

All the latest news from our
thriving Highland community

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June 2022

Are things hotting up? We hope so. Certainly plenty to
report this month...

Cromarty Community Celebration



Thursday 2nd June on the Links from 8 p.m.

As many parts of the community plan to get involved, more details are being confirmed for that evening.

So far we have –

- Free teas, coffees and home-baking
- Free snacks for young folk
- Care Project Trikes in use from 7.45 p.m.
- ICT football session from 8 till 9 p.m.
- Tennis Club sessions from 8 p.m.
- Rowing Club Youth rowers on the water

- Mermaids Wild Swimmers in the water
- Piping of Diu Regnare at 9.35 p.m.
- Local Acapella group singing at 9.45 p.m.
- Youth Achiever lights Beacon at 9.45 p.m.
- Fire Brigade attendance to ensure H&S

This whole event is being sponsored by personal and community group donations, benefits in kind and volunteering. Cromarty at its best! Come together and enjoy. Donations welcome on the night.

Classical Cromarty

(Re-)tune your dials!

As previously announced, **BBC Radio 3's Breakfast Show** with presenter Petroc Trelawney will be coming live from Cromarty on Monday 6th June from 6.30 to 9.00 a.m. Remember to set your alarm! See www.bbc.co.uk for more details.

Cromarty Community Development Trust

Directors are delighted to be able to announce that we've appointed a **Development Officer** on a three-year post for the Trust.

Julie Macrae is from Inverness and has a LOT of experience as an Architect (she helped Gairloch And Loch Ewe get their fabby new community buildings) and as a 'making things happen' person with local projects such as a womens cycling group and a school garden. She has a lot of enthusiasm and we were very encouraged by her need to work with the community to make things happen.

Julie starts on 1 June and her main priorities will be to get the Campervan project actually started (we have all the permissions), getting to know what the Trust has already done and hopes to do, getting to know the different groups in Cromarty; and getting a feel for what else could

be done and supported in our Town. A lot to do! Watch this space.

She'll be doing a mix of working from home and being in Cromarty, so we're working out all the practicalities and getting her set up as the Trust's first employee.

Let there be Light!

FINALLY, the electricity has been reconnected after 2 years of graft by Estelle Quick badgering the different parts of Scottish & Southern Energy to speak to each other.

And so this means the **Thrift Shop** is back!!!

All income from the Thrift Shop will go to community projects by your Development Trust.

If anyone has ANY questions or concerns or suggestions about ANYTHING to do with what the Trust is doing, PLEASE come and speak to any of the Directors: Sheila Currie, Matt Hall, Fraser Mackenzie, Estelle Quick, Jacquie Ross, Ronald Young or email cromartydevelopmenttrust@gmail.com

Sheila Currie

Cromarty & District Community Council

The 2022 AGM took place on Monday 30th May.

It was attended by all three of our new Black Isle Ward Highland Councillors, who also attended the Ordinary Meeting that followed the AGM.

The following Officers were re-elected –

Chairwoman – Paige Shepherd

Secretary – Peter Ratcliffe

Treasurer – Alan Plampton

The audited Financial Statements as at 31st March 2022 were approved and are available to view on the Cromarty Live website, along with the latest approved Minutes (including the 2021 AGM) and Paige's Chairwoman's Annual Report.

Young People Showing The Way



Fraser Thomson writes:

ROWERS from a Black Isle club were on the crest of a wave after a fantastic showing at a regatta near Dundee.

Cromarty Community Rowing Club teams were buoyant after a great day at the Broughty Ferry Regatta.

The club returned with U19s Girls Gold; U19s Girls Silver; U19s Boys Bronze and an Open Mixed Silver.

Biggest Well done to **Tilly Grist, Teagan Young & Ethan Paterson** for gaining their 500 hour Saltire Award for Volunteering.

The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising and rewarding the commitment, contribution and achievements of our young volunteers in Scotland.

Well done to Tilly also for gaining her gold HLH Leadership Hoodie for 500 hours of leadership

Huge thank you to Our Lord Lieutenant Joanie Whiteford for presenting their certificates



Ethan Paterson showing off his award with Wanda Mackay (left) and Joanie Whiteford (right)

Harbour News

Colin Dickie writes:

Despite being at maximum capacity for the summer, the persistent windy weather has delayed many in launching their boats for the season.

We remain very busy on effecting improvements to the facilities around the harbour. In recent weeks we have replaced the hinges on the finger pontoons to improve safety and to mitigate the effects of our weather; you may have seen the board additions to the finger pontoons which improves the protection offered to boats; the access ramp has been painted and water access on the pontoon has been improved and is now less susceptible to being damaged. One thing going on this week is it that we will attend to the wellbeing of the pillar supporting the pontoon bridge. It has not had a coat of paint for nearly twenty years, so by next weekend it will returned to its former glory. Finally, thank you to a couple of individuals who answered our appeal for any redundant or damaged aluminium ladders, these turned out to be perfect for adapting as safety ladders to help anyone who may have

had the misfortune to have fallen into the water to exit via the pontoon.

Business Updates

Sutor Creek Turns 18!

