its future.

Interested? Contact crailmatters@gmail.com for an informal discussion or send a brief account of your experience and what you would bring to the role.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO KELLIE CASTLE & GARDEN

He's making his list; he's checking it twice! Santa has left the elves in charge of his North Pole workshop to fly his reindeer and a sleigh full of presents down to the East Neuk of Fife to meet all the children on his 'Nice' list at Kellie Castle.

Make festive family memories to cherish this Christmas in the historic surroundings of the John Henry Lorimer Gallery, which will be decorated and full of cheer. Santa will be ready to hear all your Christmas wishes and will have a special present for every child.

More information and tickets are available on the Kellie Castle & Garden Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/visit-santa-at-kellie-castle-tickets-2004024763013



SAVE THE DATE! ANSTRUTHER PHILHARMONIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday 12 December 2026 at 4.30pm
St Adrian's (formerly St Ayle's) Church,
Toll Road, Cellardyke KY10 3BQ

Anstruther Phil's highly popular Christmas Concert will continue our tradition of presenting a major work in the first half. The delightful Christmas Oratorio by Saint-Saëns will be performed by our choir, string ensemble and an outstanding group of vocal soloists, mostly joining us from St Andrews University.

Our programme will feature popular local harpist En Hudson, together with beautiful oboe solos from Agnes Thomson. The choir will perform Christmas favourites, and lead audience carols, in a programme entitled 'What Sweeter Musick'.

Directed by Au Arias, our late-afternoon concert will conclude with mince pies and mulled wine for all.

Tickets £15 via our website**:** Anstruther Philharmonic Society - 12/12/2026 4:30pm - Christmas Concert, from members and on the door.



Christmas Concert 2025, credit: Carrie Hall

PRIORY SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Priory Singers will be presenting their annual Christmas Concert at 7pm on Wednesday 9 December in St Salvator's Chapel, North Street, St Andrews.

The choir is busy preparing a varied programme of festive music and carols, including traditional favourites and works by contemporary composers including Rutter, Mealor and others.

As always, there will be plenty of opportunity for audience participation!

Tickets (£12 and £5 concessions) are available from choir members or at the door on the evening.

More information about Priory Singers at www.priorysingersfife.co.uk



CHRISTMAS CHEER

There has been lots of excitement in Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) as we all worked hard to bring the village some Christmas cheer.

Friday 4 December at 6pm will see our beautiful Christmas tree lights switched on. Children from Pittenweem Primary School will adorn the tree with their hand-made decorations and each child will receive a little gift. Then a choir of Pittenweem volunteers will sing Christmas carols.

It's been a hard slog to put it all together but worth all the team effort.

We'd like to thank Crudens, builders of the new houses behind James Street, and the Pittenweem Common Good Fund as well as Fife Council, without whose sponsorship the project could not have happened. And a big thank you also to the Pittenweem Arts Festival for giving us the use of their office space for the event.

We do hope you can give us your support and join us in the celebrations.

Merry Christmas to one and all.





NEWS IN BRIEF

Marine mammals in the Forth

Last month a lot of whales were spotted in the outer Firth of Forth; up to 15 from the West Braes on a single day. The whales that were spotted were reported to be minke whales, fin whales and possibly a humpback whale, along with sightings of porpoises and dolphins.

Crail Community Choir Christmas concert

Come along to an evening of festive carols and old school favourites at Crail Community Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 3 December. Entry by donation.

St Adrian's East Neuk Church of Scotland Coffee Morning Success

The coffee morning on 4 November raised £346 for Sunflower Scotland, who deliver humanitarian aid directly from Scotland and the rest of the UK to hospitals, medics, rehabilitation centres, orphans, and disabled children in dangerous frontline areas in Ukraine.



PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY CRAFTS BUILDING ON FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Buoyed by this year's outstanding success, Pittenweem Community Crafts are already hard at work planning for next year's Arts Festival. Wild swimming is such a popular part of life in the East Neuk that we were inspired to choose it as our 2027 Festival theme.

Pictured is one of our first creations – a rather lovely mermaid doorstop! If you're a maker, we'd love you to join us by creating something handcrafted along our 'Wild Swimming' theme to be sold at our festival stall in August with the proceeds going to charity. Our two chosen charities are Cellardyke Tidal Pool, who are raising funds to create a safe access ramp so that people of all abilities can enjoy the pool, and Samaritans (Kirkcaldy). These worthwhile causes support inclusion, good mental health and wellbeing in our communities.

Along the way you'll meet other kind-hearted crafters of all abilities and ages at our drop-in sessions where we create, chat and swap ideas over a cuppa. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates and dates. Drop us a message if you'd like any more information.

