KARAIL

Crail & Kingsbarns Parish Magazine



COMING EVENTS

- Remembrance
- Festive Period
- Christmas
- **4** 2018 ...



THE PARISHES OF CRAIL & KINGSBARNS

MINISTER: Rev. Peter Neilson, Linne Bheag, 2 School Green, Anstruther. Tel 01333 310477 E: neilson.peter@btinternet.com

CRAIL (SC001601)

SESSION CLERK: Mrs Helen Armitage

Ravenscraig, Roome Bay Ave

T: 01333 450 516,

E: armitage@talk21.com

TREASURER: Mrs Diana Brown

Kirk Wynd, Crail

T: 01333 451790

E: browndiana17@hotmail.com

FABRIC CONVENER - Vacant

ORGANIST - Vacant

HALL LET: Mrs Lisa Aird

17 Pinkerton Road, Crail

T: 01333 450 035

E: lisa.aird3@btinternet.com

ROLL KEEPER: Mrs Patricia Dewhirst

6 Carr Crescent

T: 01333 451 571

E: padewhirst@btinternet.com

KARAIL EDITOR: Miss Heather Aird

E: heatheraird@btinternet.com

KINGSBARNS (SC012192)

SESSION CLARK: Mr Paul Denholm,

29 Seagate, Kingsbarns.

Tel: 01334 880332

E: denholmp@tiscali.co.uk

TREASURER: Mrs Anne Orr,

Randerston Farm, Kingsbarns.

Tel: 01333 450462

FABRIC CONVENER: Mr John Robb

21 Seagate, Kingsbarns.

Tel: 01334 880343

ORGANIST: Mrs Betty Kitching,

7 Albany Court, Crail.

Tel: 01333 450631

E: betty.kitching174@btinternet.com

ROLL KEEPER: Mr Paul Denholm (see above)

MINISTERS NOTES



Hello everyone,

Recently, I worshipped in an African-American Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Arthur Christie, my minister in Anstruther, and I were over for a conference and had been offered three options for morning worship. We chose to worship with a black congregation as an act of quiet solidarity with them in the face of the clashes with White Supremacy and Neo-Nazi groups in Charlottesville, Virginia.

It proved to be one of the most significant times of worship that I can remember. The music was inspiring – from the opening notes of a harp playing "It is well with my soul" and "There is a balm in Gilead", through triumphant organ and jazz piano to wonderful choral singing and a jazz duet. It was amazing.

Then came the preacher, an old man who must have been 85 if he was a day. He spoke about the troubled times for his people, wondering aloud what will happen and how things will turn out. He spoke about the hate in his country. Hate comes from fear, he said. Fear comes from insecurity. Insecurity comes from not knowing that we are loved by the God and Father of us all. He said.

As he spoke it became clear that he had been a close friend of Martin Luther King in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's. He had seen all this hatred before. He had faced it shoulder to shoulder with Dr King and had seen non-violent, determined love cast out fear and overcome hatred.

His appeal to the congregation was not to hate and not to fear, but to love one another – black and white - as God the Father loves us. It was measured, gentle, strong and bracing.

He was speaking to his people in Atlanta. I wish his voice could be heard in Myanmar, in Israel-Palestine, in Syria, in the Congo, in Afghanistan – and wherever people are divided into "them and us" for whatever reason.

I wish you could have heard him, and been drawn into the heart of the Father's love; and felt the poisons of divisiveness being dissolved in the all-embracing, all-forgiving grace of God.

Every church, community and family needs a healing dose of that kind of loving.

Your minister for a season,

Peter Neilson

PARISH REGISTER

DEATHS

Committed to God's merciful keeping in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life

| JUNE | 4 th | Douglas Stephan Cook | Crail |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| JULY | 7 th | Eileen Robertson | Crail/Bishopbriggs |
| | 9 th | Robert Milne Taylor | Crail |
| | 14 th | Philip McMenemy | Crail |
| | 27 th | Helen Glen | Crail |
| | 29 th | Stuart John Baker | Crail |
| | 29 th | Mr Edmonston | Crail |
| AUGUST | 1 st | Agnes (Nancy) McCartney | Formerly Crail |
| | 5 th | Jean Davidson | Formerly Crail |
| | 8 th | Andrea Tilney | Crail |
| | 17 th | Agnes (Nancy) Grubb | Formerly Crail |
| | 18 th | Manfred Reuser | Kingsbarns |
| | 19 th | Elaine Coad | Crail |

"In a bittersweet moment, another angel has found their wings and has set off on flight safe into the arms of God and to those gone before them waiting and anticipating their arrival as they make their way into heaven."