On Friday 28th May 2004, Sutor Creek opened its doors offering wood-fired pizza and seasonal food. The concept of the community restaurant was spearheaded by Don Coutts with Fraser MacKenzie, Denis Torley and Dawn Balharry (with assistance from many others including Vivienne Plampton and Lynne Sproull). The vision was to create a comfortable meeting place with good food that appealed to everyone, a take-away option, and a focus on employing and training young locals... with some renovations and hard work, Sutor Creek was born.

Eighteen years later and Sutor Creek continues to offer wood-fired pizza and seasonal food but, due to the impact of the Pandemic, is now functioning as a Take-away. We are open daily from 10am, Monday & Tuesdays for deli, cake & coffee until 3pm, and Wednesday to Sunday until 8pm for Take-Away and deli. Menus and ordering online at www.sutorcreek.co.uk, phone 01381 600 855 or pop in to see us at 21 Bank Street.

Thank you for your support over the years!



Who remembers this? Looking quite grown up these days.

Transition Black Isle Community Market

The Community Market (Saturday 11 June 10-30 to 12.00) has a new Market Organiser. **Lauren McLean** already has a stall at the market – LM Handmade, crochet gloves etc and sewn items – and so is a good fit.

Many many thanks to **Lorna Mackinnon** for running it before Covid and getting everything started up again this year.

See you all there.

New stock in The Courthouse Museum Shop

Don't forget us! We have a variety of locally produced pieces and a good range of books for sale. There are some lovely Cromarty-themed items and gifts suitable for all ages.

Calluna

Planning a wee sunny escape this summer (or maybe the sun will come to Cromarty)? We have lots of items perfect for the warmer temperatures; tops & shorts from £21.99, dresses from £29.99, and a range of footwear from £14.99.

In addition to our brands CHALK, ICHI, Brakeburn and Great Plains, we are delighted to introduce a new brand to the shop - Danish brand B.Young. Their focus is on design and quality with value for money inspired by contemporary market trends. Lots of beautiful new dresses, tops, short and jeans in stock now!

We are open daily 10-5pm with evening appointments available by request. We look forward to welcoming you to Calluna x

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Highland Climate Festival

The Highland Climate Festival has an event at Avoch Community Centre on 25 June.

This will include a taster session for the new Black Isle Repair Cafe, which is being set up by the Black Isle Men's Shed and some Cromarty stalwarts. There will be other stalls and things going on too.

Put this in your diary and look out for more information closer to the time (e.g. Cromarty Community Facebook Notice Board).

Lost

Recycling event (Wednesday 8 June) on Cromarty Beach. More details [here](#).

Debate About Our Local Environment

More from the Community Council:

Photo taken 19th April 2022, Shore St., Cromarty



This could be our view by April 2032 or sooner...



QUESTION: HOW DOES CROMARTY BENEFIT?

Reading the Inner Moray Firth Proposed Development Plan the Community Council understands the area opposite Cromarty could be industrialised in the short term. This could be good for the Highlands and the environment, but bad for Cromarty. The photoshop shows what this could look like. Of course it may not look, or sound, or have night time lights like this. But it may. It poses the question "how does Cromarty benefit?" - e.g.

Income; lower cost electricity; year round ferry; employment; etc

Comments can be submitted to Highland Council anytime until 17 June 2022, via their website [here](#).

Cinema

Cromarty Cinema's June Programme features a wide range of films including new drama/horror 'Men' from writer/director Alex Garland starring Academy Award nominee Jessie Buckley and Rory Kinnear and French film, 'Between Two Worlds' with Juliette Binoche. The latter was inspired by the non-fiction bestseller by investigative journalist Florence Aubena 'The Night Cleaner' who works alongside cleaners to investigate how the workers are treated. We would love to be able to include a screening of the new Top Gun film but sadly aren't able to because of strict rules around the licensing agreement. We are thrilled to be hosting two screenings of 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', a hilarious and big-hearted sci-fi action adventure which is attracting a huge amount of positive attention.



For families and our growing number of talented young film-makers (P3-7) fascinated by animation (who were recently celebrated in the cinema with a special screening of their own film 'The Mermaid') we have a special programme of international short films aimed at 8+. Kindly shared with Cromarty Cinema, courtesy of DCA and the Discovery Film Festival in Dundee, this special group of 10 short films is a real delight. 55 mins of short films have been chosen from studios around the world including France, Germany, the Netherlands and Lithuania. Stories take us to strange new worlds in search

of new starts. 'A Tiny Tale' features a dog who has to fend for itself and finds new friends. In 'Matilda and the Spare Head', we learn what happens to Matilda when her head gets too full of knowledge. These short films are fun, beautifully made and will appeal to audiences of all ages!



