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The Mystery of Cramond Kirk Manse

The main mystery about Cramond Kirk Manse is when was it first built, and why is it such an odd shape.

We think there has been a Manse in Cramond since 1478. Thanks to Oliver Cromwell's invasion, it is impossible to verify, since the Kirk's records were never retrieved. There has been a Kirk at Cramond for about 700 years.

From a private record in 1683, we know funding from the Heritors (the owners of Barnton House, Dalmeny House and Cramond House) had been used to repair the Kirk, Manse and Cramond schoolhouse. The Heritors were responsible for the Minister's stipend, the Manse, the schoolmaster's salary, and the upkeep of the relevant buildings.

The core of the current Manse was built in 1745 and faced south containing the study, living room, and two bedrooms. The kitchen was in the basement evident by the kitchen range in what is now the Kirk Office. What were all the other basement rooms used for?

The 18th-century sketch of

Cramond Manse shows the stable and carriage house behind the Manse, and the old schoolhouse. The Manse was surrounded by open land, called "Glebe land", formerly owned by the Kirk.



The 1770 extension is the living room on the ground floor, one bedroom and an attic bedroom.

The then Minister Rev Gilbert Hamilton's three daughters may have been demanding a bedroom each. It is possible that it was an early example of a private finance initiative from the family. Another mystery.

We think the original Manse would have had an external staircase - probably similar to the one in Cramond Tower. The main staircase is still a very tight circular staircase.

Reverend Walker, the skating minister in Raeburn's famous portrait, lived here from 1776 to 1784.



In 1844 the Rev Walter Colvin wasted little time in getting the Manse up to standard. He reported: *"In consequence of the alterations and improvements which have been made upon it from time to time, it is now a very comfortable and commodious dwelling."*

Married and having 9 children and a faithful nurse, gardeners and the beadle, housemaid and cook all living in the manse, he no doubt felt it was not so roomy as it had seemed on his arrival.

If you look on the north facing bedroom window (first room on left at the top of the stairs) you will find one of Colvin's sons etched his initials on one of the small panes of glass !

He enlisted architect David Bryce (who later designed Fettes College) to draw up plans for the Manse's extension. A south wing was added in 1857, with a dining room and sitting room, connected to the original building by a spacious corridor. These rooms covered up the original entrance to the Manse. The main door is now conveniently next to the Minister's study.

We are lucky to have such a historic Manse in Cramond!
Researched and written by Margery Naylor

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

18 April Oliver Lawrence Patrick,
son of Christopher &
Faith Jayne

23 May Iona Anderson, daughter
of Brian Costello & Irene
Waldman

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Finnie
Julian & Sandra Lamont

DEATHS

21 January Anne Gumley
2 February Mrs Mary Croal
5 February Frank Whitehall
17 February Mrs Margaret Taylor
19 February Mrs Elizabeth McGleave
2 March Mrs Min Hunter
10 March Willie Prest
21 March Marshall MacKinnon
21 March Cameron Thaw

28 March Lt Col Alexander Bisset
11 April Geoff Barbour
12 April Irene C Laidlaw
18 April Andrew Mather
19 April Nevin Kerr
16 April Dan Hall
19 April Dr John Murray
24 April Grace Davidson
29 April Mrs Irene Sanders
3 May David Hall



Oliver Jayne christening



Iona Anderson christening



News from Edinburgh charity Fresh Start:

In the second lockdown Emergency Food Packs were made available to those in need, and we had help from our partner organisations and supporters to meet the demand. Sadly this highlights the far reaching impact of the pandemic on our community.



The Community Hub will open its doors in June. We hope it will be a social "home" where people can come for a friendly face, kind words and advice, and food. Staff and volunteers have painted the steel shutters in vibrant colours of welcome and hope.

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FROM THE MANSE



Friends,

Like many of you I enjoy libraries, bookshelves, covers, fonts, pages, whole words and even single letters. Just occasionally I enjoy considering grammar, but to be honest, mostly I prefer books. Big books and small, illustrations, quotes, dazzling new thoughts on old things plus conjunctions of all kinds! When you have been working with words for many years you learn to be truly grateful for the words of others. The gentle, the precise and the lack of cliché are all appreciated.

However, my preference is for spare descriptions which can invite the reader to appreciate a magnificent room, better understand a unique life, or explore a whole era with colour and imagination. Words which open our eyes wide or simply stimulate.

I hope you can return to your favourite bookshop and library. The Cornerstone just under St John's is one of my go to places. I really enjoy books of prayers. Have you read G.F. MacLeod's (one of Cargilfield School's former pupils)

'The Whole Earth Shall Cry Glory'?

