



## August 2021

Good morning everyone! As per usual, there are lots of activities going on in this busy wee town. Not quite as much to cover this month in the newsletter itself, as a few things are pending, but read on to learn a thing or two about Cromarty's yarns, its fireworks and its arts events...

## Cromarty Bonfire and Fireworks Night

*Georgia Macleod writes:*

This year's event WILL be happening (weather permitting) on the Links on **Friday 5th November**. We need to do some fundraising so plan to contact local businesses soon and any raffle prizes and/or donations will be much appreciated as ever.

We are on the hunt for fresh blood! Our 'committee' basically consists of 4 busy locals and ALL of us wish to make this our last event. I think this is my 11th consecutive Fireworks Night as organiser and it's definitely time to hand the baton on. So, if this event is to continue (in whatever form) into the future, it will require several people to come forward and volunteer to take it on. We will be holding a meeting on **Thursday 12th August at 7.00pm** at the Royal (outside if weather nice) so please do come along if you would be happy to get involved or wish to find out more. If you can't make the meeting but are happy to be involved, please drop me an email: [georgia@macleod9.plus.com](mailto:georgia@macleod9.plus.com). Any new folk, the idea would be for you to shadow and help out for this

year's event so you're not in at the deep end in the future.  
Hope to see some new faces on the 12th!

## Community Sharing Larder



*Jill Stoner writes:*

The larder opened on December 22nd 2020 and has been checked and restocked every day since then. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have been involved and to those who have donated food and finance to support the venture. Thank you to the bakery for their support and to the Cromarty Stores. The Cromarty Arts Trust have supported us by letting the Care Project store food in Ardyne Studio, for which we are very grateful.

Over the past 6-8 weeks the use of the larder has reduced significantly, and we have taken the decision to close it after the school holidays. It will close on Friday August 20th.

We will keep things under review and if circumstances appear to be changing, particularly over the winter, then we will reopen it.

If you or anyone you know needs support with food, then do contact [info@cromartycareproject.co.uk](mailto:info@cromartycareproject.co.uk) or text Jill Stoner on 07850889014

## The Yarn Bomber



The post box outside Calluna was Yarn Bombed recently with a beautiful crocheted scene of Cromarty, a postcard with the Cromarty Song lyrics and a request for donations to the Highland Hospice. Lots of folk have been visiting the crochet creation since it has gone viral on social media and featured in the local press. Stop by and check it out if you haven't already!

## **Cromarty Cinema**

We've loved seeing so many familiar faces over the last wee while! Have a look at this month's programme and we hope to see you soon.



# Cromarty Cinema

August 2021 Programme



Date	Time	Film	Rating	Duration
FRI 06/08	19:00	Deerskin*	15	1h17
SAT 07/08	19:00	Last Man Standing: Suge Knight and The Murders of Biggie and Tupac	18	1h45
SUN 08/08	15:00	Land*	12	1h30
WED 11/08	19:00	Summer of Soul	12A	1h57
FRI 13/08	19:00	Riders of Justice*	15	2h10
SAT 14/08	19:00	The World to Come	15	1h45
SUN 15/08	15:00	<u>Tove</u>	12A	1h56
FRI 20/08	19:00	Top Gun*	12A	1h50
SAT 21/08	15:00	The Last Letter from Your Lover	12A	1h49
SAT 21/08	19:00	Jumbo	15	1h35
SUN 22/08	15:00	<u>lorram</u>	PG	1h36
FRI 27/08	19:00	Islander	9+	TBC
SAT 28/08	19:00	Our Ladies	12A	1h44

\*Screenings to be confirmed

## Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum

*Alix H. J. Powers-Jones writes:*

Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum is open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays in July and August from 1pm to 5pm (last entry 4.30pm). Opening two small buildings to the public in a time of pandemic is a very different way of working. However, it is surprising just how quickly we adapt to new ways of thinking and working. We are, slowly but surely, getting used to booking visitors into timed slots for their visits and keeping a very watchful eye on the numbers of people in each building. Our numbers at any one time are a maximum of 10 visitors from no more than 4 households. Our visitors have been very good at wearing their face masks and filling in the tracing forms which, after completion, are kept under lock and key for 21 days and then shredded, if not required. Staff and visitors alike have become accustomed to the somewhat temperamental sanitising units spread around the museum, which variously drip gel all the time or are so reluctant to dispense that it feels like a triumph when they finally do yield the precious cleaner. The unit by the front door was so bad at dispensing (the draft from the open door drying up the alcohol and reducing the sanitising gel

to a thick sticky gloop) that I have replaced it with an old fashioned bottle and pump. Not as sleek, but much more practical and efficient. It is not the problems that define us, but how we deal with them.