Cromarty Cinema

June 2022 Programme



Date	Time	Film	Rating	Duration
FRI 03/06	19:00	The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent	15	1h46
SAT 04/06	15:00	Doctor Strange in The Multiverse of Madness	12A	2h06
SAT 04/06	19:00	Doctor Strange in The Multiverse of Madness	12A	2h06
SUN 05/06	15:00	Between Two Worlds	12A	1h47
FRI 10/06	19:00	Everything Everywhere All At Once**	15	2h19
SAT 11/06	19:00	Men*	15	1h40
SUN 12/06	15:00	Bergman Island	15	1h53
TUE 14/06	19:00	Everything Everywhere All At Once	15	2h19
FRI 17/06	19:00	The Quiet Girl	12A	1h34
SAT 18/06	19:00	Olga	15	1h25
SUN 19/06	15:00	The Quiet Girl	12A	1h34
FRI 24/06	19:00	Good Luck to You Leo Grande*	15	1h37
SAT 25/06	11:00	Special Programme of New International Animated Short Films for Children <i>Courtesy of DCA & The Discovery Festival</i>	8+	55m

* TBC
** Descriptive Subtitles

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

For info on all films and to book tickets please visit our website:

www.cromartycinema.com OR <https://eden-court.co.uk/booking-information>

OR Wednesdays in-person from 12:00-2:00pm at Cromarty Cinema Box Office

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www.cromartycinema.com

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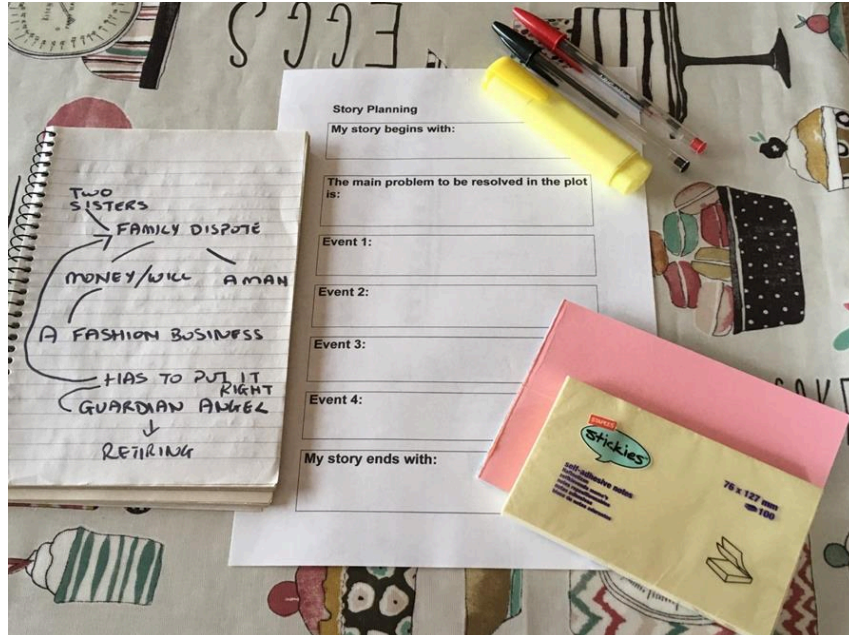
Gluren bij de Buren

As part of The Cheese House's ten-year celebrations there will be a special 'Peeking on the Neighbours' day on **Sunday 30th October**. For obvious reasons this event has not been held for the last two years. For those who aren't aware, or haven't experienced it before, this is an afternoon of performances in people's living rooms. Music, poetry-reading, stand-up comedy – anything that works in intimate surroundings. If you'd like to perform, or host a performance, or simply help with the

organisation of the event, contact Jon or Emmy at The Cheese House – Tel: 600724

More information can be found at www.glurenbijdeburen.co.uk

Cromarty Arts Trust



No live music this month but still lots happening...

4th & 5th: DRESSMAKING WEEKEND, Stables, 10am - 4.30pm Learn to read a pattern and all the skills and confidence required to make a dress or top over the weekend. £120. ONLY ONE SPACE LEFT!

11th & 12th: LIFE DRAWING, Stables, 10am - 4.30pm. FULLY BOOKED

18th - 26th: THE CROMARTY GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION, Stables, 10am - 5pm daily. Preview night - Fri 17th (7.30-9pm). Local artists join together to present an eclectic collection of visual art that reflects their diversity of approach and personalities. Free entry.

18th: WRITE A SHORT STORY IN A DAY, Old Brewery, 10am - 4.30pm Whatever your writing experience, you'll be guided through the process of generating ideas, developing plots and writing a short story in a small, supportive group with expert tutors. £65

To find out more or book a place:

info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk / 01381 600354

Don't forget to take a look at our [future courses and gigs](#) so you don't miss out!

And finally...the Cromarty Arts Trust waves goodbye to **Georgia Macleod** this month after five and a half years plus in the role of Arts Development Officer. It's been quite a ride, navigating the pandemic implications particularly, but she leaves the organisation in a buoyant, esteemed and prominent position with a full and varied programme of courses, activities and events lined up into next year. We welcome new recruit, **Catherine MacNeil**, currently working at wasps (Inverness Creative Academy) and Eden Court who brings a wealth of experience from her long career in the arts/theatre all over Scotland to her new role with CAT.



Hopefully by the time of the Summer Exhibition it really will be summer!

That's it folks. Enjoy all that's going on and see you next month!

- The Editorial Team

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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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