MARRIAGES

Those whom God has joined together.

| AUGUST | Γ 12 th | Cory Hitt to Joshua Hey | Crail |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | 26 th | Paula Hughes to Graeme Guthrie | Perth |
| SEPT | 2 nd | Jayne Bally to Tom Waring | Dunfermline |
| | 9 th | Lisa Young to Mark Ellewood | Milnathort |



'Once upon a time I became yours & you became mine.

And we'll stay together through both the tears & the laughter...

Because that's what they call happily ever after.'

Disn

NEWS & INFORMATION

Crail Museum & Heritage Centre

Winter Opening Times

October weekends, and October 9 – 14 afternoon only October 16 – 20 afternoon only

November

Saturday 25

December December Saturday 2 Saturday 9

2000....

Tuesday 2 SALE

January January

Wednesday 3 SALE

Cambo Heritage Trust

There are lots of free events and activities at Cambo this autumn. To celebrate the opening of new cafe, shop and learning facilities at The Stables Visitor Centre, free events include a day of apple themed arts and juice pressing, forage walks, nature crafts and a special firework-free bonfire party for little ones. With new Visitor Centre and stunning walled garden to explore alongside the imaginative nature play area, a day out at Cambo will be magical this autumn.

For full event listings see

facebook @ cambostables or www.camboheritage trust.org.uk.



CAMBO HERITAGE TRUST

www.camboheritagetrust.org.uk

Scottish Country Dancing

Every Wednesday starting October 4th until the end of March in Crail Town Hall 7.30 until 9.30.

Information from Elspeth Hunter - Tel. 451 442

Crail Badminton Club

Meets every Tuesday in the Community Hall from 7-10pm.

New members always welcome.

Players should have suitable footwear & provide their own badminton racquet.

For more info contact, Anne Orr 07769156003



The JAM Club need you!

Our small but enthusiastic Sunday School has room to grow! We are looking for primary or nursery age children to join us as we sing, paint, draw, cut, stick, listen, talk, run, laugh and have fun, every Sunday morning. We meet in Church at 11.15am and then continue our activities in the Kirk Hall

Guild Syllabus

2.15 in Kirk Hall

| Sunday 8 th Oct. | | Dedication Service |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thurs | 12 th Oct. | Holiday Homes Dr Rosalie Wilkie |
| | 26 th Oct | The Changing Role of The Pharmacist. |
| | | Audrey McNaw |
| | 9 TH Nov | Signing for the Deaf, - Alana Harper |
| Sat | 18 th Nov | Coffee Morning |
| Thurs | 23 rd Nov | Elie Scarecrows, - Peter Wilson |
| | 7 th Dec | Musical Memories,- Jane Maskelyne |
| | 14 th Dec | Christmas Outing (to be arranged) |
| | | |
| | | |

2018

| Thurs | 11 th Jan | Variety(Wheelchair Charity), |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 25 th Jan | Crail Museum (Spoilt for Choice) |
| | 8 th Feb | Tagging Birds for Migration Data |

Crail Festival

From all accounts this year's Festival was a notable success, with only the Crabbing Competition being a casualty of the weather. Visitors came from as far afield as Leven, Adelaide and Vancouver.

All the superb activities for children were sold out; and the Archery and Falconry, in spite of the heavy rain on the day, proved to be a great attraction. The popular, perennial events like the Art Exhibition, the Festival Quiz and the Putting were well supported. Nearly 4000 putting rounds were completed, and there were many favourable comments about the quality of the putting surface.

Sadly, the Street Market, which promised to be the best ever, was also a victim of the weather which curtailed the number of visitors to Rumford and the Nethergate. That said, many of the stallholders very impressed by the arrangements made for them, have already indicated that they would like to return next year.

