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Jumble sale raises £3,900



Oliver & Helen hand over cheques to Fresh Start and to the Johnson family



Despite all the difficulties posed by Covid restrictions, the Cramond Kirk Jumble Sale went ahead on Saturday, 12 March, signalling that, with the lifting of restrictions, Cramond Kirk is very much back in business.

The day itself was very successful and, after two hours of frenetic sales, an impressive sum of £3,900 was raised, which has now been shared between Cramond Kirk and the charities Fresh Start (www.freshstartweb.org.uk) and Lewis Leap, founded to honour the life and spirit of Lewis Johnson. Lewis sadly passed away aged only 13 and Lewis Leap aims to raise funds to help disadvantaged children in our community and to provide counselling support to bereaved families.

We would like to express our thanks to the large army of stall holders and supporters who worked so enthusiastically to produce another successful event. The effort that they put in had to be seen to be believed.

We would also like to thank all those who gave their donations. With the previous jumble sale having been cancelled due to Covid restrictions, we did receive a huge amount of donations, which unfortunately meant that we had to turn away some of the later donations as we had run out of space. We apologise to anyone who had their donations turned away on the day and do hope that this will not deter future donations which are so essential to the success of the jumble sale.

All of the unsold donations, except those that were broken or unsaleable, were distributed and gratefully received by a large number of local charities including Fresh Start, Edinburgh Refugee Aid, Shelter, Oxfam, Cramond Playgroup, Bethany Christian Trust, British Heart Foundation and the Salvation Army.

Helen and Oliver Riches

KIRK OPEN

Every Sunday

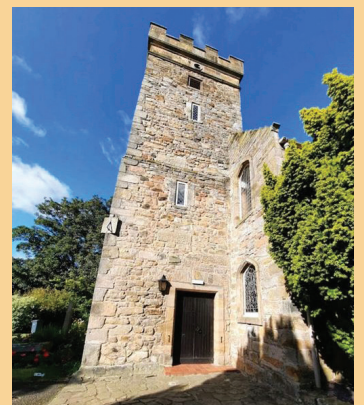
Morning Prayers - 8.45 am
Morning Worship - 10 am
1m social distancing remains and booking through the Kirk Office is advisable.

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Could you ring the church bell?

The Cramond Kirk bell is rung every Sunday for 5 minutes leading up to the 10am service.

We would like to recruit more bell ringers so now is your opportunity to ring this ancient bell! Training will be provided and volunteers will be placed on a rota so they only need to sign up for when they are free.

If you would like to be a campanologist, please contact the Kirk office on office@cramondkirk.org.uk anyone over the age of 7 is welcome, but children must be accompanied by a parent

Easter reflections from the congregation.



John: This year Holy Week was uplifting at Cramond – such an amazing variety of events, which stimulated thinking and feelings on the crucifixion and the resurrection. I welcomed the perspectives from different Christian traditions – from the high church of Mansfield Traquair to the creative thinking of Richard Holloway and the fascinating contrasts at the core of the Good Friday service.

It would be wonderful if we could enjoy such another rich set of experiences next year.

Lesley, on the Seder Meal: We were all invited to sit gathered round the communion table, in all probably about 18 of us, so it was cosy and friendly. Ian then explained the tradition of the seder meal which Jesus participated in and which is still an important part of

the Jewish faith. Lesley and Adam Cumming acted as the mother and father at the meal. We all had a plate of food, each part of the meal having a symbolic meaning accompanied by 4 separate glasses of wine (or juice). It was really a most interesting, inspiring and memorable experience and we all agreed that we had thoroughly enjoyed it, learning a lot and feeling to some extent that we had experienced a renewal of faith.

Easter Dawn Service



Parish Register

BAPTISMS

10 April Hugh Alexander Guy Scoular

DEATHS

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 16 Feb Elizabeth Murray
 28 Feb Alan Anderson
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FROM THE MANSE



In Cramond Kirk the bible is read regularly, including these words from the letter to the Romans,

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Over centuries Cramond Kirk has revealed in word and deed the way of Jesus, our leader, for the benefit of all who reside in the parish and beyond. If you are new to the area, why not come and meet us, there is a welcome for all.

Ian Gilmour
Locum minister

What did the Romans ever do for us?

Fans of the TV comedy show ‘Monty Python’ can give a long humorous answer to this question. A question which was asked in their hit film ‘A Life of Brian’. A woefully disorganised group of rebels are trying to take on the mighty Roman empire. At the end of an impassioned speech John Cleese asks the rhetorical question, “What did the Romans ever do for us?” His followers are briefly silent and then to Cleese’s increasing irritation produce a long list of benefits – aqueducts, sanitation, roads, medicine, wine, public order and peace.