Pittenweem Community Crafts



Mermaid doorstop, credit: Nicola Young

EAST NEUK CHURCH SERVICES

St Adrian's East Neuk
@ Pittenweem, Anstruther and Cellardyke

Sunday services at 11.30am

http://www.stadrianseastneuk.org/

15 November at Cellardyke
22 November at Anstruther
29 November at Pittenweem
6 December at Anstruther - *At this annual Gift Service for HomeStart people bring gifts for children which will be distributed locally by the charity*

Kilrenny Parish Church

Sunday services at 9.45am

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

Kingsbarns Parish Church

Sunday services at 9.45am

For more information, contact Revd Wetherspoon Tel 07711 706634

Coastline Community Church, Pittenweem

Sunday services with Sunday school at 10.30am

Tel 01333 312041
http://coastlinechurch.org.uk

Crail Parish Church

Sunday services at 10am
Tea and coffee served following the service

http://www.crailchurch.com

Most Holy Trinity Church, Crail

Sunday Mass at 9.30am
Wednesday Mass at 12 noon

https:// www.stjamesparishstandrews.org.uk

St John's Episcopal Church, Pittenweem

15 November 11.30am.
Holy Communion led by David Gordon

3pm *Music through Time* organ recital by Jim Tribble

22 November 11.30am followed by AGM.
Holy Communion led by David Gordon

ADVENT SUNDAY 29 November **10.30am.**
Joint Holy Communion at St John's with St Michael's Elie, led by David Gordon

5pm a short candlelit service in St Fillan's Cave, Cove Wynd, to mark the start of Advent

6 December 11.30am. Holy Communion led by David Gordon

https://eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk/about-1/st-john-s

PITTENWEEM COMMUNITY COUNCIL: NOTES FROM THE MEETING ON 21 OCTOBER

At the Pittenweem Community Council (PCC) October meeting the following issues were discussed.

Pittenweem New Town Hall: all members of staff have resigned, as well as the treasurer, and new trustees are being sought to form a new committee to run the hall.

The PCC will be represented on Remembrance Sunday 8 November when a wreath will be laid by the War Memorial at 11am.

The ongoing campaign to save the Pittenweem Kirk is now being led by Sean Dillon and Aileen Campbell, who hope to attend the November meeting.

The next round of funding from NnG will be in the early new year. Local groups are encouraged to submit funding applications for community projects.

Discussions took place about the Scottish Forum of Community Councils, the East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society, the multi-user path, Planning Aid Scotland training, speed awareness training, Scottish Water problems and Community Council funding, with the committee noting updates on each.

Mhairi-Claire Jones of the Pretty Pittenweem Project (PPP) reported that plans are being made for the maintenance of the planters round Pittenweem. It was agreed that the funds held by the PCC will continue to be available for the PPP.

Fife Council has approved plans for a Christmas tree outside the Pittenweem Arts Festival office, 47 High Street, in anticipation of a community event in early December.

A recent meeting with the FMA provided useful insight into the industry which has shaped Pittenweem. There was agreement to look at ways to involve the industry in community affairs.

Full minutes, including reports from Councillor Alycia Hayes, have been posted on the PCC website Pittenweem Community Council

The next PCC meeting will be on **Wednesday 18 November** at 7.30pm in the New Town Hall, Session Street. All welcome.

PITTENWEEM LIBRARY WELCOMES PROFESSOR SIR IAN BOYD

Science and Politics: from badgers to chemical weapons and the Covid pandemic

The last talk in the autumn series takes place on Thursday 19 November when we welcome Professor Sir Ian Boyd of St Andrews University. As you can see from the title, the talk will be wide-ranging! Sir Ian is a marine and polar scientist who served as the first Director of the Scottish Oceans Institute at St Andrews and was Chief Scientific Adviser to the UK government on Food and Environment from 2012 to 2019.

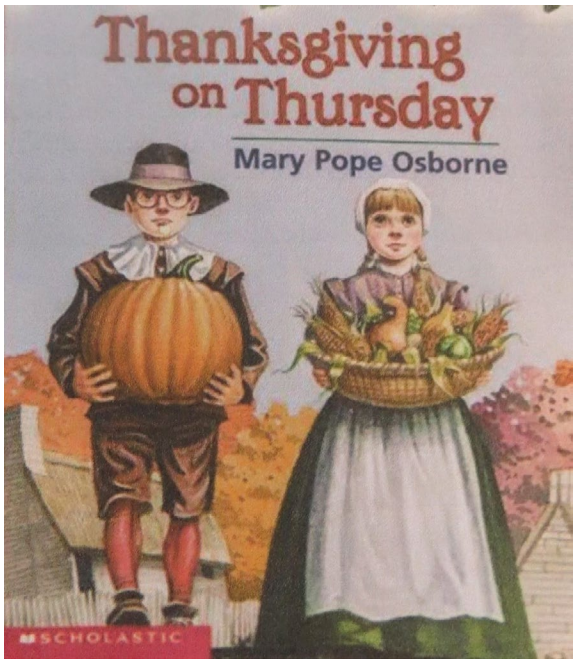
People often ask how much our speakers are paid and the answer is that there is no fee – they share their knowledge and enthusiasm for their subjects purely to benefit the library. Over the years we've welcomed excellent speakers on all sorts of subjects and we thank them all for their generosity. We still have tickets left for Sir Ian's talk available from the library.

