



July 2021

Phew: summer is here and another newsletter is upon us... find some shade and read on!

Cromarty & District Community Council

The CDCC writes:

Youth Cafe Summer Programme

From Monday 28th June until 30th July, the Youth Cafe will be presenting a Summer Programme to put some smiles back on the faces of Cromarty's young folk.

Click [here](#) for full details.

Local Vacancies Noticeboard

At the latest C&DCC meeting, Youth Members, Tilly and Gregor, raised the subject of young folk trying to find out about seasonal and part-time work vacancies not being publicised in Cromarty.

It seems that most vacancies are advertised 'by word of mouth', and this can be very frustrating. In addition, younger people tend to look for news online rather than on a physical noticeboard.

Members agreed that Paige would write to all employers in Cromarty (to start with) and ask them to supply news of any vacancies (however short term) to the C&DCC, and this would immediately appear on a new [Local Vacancies Board](#), on the [Cromarty Live website](#), with prompts on both the [C&DCC](#) and [Cromarty Youth Cafe](#) Facebook pages. This facility will be there for all age groups and different sections of the community.

Readers should note that the [Cromarty Live website](#) is now trying to be both inclusive and up to date with lots of local Cromarty and Black Isle news, with many interesting and informative documents to view and read. This includes all C&DCC approved minutes, agendas and reports, plus the latest Cromarty Youth Cafe news.

Future of the East Church Hall

Following the pre-school classes being moved to the Cromarty Primary School premises, the community has been left with a valuable community asset unused but definitely not unloved.

The C&DCC has received a lot of local interest, who are very keen to see the East Church Hall used as a functioning, useful and sustainable community facility. Local folk have many fond memories of this building in its many guises over the years, and have asked that the C&DCC coordinates the local interest and, in the first place, liaises with the Highland Council, who are the 'custodians' of this Cromarty Common Good Asset.

At our latest meeting, it was agreed that the C&DCC will make this approach and then bring together all the community ideas in an attempt to create a sustainable community-based future for the East Church Hall.

Keep your views and ideas coming by emailing cromartydistrictcc@gmail.com, as we start this process. All ideas will be considered, and every communication will receive a response.

Cromarty Community Development Trust

The CCDT writes:

Campsite Update

We've had several tenders in for the work to construct the Campervan site and the Trust Directors are working through them to decide who gets the work. As soon as we have agreed on a start date with the successful contractor(s), we'll say what is happening, when work will start, how long it will last and so on.

Reeds Loop Path

Work has begun this week on improving the Reeds Loop path. They've started at the far end, clearing back the encroaching vegetation and laying a base layer. The Development Trust received NatureScot funding for this long-needed work to make the whole path accessible for all, and the funders want the work to be done now. So you can't get all the way around for the moment, but work should be finished in a week or two.



It's all go at the Reeds Loop!

Cromarty Cinema

Tanya Karlebach writes:

Check out our July and August Programme below and watch our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for other events. Please also get in touch if you want to join the volunteer team by contacting admin@cromartycinema.com



Cromarty Cinema

July/Aug 2021 Programme

Eden Court
HIGHLANDS

Date	Time	Film	Rating	Duration
FRI 09/07	19:00	Another Round	12A	1h57
SAT 10/07	19:00	Quiet Place 2	15	1h37
SUN 11/07	11:00	Dogtanian & Three Muskehounds*	U	1h24
WED 14/07	19:00	Witches of the Orient		1h40
FRI 16/07	19:00	Limbo + Intro*	12A	1h44
SAT 17/07	15:00	Space Jam: A New Legacy*	U	2h
SUN 18/07	15:00	Martin Eden	15	2h09
WED 21/07	19:00	The Reason I Jump	12A	1h24
FRI 23/07	19:00	Black Widow	12A	2h13
SAT 24/07	15:00	Black Widow	12A	2h13
SUN 25/07	19:00	Two of Us	12	1h39
FRI 30/07	19:00	In The Earth	15	1h47
SAT 31/07	19:00	Limbo*	12A	1h44
SUB 01/08	11:00	The Croods 2: A New Age*	U	1hr35

*TBC

Adults - £7.50 Under 26 - £5.00 Friends - £6.00

For info on all films, visit Eden Court's website

TICKETS + BOOKING

Tickets available **IN ADVANCE** via Eden Court Box Office:

<https://eden-court.co.uk/booking-information> OR Wednesdays in-person
from 12:00-2:00pm at Cromarty Cinema Box Office.