Those new to Cramond Kirk (I arrived less than two years ago) might ask a similar question. What has Cramond Kirk ever done?

It has provided a sanctuary and stability, having been around in one form or another for 1400 years, longer than the Romans had their major settlement beside the current medieval kirk.

It has been crucial in the provision of education; it built and has supported Cramond Primary since 1560.

It has marked Christian festivals and been engaged in worship, baptisms, marriages and funerals.

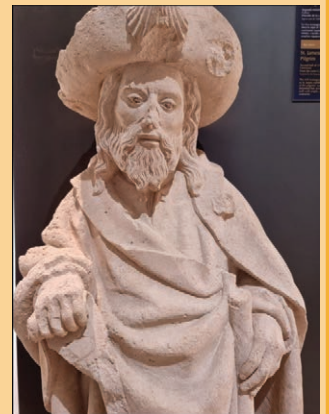
It built fine halls in 1963, refurbishing them in 2020. These have been used by virtually every community group from Pilates to Karate, dance to table tennis and have supported the vibrant youth organisations including the Scouts and Guides.

It has visited the aged, bereaved and troubled in the Cramond area.

Its members have taken leading roles in local community organisations.

A PILGRIM'S PRAYER

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end...
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you, does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem lost in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.



St James – the saint whose shrine lies at the end of the Camino Way pilgrimage route in Spain

by Thomas Merton



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Has the UK curling success in the Winter Olympics whetted your appetite to start to curl?



Cramond Curling Club is always looking for new members.

Curling is one of those sports that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, and all skill/fitness levels. The recent 2022 Winter Olympics hopefully brought the sport to a wider audience. Whilst the Cramond season ended in March past we are, however, working on plans for the 2022-2023 season, which starts in September.

Cramond Curling Club is a social club whose members have a range of abilities, from beginners to experienced players.

We play at Murrayfield Curling Rink on various weekday evenings, as well as on some Saturdays and Sundays, from September through to March. The members are divided into teams (rinks) that play against each other for a variety of trophies. We finish our season with a fun bonspiel (see photo) and a supper.

If you are interested in joining us, or finding out more about the sport, then please contact **Crichton Mouat** on **0131 334 6583**, or on (**crichtonmouat@btinternet.com**)



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We look forward to seeing you Wendy and Ronnie



WELCOME

Have you just moved into the area?
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THE CRAMOND ASSOCIATION

After another year of activity in which we managed to use video and on-line technology to stay active, we arrive at what would be our summer break. However, it will be less of a break than normal, as we attempt to plan for the future and try to discuss what we should be doing for the community.

We intend to hold a special meeting soon to discuss what we do and what we should do and would welcome thoughts. We need to try to reach the whole community across a range of

ages. One idea is to make sure that the individual activities are clearly identified so that they can be supported. This includes the Woodlands; the Walled Garden; Community Support such as working with the community council and others in collaboration as well as acting independently to provide a focus for the community. We also need to look at whether we should expand our on-line activities. This is in addition to the events we hold such as talks and the activities of our History Section.

We hope as many as possible will take part.

Adam Cumming
Interim President



THE FAIRTRADE FAIR

What a happy occasion we had on 3 April when at last we were able to hold another Fair Trade event. We've missed our regular fairs and stalls. We delayed this year from National Fair Trade Fortnight (21 February - 6 March) so that we were a bit less limited by Covid restrictions. In church we were

reminded of the importance of choosing Fair Trade, given the guarantee of minimum price which protects farmers from market volatility and extreme poverty. The price (which sometimes might seem a bit higher than similar options!) includes a little bit extra to allow the producers to develop better crops, combat the effects of climate change and invest in some education. The farmers are often working in harsh conditions and are at the sharp end of changes in weather patterns.

Afterwards, in the Kirk Hall, we enjoyed plenty of Fair Trade home baking with our coffee, we watched a short video highlighting some of the growing challenges, and had the grand reopening of our monthly stall after 2 years absence. We completed a guessing challenge, collected recipes and raffled a prize donated by our local Barnton Scotmid. You will be delighted to know we will be back to opening the regular stall on the second Sunday of each month.

As a result of the generous giving at our event, we were able to send Traidcraft "Big Breakfast" and Just Trading Scotland each a donation. Thank you everyone..... and remember to keep looking for the logo.

Judy Arrowsmith and the Fair Trade team





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Community Hub Launch

Finally, after years of planning, fundraising and hard work Fresh Start were delighted to officially launch their new Community Hub in Pilton. The space houses cooking classes, a training suite, meeting spaces for hire and a welcome space to drop in, have a cuppa and receive advice and information.

The launch was very well attended with speeches given by the Lord Provost, the Chair of the Board, Gary Cameron, and Managing Director, Biddy Kelly. The guest of honour however was Bobby, one of the local kids who did a fantastic

job as the official ribbon cutter.