The evening performances certainly confirmed that talent abounds whether close to home like Red Wine Productions and The Coaltown Daisies or further afield like Horse McDonald (albeit she is from Tayport), Trio Ecossaise, Michael Durrant and Edwina Hayes.

I expect those of you who enjoyed the evening with Hilary James and Simon Mayor probably still find it difficult to accept that a mandolin and a mandobass can sound like the Pipes and Drums in the playing of the 'Atholl Highlanders'!

One of the most memorable nights was the Celebration of Crail Folk Club's 3oth Anniversary with the very best of the vibrant Scottish folk scene entertaining a large, rapt, appreciative audience.

As always, we are indebted to our ever willing, enthusiastic volunteers who provide the necessary support for the putting green, the Festival Box Office, the Street Market and all the evening events. Grateful thanks is also due to our small, indefatigable technical team who ensure the best of sound and lighting in the Community Hall, Legion Hall, Holy Trinity Church and the Kirk Hall.

Do take a look at our website crailfestival.com which now has photos and text capturing the highlights and flavour of Crail Festival 2017.

Eyes are now cast towards 2018 and we are very optimistic that the inimitable Liz Lochhead, author, poet and broadcaster will make her first appearance in Crail. . On the music scene, Rose Room fronted by Fife's own "dazzling " fiddle player and sophisticated songstress Seonaid Aitken will be with us.



Any spare 5p's?

5p coins can be a bit fiddly and perhaps you would like to clear them out of your purse or that pile beside the bed or in the drawer. I am collecting 5p coins for Christian Aid to try to boost our annual fund raising. I shall endeavour to bring the Christian Aid box to Church and Chatbite so that if you have a few in your pocket or purse they can go to an excellent cause. I would be most grateful for your support.

guitar

Crail Folk Club

Crail Folk Club edges ever closer to the end of its 30th year we can look back with satisfaction at not only the sell out celebration concert in July as part of the Crail Festival but also the host of other entertaining shows down the years. The year is not yet done and we have a multinational feel to our final guest nights - from Canada Sarah Jane Scouten and her band; to Devon Harbottle & Jonas; and to finish, the star of many a Crail club and festival show from France via Darlington Flossie Malavialle.

So, we need to make next year EVEN more attractive. We're trying! A number of artists are already booked including the legendary all girl group the Poozies; probably the biggest act currently on the UK Folk scene Martin Simpson; from the USA the ever so exciting 5 piece the Gold Heart Sisters; also from the USA a return visit from Cindy Lemaire (who could forget Mark's acoustic version of 'A Whiter Shade of Pale'); and from Ireland Colum Sands.

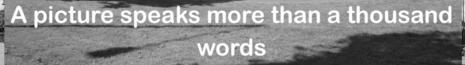
Our Singers Nights, giving locals and visitors like the chance to show their talents, will continue. Bring on the final guests of 2017 and an exciting 2018. Full details will be on www.crailfolkclub.org.uk along with advance tickets for many of next year's shows, and clips of most guests will find their way to our Facebook page.

Mark &

A challenging summer did not deter our starting hut volunteers 3,933 rounds were played.



2017 saw our best ever putting surface thanks to our **CGS** greenkeepers and dedicated mowing team.



The putting green is going from strength to strength, a true triumph for all volunteers.

- St Andrews' couple on the last day, "One last round before you
- Crail pensioner, "Best putting surface in my life time."
- Freuchie residents, "We know the work that has gone into this green, well done Crail."
- French visitor, "We do not have anything like this in France."
- Anonymous, "Can we play crown bowls here?"



winner

George Morris

Presented by Ian Mooney. Crail Festival Chairman 2017

finalists (L-R)

Stuart Cochrane - runner-up Owen Allen—third place

Ross Mallory—winner

MANFRED REUSER 1933 – 2017

Born in Konigsburgh, East Prussia, a gifted chess player, and destined to become a refugee, linguist, respected teacher and an elder, and for many years treasurer, of Kingsbarns Church, Manfred will be fondly remembered by us and within the wider communities of Crail and Kingsbarns and beyond as a Courageous but Humble Christian Gentleman whose Service to his God followed the precepts of his Lord in visiting the old, the sick and the lonely and the often inimitable individuality of his Service might well be illustrated by his Ministry of the Polo Mint to everyone who entered Kingsbarns Church.

