

CRAIL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2013

Around Crail

As most people will be aware, CPS and many others lodged objections against the proposal by Milne Holmes to radically increase the number of houses to be built in the remaining phase of Balcomie Green. We were delighted that Fife Councillors unanimously rejected the proposals and whilst there is still a possibility that the developers will appeal the decision, it was good result all round.

CPS are not against further development but it must complement existing buildings and enhance the ambience of Crail.

At the last committee meeting we discussed the growing problem of seagulls nesting in the conservation area. This is a rapidly escalating problem and whilst the gulls have now departed for the winter, we can be sure that they will be back in increasing numbers next year. The noise and mess that is created during the breeding season is definitely affecting the quality of life in the town and a long term solution will need to be found.

We held a fund raising collectables auction in August and raised a very healthy sum of just over £1,200. Thanks to all who donated or bid for items making this excellent result possible. The money will go a long way to helping to pay for the hanging baskets, which enhanced Crail again this year.

Two of your committee, Sandy Young and David Jerdan won bronze medals in the world St. Ayles skiff championships at Ullapool in July.

We are always looking for new members. Please let any of the committee know if you know of anyone who may be interested in supporting the Society.

We are also looking for members who are interested in serving on the committee. It is not time consuming or onerous!

CPS has been collaborating with Matthew Price who is from Fife Council Enterprise, Planning and Protective Services. Many of you may remember that Matthew gave a most interesting talk on Fife doocots at our AGM in 2012.

He is now compiling a detailed Crail Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (the draft version available online from

www.fifedirect.org.uk on the Conservation Areas Appraisals page, **or**

www.fifedirect.org.uk/publications/index.cfm?fuseaction=publication.pop&pubid=DF22E29E-084F-A04C-510BB9DAF35652C6 **good luck if you can type that in - Editor).**

This provides an excellent history of the build-up of Crail over the centuries, and highlights many important conservation issues.

It is hoped that this will be the template that both planners and residents will consult and comply with when considering future development or alterations within the conservation area, as well as establishing 'best practice' and standards for our public areas.

We hope to publish and circulate a factsheet and advice note for all homes within the conservation area, in the near future.

David Jerdan

Denburn

On Saturday morning (5/10/13), the volunteers at Denburn made a quite disturbing discovery. A large pile of rubbish has been dumped in the wood, comprising several supermarket carrier bags stuffed with rotting household waste including pet food cans, loose rubbish of cans, crisp packets, broken crockery & discarded clothing. It is all in one location, but it would appear that it is being tipped regularly rather than a one-off event. There was far too much for the volunteers to be able to dispose of, and the matter has been reported to Fife Council Environmental Services. If anyone saw this rubbish being "fly-tipped", please report it on the Council website.

Helen Byres

Doocot Open for Doors Open Days

The Priory Doocot was open again this year during Doors Open Days, which for East Fife was on Sunday 8th September. The weather was beautiful, mild, sunny and still, important for both bringing out visitors and for the well-being of the four members of the Society, Anna Brannan, Hugh Dykes, Ian Ramsay and Jonathan Armitage, who took turns during the day to explain its purpose and origins. It was a bumper year with 96 adults and 34 children, all of whom were delighted to learn about it.

Jonathan Armitage

Committee Members

The editor apologies for omitting to list the current members of the committee, following the AGM in February, in the previous newsletter:-

David Jerdan (Chairman), Denis Gowans (Vice-Chairman), Paul Hutchison (Secretary), Iain Inglis (Treasurer), Jeni Auchinleck, Helen Byres, Hugh Dykes, Alan Dunlop, Ian Ramsay, Derek White and Sandy Young.

Retiring members Anna Brannan, Donald Mathieson and Jack Jarvis were thanked by David Jerdan for their considerable contribution over the years.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 24th October - FUNDRAISING DINNER FOR CRAIL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

At The Dining Room, Crail Golfing Society, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Following a most enjoyable dinner at "Rockies" in March, a three course dinner with coffee has been booked at The Dining Room, Crail Golfing Society.

The price is a very reasonable £25.00 per head. Tickets are limited to 40 places, so book early to ensure a place. **Tickets are going fast, so book your place now.** It

promises to be a most enjoyable evening with good food wine & company, as well as supporting a most deserving cause.

When booking, please **choose** your preferred dining options from the attached menu. Owing to the very low uptake on the vegetarian option last time, only meat, poultry or fish options are offered. If you require a fully vegetarian option, please let us know and a suitable dish will be provided.

Menu

Starters

Homemade Red Lentil Soup with Crusty Bread

Home-made Chicken Liver Pate with Salad Leaves & Brioche Toast

Prawns Marie Rose

Mains

Lemon Pepper Chicken

Beef Bourguignon served with Seasonal Vegetables & New Potatoes

Marinated Salmon in a Teriyaki Sauce served on a bed of Jasmine Rice

Desserts

Tart au Citron with Fresh Cream

Strawberry Waffle Cheesecake

Vanilla Ice Cream

Payment for the meal to be made at time of booking.

The Golfing Society has some very good wine options at reasonable prices, which are payable on the night.

Contact: Tel: Helen Byres on 01333 451345

Saturday 2nd November - The Cheese and Wine Night, Town Hall from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

It will be a French cheese and wine TASTING with 6 cheeses and 6 wines. It will be presented by Pete Wood from the St.Andrews Wine Company and Svetlana from the Guid Cheese Shop.

Tickets will be £10 each and available from David Jerdan, 44 Marketgate South.

Tel 01333 450797 or

First come, first served!

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