Talks are held in Coastline Community Church, 21 Session Street, Pittenweem KY10 2QL



Doors open 7pm; talks start 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from the library – see pittenweemlibrary.org.uk for opening hours or email library@pittclic.org.uk to reserve. Tea, coffee & biscuits included in the ticket price.

THIRSTY POETRY @ THE WEST END BAR



Thirsty Books presents poetry on the theme of Thanksgiving

Bring a poem to read. Or just come and listen.

Thursday 26th November 2026 7pm - 9pm

Free entry but booking required:
Text 07598323440 or email thirstybooks@hotmail.com
www.thirstybooks.com

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 St

Wednesdays

10.00 - 11.30 am

Back again through Autumn and Winter

Special thanks to all our regulars supporting local groups, charities and the Parish Church

All Welcome

Come along and support us.

COLINSBURGH COMMUNITY CINEMA

This edition of the Post is published on Friday the 13th, the night we're screening the British film ***I Swear.*** It tells the true story of Tourette's syndrome sufferer John Davidson. John was severely misunderstood, marginalised and criminalised by an unforgiving society. His mother, a woman at the end of her tether, despaired of him. Only through the kindness and understanding of two people did he manage to find his place in society and gain acceptance for who he is. Newcomer Robert Aramayo is joined by A listers Shirley Henderson, Maxine Peak and Peter Mullan in a film that has garnered universal praise.

In the run up to Christmas, we will be screening ***H is for Hawk*** with Claire Foy and Brendan Gleeson. Based on Helen Macdonald's memoir about the loss of her father, Foy plays the grieving Helen who finds a way out of her grief through an unlikely friendship with a stubborn hawk called Mabel. On 11 December we show ***The History of Sound***, starring Paul Mescal and Josh O'Connor as two American students who, at the close of the First World War, come together to record the disappearing folk music of rural Maine. They fall in love only to be split apart by war. They reunite years later to complete the project; during the intervening years much has changed.

On Friday 20 November we will screen ***The People's Emergency Briefing***. The film falls outwith the usual programme and entrance is free. It brings together experts in the field of climate change. Experts talk for a few minutes on their own topic (food supply, our health, national security, global warming, etc.) to explain the dangers of inaction and possible solutions. Local politicians (Holyrood Westminster and Fife Council) as well as interested organisations will be invited to join us.

The film is being shown widely throughout the UK and it is hoped it will start a national discussion on the problems of climate change.

Find out more details on: https:/colinsburghcinema.wordpress.com and on our Facebook page.



PITTENWEEM NEW TOWN HALL NEEDS A NEW TEAM

Wanted: new people, new ideas, fresh energy

Could you help write the next chapter for our community hall? The hall is a charity set up for the benefit of Pittenweem and the wider East Neuk. Its purpose is to provide a well-equipped, well-maintained and welcoming facility for local people, groups and visitors to hold events and activities.

If you are interested in:

- Community and local organisations
- Buildings and maintenance
- Events and activities
- Finance and fundraising
- Publicity and communications
- Administration and governance

Please get in touch by phoning 07348 399288 or emailing pittenweemnewtownhall@mail.com

EAST NEUK OF FIFE PROBUS CLUB

Next month the East Neuk of Fife Probus Club will meet on Tuesday 1 December, when Claire Sloan will tell us about the operation and successes in the running of Ardross Farm.

Following this on 15 December we will have our Christmas lunch at the Rockies, Anstruther Golf Club.

Meetings are held in the Coastline Community Church on the first and third Tuesday of the month from October to May, starting at 10.00am for refreshments followed at 10.30 by the talk, which lasts about 45 minutes. If you would like to join, please just come along to the talk or contact our secretary Tim Brett at timbrett324@btinternet.com.

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Our editorial team would love to hear from you.



Reaper visits St Andrews. Exhibition of photographs by Emily Noakes and Caroline MacDonald in the Merchant's Room, Scottish Fisheries Museum, from now until January.



Sense and Sensibility (Cert U)

Sunday 6th December
Doors 6.15pm for 6.45pm screening

For many, Ang Lee's luminous 1995 adaptation of Jane Austen's novel remains the definitive version. Emma Thompson stars alongside Kate Winslet, Hugh Grant and Alan Rickman, and won an Oscar for her witty, tender screenplay.

When their father dies, leaving them with little more than their good name, the Dashwood sisters must navigate love, heartbreak and the unforgiving rules of Regency society, each in her own very different way.

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

Refreshments available by donation to the AIA.

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

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ANSTER NICHT TALK

19th November - 7:30pm

Dreel Halls, High Street West, Anstruther KY10 3DJ

THE AULD KIRK: PAST AND FUTURE

In December 2025, St Monans Auld Kirk Enterprise (SMAKE) purchased the Auld Kirk, St Monans from the Church of Scotland for the benefit of the village of St Monans and the wider community.

Pete Peddie, Chairman of SMAKE, will talk about the history of this 14th century kirk and will then discuss the plans SMAKE has put in place to renovate and reinvigorate this beautiful and iconic building.

Entry £3, free for AIA members. Tickets on the door.
Hot drinks & biscuits included.

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