We all love you, Manfred, and extend our condolences to your widow, Nessie, as well as your and her wider families.

Paul Denholm, for the Kirk Session and Congregation of Kingsbarns.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club meets every Monday at 2.15 pm in the Community Hall.

Everybody is welcome.

Our Autumn 2017 programme is:

| 2017 | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| 2nd October | "A Boghall Farm Childhood" | Nancy Turner |
| 9th October | "Scottish Fisheries Museum" | |
| 16th October | "Old Favourites" | Cathy Murray, May Muir & Jessie Lyon |
| 23rd October | "The History Of The NHS" | Martin Hepworth |
| 30th October | "Kellie Castle" | Joan Forrest |
| 6th November | "HMS Antrim's War In The Falklands 1982" | Ronald Sandford |
| 13th November | "The Scottish Deer Centre" | |
| 20th November | "The Leprosy Mission Scotland" | Linda Todd |
| 27th November | "Four Days & Four Countries" | Bob & Felicity Mitchell |
| 4th December | "Christmas Songs" | School Choir |
| 11th December | Christmas Party | Jessie Lyon & May Muir |
| Memo: 2018 | | |
| 8th January | "Fife Milestones" | Paula Martin |

Crail Art Group

Looking for an original & unique Christmas gift?

Come & enjoy free coffee, tea & biscuits whilst meeting the artists who are presenting an exhibition of unframed paintings, crafts, jewellery and crafts at very affordable prices.

Legion Hall (Nethergate)

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November



Crail Community Choir

Meets on a Monday at 7.30pm. All welcome

| October | | November | |
|---------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | 2 nd Town Hall | | 6 th Town Hall |
| | 23 rd Town Hall | | 13 th Town Hall |
| | 30 th Kirk Hall | | 20 th Town Hall |



NEWS & INFORMATION KINGSBARNS

Friends Of Kingsbarns Church

Since the last issue of the Karail the Friends have held :a Giving Day in the Church, sales of watercolors and notelets, a plant sale, an Indoor Car Boot Sale and a sponsored walk of the St Cuthbert's Way, Melrose to Lindisfarne – 63 miles.

Many thanks to those who gave of their time and talent to support the Friends fundraising.

To date £1595 has been raised through the Giving Day, sales of pictures and plants and the Indoor Car Boot sale.

Thanks to all who gave most generously.

*Notelets are available and are on sale at the Church entrance

Kingsbarns School & Community Garden

If anyone would like to get involved with the School & Community Garden, situated in The School Park, please contact Fiona Ramsay on 01334/880402/07909 895811 or call into the school.

Kingsbarns 100th Flower Show

Last year Kingsbarns Flower Show had a very successful afternoon. It was our hundredth and final show. The committee then dispersed the assets and money was given to :-

- St Andrews Botanical Gardens
- Scotland's Garden Scheme
- Kirkcaldy Hospice
- Craigtoun Park
- Kingsbarns Church
- Kingsbarns Memorial Hall

Many thanks to all who have supported the Show both as competitors and interested friends.

Friends of Kingsbarns Church CEILIDH

Kingsbarns Memorial Hall Saturday 11th November 2017 at 7pm With Billy Anderson and his Band

£10 (includes stovies, tea or coffee and shortbread)
Tickets available from 1st October from
Fiona Ramsay on 01334 880402/
07909 895811, Kingsbarns
Church Coffee Morning and
The Inn at Kingsbarns



Friday 8th December 2017 at 7pm
Kingsbarns Memorial Hall
£10 per team of 4
BYOB

To reserve a team table please contact Fiona Ramsay on 07909 895811/01334 880402

Please check local notices/publicity and Facebook Page nearer the time for final details.



CRAIL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope everyone in our community had a lovely summer despite the weather. We have had a very busy start to the new school session with lots of learning happening at Crail Primary School. Here is a flavour of what has been happening at our school...



We welcomed our new children and their families to our Nursery. This year we have 11 children attending our morning Nursery sessions. All of our children have settled in really well and they are beginning to learn the Nursery routine. Our pre-school children have been supporting our younger children, helping them to find their way around the Nursery and discovering all of the exciting opportunities that are on offer.