It was brilliant to see so many Fresh Start supporters from volunteers to local families to funders and corporate partners attend the event-without whom none of it would be possible.

Special thanks to Scran Academy for providing everyone with delicious chilli and to local choir, Ama-zing Harmonies, for a beautiful rendition of Lean On Me, which felt very fitting to the occasion.

We hope the Hub will provide a welcoming space for local people in North Edinburgh and help Fresh Start continue our core aims of helping people to make a home for themselves.



THREE LETTERS

Can you work out which three-letter word completes the three longer words? Each line has a different three-letter word.

After completion, use the nine letters from your answers to work out the name of a publication

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2. O _ _ _ ION AL _ _ _ E PI _ _ _ G
3. D _ _ _ ON F _ _ _ MENT COU _ _ _ E



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Edinburgh Agroecology Project Lauriston Farm

When you drive or walk down Craigmond Road South you may be aware of a lot of new activity on the grounds over the wall. Over 9000 trees have been planted by volunteers in the Edinburgh Agroecology Co-op.

The Edinburgh Agroecology Co-op has a new vision for Lauriston Farm.

The vision is for a large scale urban food growing project which is nature rich, and which will benefit primarily the communities that live in the local area but also the wider city into the future.

The aim is to address some of the issues around access to local, affordable fresh produce, environmental degradation and lack of opportunities for people in cities to gain experience in food production resulting in a greater understanding of the wider food system.

This land and project has the potential to deliver many benefits including increased access to affordable locally grown food, increased biodiversity and enrichment of local wildlife habitats, carbon capture, multiple avenues for training and education around food growing and biodiversity and for celebration and coming together through community activities and events.

In the longer term the plan is to provide support for other micro enterprises and increase skills and knowledge in land based work. This is a unique opportunity to create a large urban farm in Scotland that will be beneficial for the land and the people.

So who is the team behind this exciting new project?

Edinburgh Agroecology Co-operative (EAC) is a Community Interest Company (CIC), newly formed for developing this project. The founding members of the EAC each have a close personal connection to north-west Edinburgh, whether through living in the area, in depth work with the local communities and environment, or both. They have expertise in food growing and farming, urban biodiversity and landscape ecology, woodland conservation, horticulture, food processing, community development and engagement, seed saving and project management. For all of us, the Lauriston proposal stands to be one of the most exciting projects we have ever been involved with.

The current directors of the EAC are:

Leonie Alexander - an Ecologist in Scotland for over 30 years. Her current role with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh aims to enhance biodiversity in the city in partnership with local community groups. A key focus is the Edinburgh Shoreline project which aims to increase awareness of the rich cultural and biodiversity interest of Edinburgh's coast and to engage communities in considering the best options for its future.

Antonia Dickson an experienced community development coordinator. Previously, she has owned a food business, worked on various land projects and worked as a woodland ecologist and conservationist, with Reforesting Scotland and the European Forestry Institute, which has led to a keen interest in agroforestry systems and how they can be implemented in an urban environment. Most excited about: Seeing urban agroforestry in action and learning and sharing knowledge with others

Lisa Houston works with community organisations in Granton on food growing and provision after many years in south east Asia where she practised and taught organic farming, seed-saving and earthen building. She



has 20 years' experience working with grassroots organisations from marginalised communities as well as international human rights organisations. Most excited about: the opportunity for getting more people involved in seed-saving and having dirty hands most of the time

Charlotte Steel is the Operations Coordinator for the Land Workers Alliance and previously was Farm Manager at Sutton Community Farm in south London 2012-2018. Prior to working with the LWA Charlotte coordinated grant giving for the Lush Permaculture and Agroecology Fund. Charlotte is based in Edinburgh and is involved in two urban growing projects: as Director for Edinburgh Agroecology Co-operative and as a volunteer at Leith Community Croft.

Jamie Wallace has had a wide career, largely focused on sustainability issues, across the private, public, and charity sectors. He worked for many years at the sustainable development charity Forum for the Future, set up his own online social enterprise - walkit.com - to encourage more urban walking, helped grow a successful food business from London's Borough Market, and worked in the environment team at the Greater London Authority.

www.lauristonfarm.scot





At the annual Youth Service this year, Guide Caiden received the Kirk Session Millennium Shield and Scout Ruairidh received the Leonard Small Memorial Shield, both for their contribution to Scouting and Guiding.

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THREE LETTERS - ANSWERS

1. EVE (SLEEVE, EVENT, SEVEN) 2. PIN (OPINION, ALPINE, PIPING) 3. RAG (DRAGON, FRAGMENT, COURAGE)

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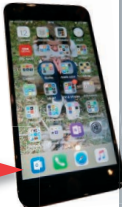


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