If not, seek it from a library and you are in for a treat,

'We know Thou art the way for us:

But we do not like the steepness of the brae.'

A book by the late Revd David Ogston is helpful for me recently, **'Scots Worship'**. Ogston produced clever turns of phrase in Scots, Doric and English.

How about this to open a service of worship?

*'Bless to us, O God, this time,
This fleeting hour,
This window for eternal uses
to shine upon the temporary,
this blink of time when we step back
to see the pattern of our days,
this chance
to remember we are blessed
beyond belief.'*

I hope that even if you do not read any books this summer, that you can still give thanks and grow in the loving likeness of that master carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth. Enjoy this prayer by the great Victor Hugo,

*The whole creation is a perpetual
ascension,
from brute to man,
from man to God.
To divest ourselves more and more of
matter,
to be clothed more and more with
Spirit,
such is the law.*

Ian Gilmour, Locum Minister

Cramond Kirk Visiting Team – can you help too?

Throughout all the lockdown months our wonderful Visiting Team has remained busy, keeping in touch with our visitees, who number around 80 and growing.

Contact has been through regular phone calls to the older folk, their families and care homes. Little gifts and cards have been sent at special times - Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter and now birthdays. Hopefully, with the easing of lockdown rules we may soon be able to return to visiting and cups of coffee at home or in coffee shops and to meet together for our lovely coffee mornings and regular services in the church hall - oh what joy!!

In order to maintain the level of support we have built up, a few new visitors would be excellent. If you would like to know more about what's involved, please contact Cramond Kirk at cramond.kirk@blueyonder.co.uk or on 336 2036.

Likewise, if you have a relative, neighbour or friend who you think would benefit from the Visiting Team's support, please contact the Kirk.

Kathleen Malone
Cramond Kirk Visiting Team Co-ordinator





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Interested in Curling?

Cramond Curling Club is looking for new members



Curling is one of those sports that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and fitness levels. Whilst the current Covid 19 situation has created uncertainty about precise playing arrangements for the 2021-22 season, outline planning is, nevertheless, currently being undertaken for the time when the situation becomes more clear.



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

We play at Murrayfield Curling Rink on various weekday evenings and 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, Club Secretary, at (crichtonmouat@btinternet.com), or on 0131 334 6583

FAIR TRADE LOCKDOWN STYLE



We couldn't hold our monthly stalls or host our 'big' community Fair Trade Fortnight event this year but the food bank benefitted from our sudden spare stock and we did manage a Zoom Big Brew coffee morning.

This was encouraged by Tradecraft Exchange, the international development charity, to draw attention to their work. They support "Regenerators", inspirational people from some of the world's most vulnerable communities, taking action to fight the devastating effects of climate change.

We delayed any events and donations because the UK Government had pledged to double all donations made from 8 March - 7 June under the Aid Match Scheme.

At our Big Brew we watched a short video, discussed quiz questions on the impact of climate change and shared ideas of possible products we can buy. Our own local shops have rallied to the flag and are stocking a wide range of products - a range much broader than the traditional bananas and chocolate, so there's no excuse for ignoring calls to shop fairly. Shop local and shop for goods displaying the Fair Trade logo. The Gathering Space café at the Kirk Hall, will continue to use fairly traded ingredients where possible.

www.fairtrade.org.uk

Judy Arrowsmith & the FT Team

WORD CHALLENGE

ALL THE ANSWERS HAVE SUMMER IN THEM

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| 1. Film starring Cliff Richard and the Shadows (6,7) | 6. Song from Porgy and Bess (10) |
| 2. The longest day (6,8) | 7. A phrase (3,7,4,3,1,6,4) |
| 3. Title of a play (1,9,6,5) | 8. Song from Grease (6,6) |
| 4. A singer (5,6) | 9. A hymn (6,4,3,7) |
| 5. Warm, dry weather in late autumn (6,6) | 10. A dessert (6,7) |



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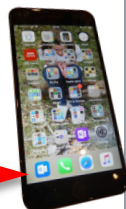
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Friends of the River Almond Walkway



Work parties may have been limited during the last year, but the work of FRAW has continued on several fronts.

Salvesen Steps

The Council is preparing a brief for the replacement of the scaffolding steps with permanent steps. This will keep the Walkway open, but doesn't give a solution that is accessible for all. FRAW has commissioned a tunnelling specialist to prepare a detailed budget estimate for a tunnel option, which is our preferred solution.

Peggy's Mill

We are keen to create an interesting space at Peggy's Mill where walkway users can pause and enjoy seeing and accessing the river. We discussed some options for the area with the Council and local residents, including felling a large sycamore on the south of the to increase the light percolating to the area. We will progress these options in the coming weeks, but all agreed that the drainage has to be sorted out and David Kyles will draw up an initial plan.