Our children have come back to school ready to work hard and to enjoy learning. This year we have 84 children in P1-P7. Our P1s have settled in really well and have enjoyed learning about our school routines. Our P7s have been super role models to our P1s through their role as a Buddy. They have been helping our P1s at break and lunchtimes and have been demonstrating lots of qualities including being caring, kind and helpful!

We have started the session with our Establishment Phase where all of our children and teachers have focussed on developing a learning ethos within each classroom. This has involved our children and staff discussing what makes a quality audience, a quality line, a good learner so expectations are shared and are clear. Last session our children, staff and families were involved in deciding which qualities we would expect to see in a Crail Primary School Learner: confident, independent, reflective, resilient, motivated, creative, persevering and co-operative. We will be developing these qualities throughout the session.

Each class has also established a Class Charter. This affirms our belief that a child's self-esteem and rights affects behaviour, learning and relationships with others. Through all the teaching and learning opportunities we provide, we aim to enhance our pupils' social and emotional development. As the session continues we will focus more on fixed and growth mindsets, making mistakes and challenging ourselves, equipping our pupils with the skills to become successful and lifelong learners.

We have a number of after school clubs running this term. These include rugby, netball and running. Our library is also open during lunchtimes for our children.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our Summer Fair and helped us to raise the fantastic amount of £1301 for new books and to furnish our library/learning centre. We were blessed with fantastic

sunny weather and this was a really fun day so thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Our parents are now busy sorting and organising all of our books. If you are able to give us an hour or so of your time to help us then please contact the school office.

We look forward to seeing everyone then!

Best wishes from everyone at Crail Primary School

02.12.17

School Christmas Fair,

2-4pm

in The Community Hall

KINGSBARNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

In reflecting on my first few weeks at Kingsbarns, my first thought is how time has flown! The school has a wonderful group of pupils and parents — and Kingsbarns is a lovely village, steeped in history.

The school roll has grown since last term: eighteen pupils spanning Primary 1-6 in one class. This term's project has focused on learning about the village of Kingsbarns and its environs. The school has links with the church dating back as far as the 1660's: dated 1822, our school building is the oldest in operation throughout the Kingdom of Fife.

We've brought the school bell out of retirement: each school day commences to its peals: the children all take their turn – which is fun, although the bell itself doesn't chime with the most clear and melodious of tones!

Earlier this week, pupils and staff alike were held in thrall when school neighbor, Jean - a former teacher and pupil at Kingsbarns - regaled us with fascinating stories about the school and village - and showed us some fascinating old pictures. It was exciting to learn that there was once a fire at the school: reportedly, a teacher over-stoked the stove and the chimneybreast became so hot that a picture hanging upon it burst into flames! The class took a walking tour around the village, too: using photos to see how much - and how little - the village has changed.

On the subject of change, I recently had the privilege of a preview of the beautiful *Cambo Heritage Centre*, opening in October. I'm certain it will become a firm favorite for Kingsbarns pupils - and a cherished asset for the wider community.

Finally: might I draw your attention to the Kingsbarns school art project. We're inviting every village resident to draw around his or her hand, then decorate the picture and add some personal information - name, place of birth and how long he/she has lived in Kingsbarns.

The café has kindly agreed to take in a supply of paper, ready for collection by the residents. We are hoping to laminate all the hands and make them into a mural: an artistic 'sense -us'!

Ms Rosie Henshaw P1-6 Class teacher



Crail's Lane St Andrews

I was asked the other day if I knew why there was a lane in St Andrews called Crail's Lane. I have been investigating this and found and article in the St Andrews Citizen of June 1950 written by Mr. J Gordon Dow who was Town Clerk of Crail.

He used to wonder why Crail Town Council collected small feu-duties from properties in the lane at either end of Market Street and South Street.

In 1916, an act was passed which made it essential for Superiors to recover "Casualties" due to them before 1930, otherwise they were cancelled.

In an investigation of the titles of the various properties, Mr Dow said he found that the original characters (in Latin) were granted by the Magistrates of Crail in 1668 and 1670 in favour of "Ninian Fluker, merchant, citizen of the city of St Andrews and Besseta or Elizabeth Honeyman, his spouse.