SAFETY

Covid protocols in place for safety & comfort. Audience numbers restricted to **max of 15** per screening due to social distancing; **max of 5 tickets per person**.

BECOMING A FRIEND

For info on Friend's Membership, visit our website.

www.cromartycinema.com

Harbour Access Road, Cromarty, IV11 8XZ admin@cromartycinema.com

"Eliza's Path" Now Open



Alasdair Matheson at back, Friends secretary Martin Gostwick, Shirley Matheson and retired Museum manager Frieda Gostwick try out the new railing.

Martin Gostwick writes:

Cromarty-based charity The Friends of Hugh Miller is pleased (and a little proud!) to announce we are the provider of a smart new amenity for the local community and visitors alike, the ornamental railing and remade path at the St Regulus Burial Ground, also popularly known as the Pirates' Graveyard.

The railing is in galvanised steel with a black paint finish, and bearing on the supports for its 16-metre length an artistic dog rose motif, as a romantic signifier of both Hugh Miller and his hero Robert Burns' love for the wildflower.

We have (unofficially) named the amenity as "Eliza's Path" because it leads to the grave of Hugh and Lydia Miller's firstborn daughter Eliza who died of a fever aged only 17 months. The project was inspired by two elderly members who were deeply moved when they learnt of this family tragedy at the Hugh Miller Museum, and paid their respects on frequent visits when they were still physically able to make it up the steep slope to the headstone Hugh himself carved as his last work as a stonemason.

The ground also has, of course, many other historic associations, especially for Clan Urquhart, whose chiefs' graves lie a vault beneath the Chapel ruins, but also many Cromarty seafarers and other worthies (not all pirates!) whose stories Miller told in his great work of folklore, *Scenes and Legends of the North of Scotland*.

The project, which cost £16,000, has been primarily funded by the charity itself, and two generous donations, one from The Highland Council, and the second from the House of Fraser Foundation, the latter because it provided improved access for the elderly and infirm. It also received some very generous donations from some 20 individuals. It has the approval of the Cromarty Estate on whose land it is situated.

It was carried out to original drawings by LDN architects, of Forres, Morayshire, as considerably amended and

constructed by Sam Barlow, bespoke blacksmith of Mooreworks, Lairg, Sutherland, with new gravel groundwork laid by Martin Gill of Avoch.

The charity's secretary said: "We hope we have improved the visibility, appearance and usability of this facility, which previously could be quite slippery and hard to climb, and many more people will take advantage to enjoy this beautiful tranquil place."

To learn more about The Friends, and the site, please visit [here](#).

Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum



We are opening up again! If you are lucky, Duncan Cook (pictured) will be in costume to welcome you.

Alix H. J. Powers-Jones writes:

At last! The time has come... "the walrus said..." ? (No, no that is something else entirely) - Hugh Miller's Museum is reopening to visitors. Hurrah! It is a small step - we are opening just Saturdays and Sundays in July and August from 1-5pm (last entry 4.30pm).

We are very excited by the prospect of welcoming visitors back to the museum after being closed for some many months. In order to keep our visitors, staff and volunteers safe from covid, visitors will notice a number of changes to our operation. Apart from the ubiquitous sanitising stations spread throughout the museum and the wearing of masks, the biggest change is that we will have booked slots for visits.

The museum buildings are so small that it is impossible to social distance. Due to this, only 2 groups are allowed in each of the museum buildings at any one time; with a maximum number of 8 people in each building.

People wishing to visit may be able to do so straightaway if the museum has the capacity, or advised to book a slot at the reception desk and return at the specified time. All bookings must leave a contact (telephone number or email) to allow for covid tracing. (Note that these plans are subject to change - subject to the course of the pandemic). If you are lucky, Duncan Cook (see image) will be in costume to welcome you to the cottage.

For enquiries about visiting the museum please email millermuseum@nts.org.uk or telephone 01381-600-245. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Pick Your Own: The Walled Garden



Some of the fresh produce available in Cromarty at the Walled Garden.

Emma Nightingale writes:

The Walled Garden has opened for its 2021 Pick Your Own (PYO) season after a successful first season in 2020 when we were open from August - December. We open three times a week on a Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 noon – 2pm.

In 2020 we opened during lockdown to provide a local resource for the community. This was greatly appreciated and will now continue in 2021. One Cromarty resident said: “it’s a joy to come down to the walled garden and wander along the path admiring the results of all that hard work and wondering what to pick. So many more varieties to choose from; so much fresher, tastier and more healthy than what’s on offer in the supermarkets. And always something new coming into season to look forward to next week. It’s wonderful to have all this organic produce so close to home”.