Plaque on Cramond Brig

We were delighted to receive planning approval for the plaque to be installed on Cramond Brig. The cast zinc plaque with a bronze resin finish has been made and has now been carefully installed on the bridge.

Cramond Primary

Cramond Primary is keen to find projects the children could work on along the Walkway to help them develop as responsible citizens.



We worked with them to create the Wildflower Garden at Cockle Mill which has Cowslip and Fritillary flowering, and look forward to resuming this work.

www.friendsoftheriveralmondwalkway.org.uk



Christmas Tree Recycling Initiative at Cammo

With a view to increasing the wildlife in the Cammo Local Nature Reserve, the Friends of Cammo introduced an alternative method of disposing of unwanted Christmas Trees following the 2020 festivities. We put out a Facebook post after Christmas telling people they could bring their old Christmas trees to the park for us to create habitat piles with. We had to start saying no to people once we got to 500 trees! The idea caught on in a big way and enabled us to have lots of conversations about habitat and carbon, which was great. The trees have been distributed around the park as habitat piles, barriers and protection for young trees.



Anyone interested in Friends of Cammo (Registered Scottish Charity SC033394) can find more on our website and Facebook page

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/friendsofcammo

Website:
www.friendsofcammo.org

The Cramond Association

Despite Covid, we have continued to run our successful programme of monthly talks on-line through Zoom. The recorded talks are available to members on the dedicated members' area of our website.

We have been working on the 'ReDrawing Edinburgh' Programme - aimed at commemorating the expansion of the city in 1920 to include Cramond and Barnton. This has successfully made many more aware of our history. They are looking for pieces about what this area means to you. Do you have any particular fond memories from growing up or living here? Your piece can be a poem, a short essay, spoken word, or a song. The link is in our newsletter at www.cramondassociation.org.uk.

We will approach future opportunities and challenges using electronic media for the benefit of all, without neglecting traditional methods of being together. We continue to seek ways to broaden our range of activities to support the community in Cramond. These will include seeking broader involvement from all.

Adam Cumming
President, Cramond Association

From the Kirkyard

“From the Kirkyard” has always been an interesting and informative story from the very special lady who is Doris Duncanson!

Doris has been keeping many of her fellow residents busy and entertained in Queens Manor Care Home during the pandemic.

For us volunteers gardening in the Kirkyard during a pandemic, it was at first a strange time. We were not able to look after the Kirkyard as we normally would have done ... and it was with some trepidation that we ventured down with our gardening tools.

The services online from Cramond Kirk have been a lifeline for many.



For some in our group, without a garden at home, it has been good to have a place to look after in the “socially distanced” company of others. This pandemic has been very isolating for many of us.

A small group of the Kirkyard gardeners have volunteered to work on the Garden of Remembrance over the next few months to bring it back to the way it was before.

Little ornaments and written messages to loved ones will be kept there for a little while, and then it is hoped that people will take them home again to keep their special memories close. The Garden of Remembrance will be a place of quiet contemplation to remember happier times.

We are looking for more keen volunteer gardeners. If you would like to join us please contact Louise the Kirk Secretary.

Working in the Kirkyard is a happy, peaceful experience and offers the chance for a chat with very appreciative visitors.

Thank you very much indeed to all the hard-working and friendly folk for all your efforts in this extraordinary year.

Diana Hart and Kathleen McGeorge



The Gathering Café at the Kirk

Heather and Cathy of Marmalade Skies wish to thank everyone who has so kindly supported them in opening The Gathering Space café operating from Cramond Kirk Halls. They enjoy meeting the people who visit the halls and providing refreshments based on supplies that are locally sourced or Fair Trade and environmentally friendly where possible. Open Tues – Sat 9am – 3pm Carry away only.



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AN INVITATION



For several months now a group of us have been attending a Zoom meeting from 7.00pm – 8.00pm every second Wednesday for Bible study under the excellent leadership of our locum minister Ian Gilmour.

This is an invitation for you to join us simply by contacting our church secretary, Louise Madeley, on 0131 336 2036 for the Zoom signing on details of our next meeting.

I am sure the title 'Bible Study' puts many people off as they feel they

do not know much about the Bible passages and do not wish to expose their lack of knowledge!

What happens at our meetings? – a few days prior to the meeting Ian will circulate details of the story we are about to discuss and pose a few questions to get the discussion off to a good start. Each individual can input as much or as little as they like but it is fascinating to listen to different interpretations of the story which can be really enlightening.