The Crail Town Council recovered substantial sums for the redemption of the "casualties" and the proprietors of Crail's lane still pay feu-duties to the Council.

This insistence of one Royal Burgh collecting feu duties from proprietors of another was unusual and is probably an indication of the close connection between St Andrews and Crail in former times.

Feu-duties was previously the most common form of land tenure in Scotland as conveyancing in Scots Law was dominated by feudalism until the Scottish Parliament passed the Abolition of Feudal Tenure (Scotland) act 2000.

The word is the Scots for fee.



Silenced after 400 years.

The Church Bell in Crail has not sounded as a call to worship since June.

Just like Big Ben, silenced for the restoration of the Elizabeth Tower, the bell in Crail has been "silenced", as we await reports and estimates for a much needed restoration of the Kirk Tower.

The Church Bell is of Dutch origin and measures 22 inches in height and 27 at the mouth.

Round the shoulder is the inscription "PEETER VAN DEN GHEIN HEFT MY GHEGOTEN IN IAER DC XIII"

Peter Van den Ghein cast me in the year 1614

The bell also has the name Crail, cast in relief beside a three masted ship.

It is believed that the bell in the Town Hall is the oldest in Fife, again

a Dutch bell, cast in 1520, it is thought that this older bell was originally installed in the Church, but

moved to the Town Hall in 1702.

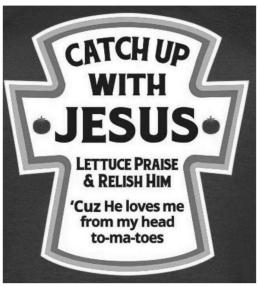
Photography by

Andrew Nelson









Christmas Tree Lighting



Christmas card & Gift Sale

Saturday 4th November 10.00am – 1.00pm Crail Kirk Hall

Christmas Traidcraft

The Traidcraft catalogue is available again full of exciting gift for Christmas, colourful cards and tasty treats. There is something for everyone. Although it may seem early the popular cards and gifts can sell out and rather than be disappointed it is better to order early. I will be taking orders from mid-October and catalogues will be available, with order forms inside, at Church and Chatbite. These can be borrowed if you need more time to peruse them at home. Completed orders can be left in the Traidcraft envelope to be found at the Church door or on the notice board at Chatbite. No money is required until your order arrives. For more information please contact Diana Brown (451790)

Christmas Services

17th Nativity Service Crail Church 11:15am

24th Carols by Candlelight in Kingsbarns Church at 8:00pm

Watchnight Service at Crail Church, Carols 11:00pm, Service 11:30pm

Joint Christmas Day Service at Crail Church starting 10:30am

Nativity Service

17th December

11.15 am



A TRIP TO CANTERBURY

A trip to see family now moved to Kent was an opportunity to visit Canterbury Cathedral. In 597 AD Pope Gregory the Great sent a monk, Augustine, to England as a missionary. Augustine established his seat or 'cathedra' and monastery in Canterbury and became England's first Archbishop.



Infamously, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered there in 1170 by four knights at the instigation of King Henry II. When, soon afterwards miracles were said to take place, the Cathedral became one of Europe's most important pilgrimage centers. There was a great sense of history to stand at the spot where this happened - a place now called The Martyrdom.

The Cathedral is still very much a working, living church where services take place every day. With others, we took part in a short service of prayer - a peaceful moment that was respected by the many visitors walking past and we were able to light a candle and leave a prayer for a friend who had just died.

The crypt is the oldest part dating back to the 11th century with round 'Norman 'arches and beautifully carved capitals and decorated columns. It is quiet place for prayer and reflection. St Gabriel's Chapel houses some of the oldest Christian wall paintings in the country. In contrast the crypt also houses a statue by sculptor Sir Antony Gormley and formed from ancient

iron nails taken from the cathedral roof during renovation work. The two-meter-long piece called 'Transport' outlines the shape of a floating body and is suspended above the site of the first tomb of Archbishop Becket. The sculpture is suspended horizontally and turns back and forth as people pass by, disturbing the air - but always returns to point north/south - we heard a guide explaining that this is perhaps due to residual magnetism in the iron.