For more information, please click [here](#) to check on regular opening times and availability of produce. Over

the season we will have salad leaves, rocket, spring onions, herbs (parsley, coriander, dill, chervil, sorrel and fennel), watercress, spinach, swiss chard, beans, peas, courgettes, squashes, pumpkins, broccoli, parsnips and raspberries...

We look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months! For more information email emma@emmanightingale.co.uk

Business News

Sutor Creek

We are open 7 days a week now from 9am with more tasty dishes added to our menu. We still have our one-way system so customers can now browse our deli (full of delicious goodies) when ordering or collecting food. Bacon and egg rolls are also available until 11.30am! Deliveries still available at weekends in Cromarty - just select the delivery option from our online ordering system or give us a call on 01381 600 855. Thank you again for your support!

Calluna

Lots of lovely summer styles in at Calluna, including shorts, t-shirts and sandals for the sunny weather we hope to have! We also have an exciting sale rale at the moment. Come by to say hello and have a wee browse!

BLACK ISLE COLLECTIVE SUMMER SHOW



JAN BAXANDALL, RACHEL BEVAN BAKER, KIRSTIE COHEN,
KATHLEEN MADIGAN, JAMES MCBRIDE, ANITA MURRAY,
ROSIE NEWMAN, ALICE V. TAYLOR, IZZY THOMSON & MENNO VERBURG
THE STABLES, CROMARTY, IVII 8XS

OPEN:
SAT 10TH -SUN 18TH JULY
11AM-4PM

E: INFO@CROMARTYARTSTRUST.ORG.UK



Come one, come all to the Black Isle Collective Summer Show
happening from Saturday 10th July to Sunday the 18th!

Cromarty Library

Lynn Anderson writes:

Our Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge is now open for registration. Please phone or email the library for more information (01381 600318 or cromarty.library@highlifehighland.com)

Thank you to all the lovely shop owners who displayed the QR codes for our Harry Potter event. We really appreciate your support.

A reminder: our opening times are Monday 10-12, Tuesday and Thursday 12-5. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Katie's 30 Munro Challenge



Katie Mackay at the top of Beinn Alligin as she raises funds for suicide awareness.

As some of you may know, I am raising money for suicide awareness charities by climbing 30 Munros - each of which is over 3000 ft - to celebrate my brother Calum's 30th birthday. You can read more details of my story [here](#). Although I had never climbed a Munro before, I've been throwing my backpack over my shoulders, clipping Calum's red bow tie to my jacket, and beginning the steep ascent to see the top of Scotland's biggest mountains with my family's wee dog, Kai. What a way to remember my brother and raise awareness of, and fundraise for, charities doing truly amazing work such as: Crocus Group, Mikeysline, James Support Group, SAMH, and Cruse Scotland.

An important message Calum left us was to "Stay Strong and Stick Together". With my brother's message in mind, I'd be thrilled if any one of you taking the time to read my story would like to join me for a Munro. I can't promise I'm the speediest on the slopes, but I've got my dog, lots of natter, and I know I'm doing this for an important cause. Please get in touch and see you on the hills! You can donate [here](#). Thanks for reading.

Cromarty Arts Trust

Georgia Macleod writes:

We still have places and tickets available for the following in July:

Sat 10th – Writing Your Life Story: a one-day workshop for anyone, newbies and experienced writers alike. In this workshop, you'll learn techniques for sourcing memories and turning your experiences into vibrant pieces of life writing. Tutored by experienced local writers, Helen & Mike Walters. £65

Sat 10th – Sun 18th, 11am – 4pm - Black Isle Collective Summer Show: an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, printmaking and installation from this talented group of established and emerging local artists. Free entry.

Wed 21st at 7.30pm & again Thursday 22nd at 3pm - Katy Bell & Robin Versteeg: a programme of French music for cello and piano. £10

As usual, get in touch via info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk or check out our website www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk or Facebook page.



Writing Your Life Story Workshop (top) and Katy Bell & Robin Versteeg who will play on the 21st and 22nd of July.

Thanks folks

That's all we've got for now, but stay tuned for next month's newsletter. Enjoy this absolutely wonderful sunshine!

- *The Editorial Team*

Forward

We hope you've found this an interesting and informative read. Please let us know what you think, or send suggestions and ideas for articles via editor@cromartylive.co.uk

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