The following are some of the comments made by individuals in our group –

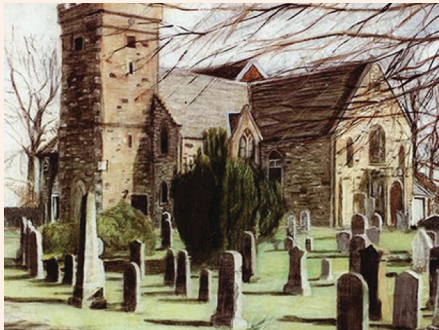
'I was a bit nervous about the online Bible Study group at first however I soon relaxed as it became clear that there was no pressure to make clever theological points or even to say anything at all'

'Initially I just wanted to sit and listen to others – now I look forward to each meeting knowing I need only contribute what I can and always come away having learnt, reflected on and imbibed something special'

'As a lone member of the Church in my family I find the Bible Study group a great source of encouragement and I feel a great sense of companionship as we explore the Bible stories together' 'It is good to share, learn together and explore what passages mean – it is also fun!'

Why not join us for our next meeting even if it is only to observe what happens – I am sure you will enjoy it and I look forward to welcoming you to our group!

Leslie Pendreigh



LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE GATES TO CRAMOND KIRK

This beautiful painting of the historic Cramond 'Kirk on a

Windy Day' by the artist Ronald Ryan has proved to be one of our most popular Giclée Prints and artist-signed Art Cards. In August 2019 Cambridge Bibles requested permission to use the image for the cover sleeve of 30,000 'Revised English Bible New Testament' Special Edition which was sent out to churches all over Britain. We have decided to display the original painting at the Gallery in our 'Summer Exhibition' which starts on 19 June 2021. Included with the sale of the painting will be a copy of the Bible, which not only adds to the provenance of the painting

but also to its value.

We would also like to take this opportunity to announce that 'Art Gift certificates' are now available from the Gallery. Whether you wish to buy our artworks or just want to look, you will be made most welcome. For further information contact us on 07375 094713 or visit our website at www.thelittlegatehousegallery.com

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GUIDING IN LOCKDOWN



No one could have predicted how challenging the past 12 months have been. Girls and leaders have had to gain new skills and adapt to different ways of working. Our leaders have made up many 'packs' for activities and made numerous deliveries to ensure the girls had the best opportunity to take part in the activities we had planned.

Individuals within the leadership teams all have different circumstances and each leader has had to carry out their own risk assessment as to whether they felt safe to meet face to face. Units have started this term to meet outdoors as leaders feel ready

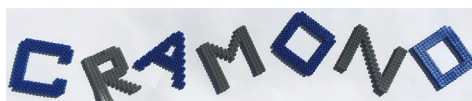
to do so. The recent weather has also proved challenging. Although we have had to meet virtually, the girls have continued to enjoy a varied programme, baking being a highlight. Guides have carried out lots of science experiments using household items. Promise ceremonies have been held virtually and girls and units have completed badges including paw print badge challenges which fit well into the Brownie programme. The latest badge being awarded this week is the 'wee beasties challenge' badge to some of our Rainbows.

Brownies couldn't go to camp but had

the next best thing, a virtual camp over Easter weekend.

To earn the badge the Brownies had to complete a selection of tasks. Making a den and the craft were favourite activities. With a scavenger hunt, assisting with making a meal for their family, a camp fire, hot chocolate and games over zoom, it was a successful Easter weekend.

We look forward to better times, hopefully, when units can resume with a new 'normal'.



The **Imagine Cramond** project moves into the second phase at the end of May. We have three judges, Adam Cumming, chair of the Cramond Association, Mrs Helen Donaldson, head at Cramond Primary plus an active teenager Eilidh Newlands they will assess the entries and select three winners of the competition.

On the 1 July 2021 we will enter the third phase three by displaying all the entries at Cramond Kirk halls until Saturday the 18 September. This will be an interactive display in that you will be able to commend up to 6 entries and add your any thoughts stimulated by the project so that by the end of September we have a really good idea

of what the Cramond community desires to strengthen community life. A summary report will be written for interested parties to read.

Thanks to all those who have engaged so far. Please come to the halls to view Imagine Cramond, buy a coffee and a cake and have a look at the bright ideas of your fellow citizens young and old.

After all, as Earl Nightingale once said ,
"Everything begins with an idea"
 Ian Gilmour

WORD CHALLENGE ALL THE ANSWERS HAVE SUMMER IN THEM

1. SUMMER HOLIDAY
2. SUMMER SOLSTICE
3. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
4. DONNA SUMMER
5. INDIAN SUMMER
6. SUMMERTIME
7. ONE SWALLOW DOES NOT A SUMMER MAKE
8. SUMMER NIGHTS
9. SUMMER SUNS ARE GLOWING
10. SUMMER PUDDING

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