Our family also took us to morning service at the village church in Wye, where they now live - St Gregory and St Martin's. This too is an ancient church and one that has been a resting place since medieval times for pilgrims journeying to Canterbury. We found a warm welcome and a lively congregation - and a most surprising vicar! We met a man of English and Indian parents who changed his name from Maharishi, (which means Great Holy Man in Hindi), to Ravi Holy - dating apparently from a time when he was studying the Pentecostal faith and from which he might have become Pastor Ravi Holy - the name stuck, giving pleasure to anyone who enjoys Italian food!

Conversation as usual started off with 'where are you from; what do you do' at which point Revd. Ravi explained that he himself was a stand-up comedian. This prompted a slight mental turmoil, wondering if this could possibly be

some sort of 'new world' assessment of the role of an Anglican priest!! Thankfully Ravi hastened to explain that he is indeed a comedian and just returned from successful shows at the Edinburgh Fringe. A tentative suggestion that there might be a sermon in there somewhere prompted slightly hysterical laughter from a lady of the congregation who was serving coffee.

But we learned later that there was a very serious side to the life of Revd. Holy. In his younger days he had been a Satanist, anarchist, hunt saboteur, lead singer of a band called God's Government and a drug-taking punk. Thrown out of Eton and then his family home he had ended up living rough. His remarkable story can be read in detail by simply googling his name. The lasting memory though is of his profound belief in the Christian understanding of redemption; a conviction that surely cannot be denied.

From Eric & Patricia Dewhirst



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October



Important DATE 1

November

| 4 th | Christmas Card & Gift Sale in Crail Kirk Hall 10am-12noon |
|------------------|---|
| 6 th | Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "HMS Antrim's War in the Falklands 1982" by Ronald Sanford |
| 9 th | Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- "Signing for the Deaf" by Alana Harper |
| 11 th | Ceilidh in Kingsbarns Memorial Hall with Billy Anderson and his band, 7pm |
| 12 th | Remembrance Sunday in both Churches |
| 13 th | Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "The Scottish Deer Centre" |
| 16 th | SWRI 7:30pm Kingsbarns Memorial Hall |
| 18 th | Guild Coffee Morning in the Kirk Hall 10-12pm |
| 20 th | Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "The Leprosy Mission Scotland" by Linda Todd |
| 23 rd | Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- "Eile Scarecrows" by Peter Wilson |
| 25 th | Sepsis Coffee Morning in the Legion Hall Crail 10am-12noon, ALL WELCOME |
| 25 th | Stovies night |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONT.

27th Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "Four Days & Four Countries" by Bob & Felicity Mitchell

December

- 2nd Crail Primary School Christmas Fair in the Community Hall 2pm-4pmChristmas Tree Lighting in Crail at 4:30pm with visit from Santa at 5pm
- 4th Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "Christmas Songs" by School Choir
- 7th Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- "Musical Memories" by Jane Maskelyne
- 8th Christmas Quiz in Kingsbarns Memorial Hall 7pm
- 9th British Legion Xmas Card Sale 2pm in the Legion Hall
- Kingsbarns Carol-singing round the village. Meet in the square at 6pm. (Wednesday 13th if wet)
 Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- Christmas Party with Jessie Lyon & May Muir
- 14th Christmas Outing (to be arranged)
- 16th A Musical Coffee Morning in aid of the Maggie Centre in Kingsbarns Memorial Hall, 10am-12pm
- 17th Nativity Service Crail Church 11:15am
- Carols by Candlelight in Kingsbarns Church at 8:00pm
 Watchnight Service at Crail Church, Carols 11:00pm, Service 11:30pm
- 25th Joint Christmas Day Service at Crail Church starting 10:30am

January

- 8th Monday Club Community Hall Crail 2:30pm- "Fife Milestones" by Paula Martin
- 11th Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- Variety (Wheelchair Charity) by Miranda Jude
- 25th Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- "Crail Museum, (Spoilt for Choice)" by Helen Armitage

February

- 8th Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm- "Tagging Birds for Migration Data" by Will Cresswell
- 22nd Guild in Crail Kirk Hall 2:15pm

"I'm late! I'm late! For a very important date! No time to say hello, goodbye! I'm late! I'm late! I'm late!"