On a personal note, we say goodbye today (Friday 30 July) to one of our stalwart supporters: Martin Gostwick, who died unexpectedly the week before last. Martin was my predecessor in the post of Property Manager at Hugh Miller's, following on from his wife Frieda who worked in the role before him. Martin had, for the last ten years, continued to support the museum and our work, acting as the secretary for our support group: The Friends of Hugh Miller. He also gave practical support, as a steadfast member of Front of House volunteer team, working regular shifts alongside other dedicated volunteers and staff members. His absence will be felt.



Martin Gostwick by Scottish Geology Trust

## The Middleton Trust

*Gillian McNaught writes:*

The Middleton Trust welcomes applications from groups or organisations to fund projects benefiting young people in Cromarty & District in the year **2022 -2023**. Trustees would very much like to encourage new applicants, as well as current or previous beneficiaries to apply for awards before the deadline on 1st October 2021.

Feedback from participants and organisations in receipt of awards disbursed in 2021 has been hugely positive. The following projects and activities supported by the Middleton Trust have directly benefited the young people of Cromarty:

- **Cromarty Tennis & Sports Club** - supporting Summer Tennis lessons and youth competitions in Summer 2021 at the Dr Forth Court, Victoria Park
- **Cromarty & Resolis Film Society** - towards delivering a Schools Programme over two years with Cromarty Primary School, engaging young people in all aspects of film
- **Cromarty Community Rowing Club** - towards purchase of a winch to enable young rowers to operate independently and a new set of dedicated youth lifejackets
- **Cromarty Youth Café** - funding towards the Assistant Youth Worker position creating activities, opportunities and support for young people, training costs and annual Youth Café running costs

All applications for 2022-2023 will be considered at the Trust's AGM on **Thursday 4th November 2021** and organisations will shortly thereafter be contacted by the Secretary.

Further information and a simple Application Form to download is available from the [Middleton Trust page on the Cromarty Live website](#) or through the Secretary: Gillian McNaught, phone on 01381 600337 *or* by email at [middletontrust@gmail.com](mailto:middletontrust@gmail.com).

**Closing date for applications is Friday 1st October 2021.**

## **Business News**

### **Sutor Creek**

We are experiencing a really busy summer with lots of folk visiting for wood-fired pizza and Graham's seasonal menu. Open daily from 9am for freshly ground coffee and exceptionally good cakes, our hot food is available from 12-8pm with specials including Langoustines when available.

The Deli is stocked up with new items including Cromarty Mains Honey, Inessence Gourmet crisps in wasabi, truffle and iberia ham flavours, Ooft Hot Sauces, Drivers pickles & chutneys and bottles & boxes of Honest Toil - an extra virgin olive oil pressed solely from Koroneiki olives. It's unblended, unfiltered, and properly cold-pressed. We've

also got some gorgeous gifts, mango wood bowls and trays (hand-made featuring puffins, mussels and coastal scenes).

Our selection of craft gins, single malts and miniatures has grown to include some really special bottles and gift sets. Sutor Creek is a Click & Collect provider for Harris Gin with glass gift sets available in the deli.

### **Bins 🗑️**

We are encouraging all our customers to dispose of their rubbish responsibly by either using Sutor Creek or public bins or taking home. We've invested in larger bins from the Highland Council and a commercial can crusher to create more bin space, we have new categorised larger bins out the front of the Creek and our team is always on the look out for stray boxes and overflowing bins to tidy up. We really are trying our very best to keep our wee town clean and tidy.

### **Calluna**

Thank you to all our lovely customers who have supported us since reopening. We have increased the range of styles and sizes and continue to look for clothing and accessories to complement our Highland lifestyle.

We are delighted to welcome Cassie Paterson to the Calluna Team as our Retail Assistant. Cassie's youthful energy and passion for clothing (including making her own!) is proving to be a great addition to the shop.

### **Cromarty Arts Trust**



We have three great courses running this month:

**7th & 8th - Dressmaking - FULLY BOOKED**

**21st & 22nd - Landscape Painting in Oils with  
Anna Wimbledon - ONE PLACE REMAINING!**

**28th & 29th - Portrait Painting in Oils - FULLY  
BOOKED**

Friday 20th at 7.30pm we have violinist Emma Donald and pianist Ailsa Aitkenhead who bring a programme of Brahms, folk dances and more to the iconic Stables Gallery. Come and sample the wonderful acoustics on a summer's evening! Tickets £10 for a socially-distanced audience. Tell us about your bubble when booking.

As usual, get in touch

via [info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk) or check out our website [www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk](http://www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk) or [Facebook page](#).

**Thanks folks!**

That's all we've got for now, but stay tuned for next month's newsletter. Have a great August!

*- The Editorial Team*

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