



July 2023

Campsite 'opening'



Sheila Currie writes:

After many many months of very hard work by volunteers, contractors and staff, we are finally at the point when we have a site to show off. There's still some work to do shaping the landscape, planting some trees and final fix of sinks and wiring; but we held a Grand "Opening" to show the community what you own and to say thank you to everyone who has got us this far.

All the Primary School pupils were there, to cut the ribbon and get a goody bag; and a good turnout of locals and funders were there to see the site and hear about how it will operate. [photo credit David Kent]

The Booking System and Website are in development, and by the time you read this, we will have interviewed applicants for the two new jobs of Campsite Warden and Campsite Cleaner.

It's really great to hear so much local enthusiasm and we thank everyone for their patience and continued support,

sometimes against the odds, especially the immediate neighbours (both domestic and business) who have witnessed and lived through the whole transformation. This marks the transition from construction to the start of community ownership; and although the site is for visitors the local community are also welcome.

Wanda and Fraser and Youth leaders did their usual excellent job of providing food and drink on the day.

We must thank the main contractors (Aardvark Contractors + IBI Joinery) and their subcontractors, who have all gone 'above and beyond' to make something that reflects well of them and the community. Also Fairhust as the engineers - there is a LOT of invisible underground work needed on a site like this, Greens Nurseries for the trees and plants (many more to come later in the year). And especially to Highland Council and Visit Scotland as our major funders. They have been instrumental in the delivery of this project, from allowing the asset transfer to the local community of this site, to the grant provision and uplift of the majority of the project, partly match-funded by private companies and other sources. To Alice Duthuille and Felix Spittal of the Development Trusts Association of Scotland, who have guided the trust through 'importance' of the project as part of the development and growth of the Trust.

And also to previous directors Jacquie Ross, Estelle Quick and Nigel Shapcott, the current Directors and especially to Julie Macrae our Development Officer for wrangling this.

This campsite will reduce pressure from motorhomes across the town, is creating jobs and will bring income to the town's many businesses.

Cromarty At Its Best



From Alison Palmer:

The week-long Art & Flowers display followed at the weekend by the Open Gardens certainly showed Cromarty at its very best to the many who came to visit.

In East Church the botanic art display paid a poignant tribute to the late Campbell McCracken with many of his drawings on display together with those of other artists who study with Julie Price at Clunes House. The flower arrangements co-ordinated by Evelyn Wilson and her fellow floral artists certainly lived up to the theme of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

With 32 gardens to visit there was plenty for the hundreds of visitors to see behind or over the walls and fences of Cromarty and with the townsfolk producing home baking there were plenty of cakes to have with cups of tea. The Plant Stall sold out, the Tombola and book sale proved popular and Sunday afternoon's fiddle music by Wall 2 Wall provided a great ending to a wonderful week.

A big, big THANK YOU to all who opened their gardens, to all who volunteered to help, to those who baked, provided Tombola prizes, played fiddles, tricycled folks around and parked cars, took photos etc.etc (apologies if anyone has been missed). Thank you also to all the hundreds of visitors who came to see our wee town at its best – a very happy bunch of folk who were genuinely grateful for being able to look around so many lovely gardens and meet so many friendly Cromarty people.

Another big THANK YOU must go to the local businesses who sponsored the event even though times are hard for them just now. And we were delighted to receive support from Global Energy Group – Port of Nigg for the first time. This sponsorship by businesses helps to offset the cost of running the event and means that more money will be available for local groups and charities to benefit from.

As we go to press, the organisers are still busy collecting money and paying the bills but, when we know the full financial outcome we will announce the result – hopefully we will have a good result.

Thank you everyone.



**Re-energise with Cromarty
Youth Café**

Monday 3rd July

Tennis Coaching – games and competitions (5+)
Cromarty Tennis Court Times Vary

Multi Sports & Arts & Crafts / Cookwell – Bakewell (5+)
Victoria Park 10am - 12noon

Tuesday 4th

Outdoor Rowing in the beautiful Cromarty Firth, spot the dolphins, catch the rays (12+) Cromarty Harbour 10am - 12noon

Tennis Coaching – games and competitions (5+)
Cromarty Tennis Court Times Vary

Wednesday 5th

Creative Art Project with Tarbat Discovery Centre
outreach session with Tommy (8+) Victoria Park
10am - 12noon

Tennis Coaching (5+) Cromarty Tennis Court Times Vary

Thursday 6th

Creative Art Project with Tarbat Discovery Centre
outreach session with Tommy (12+) Victoria Park
10am - 1pm

Tennis Coaching – games and competitions (5+)
Cromarty Tennis Court Times Vary

Friday 7th

Crombeldon Tennis Tournament (5+) Cromarty Tennis Court Starting at 10am

Monday 10th

Multi Sports & Arts & Crafts / Cookwell – Bakewell (5+)
Victoria Park 10am - 12noon

Tuesday 11th

Outdoor Rowing in the beautiful Cromarty Firth (12+)
Cromarty Harbour 10am - 12noon

Wednesday 12th

Fortrose Academy staff & Pupil water activities day – Fun
in the Sun with a BBQ (15+) Victoria Park 10am -
12noon

Thursday 13th

Football Coaching with ICT – Skills, drills, and games(
5+) Victoria Hall 10am - 12noon

Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th Youth Rowing Regatta in
Ullapool (12+) Ullapool

Monday/Tuesday 17th/18th

Residential to Glasgow for Youth Scotland Inspire 2022
Celebration Event (15+) Leave 12noon Mon.
Return 8pm Tues.

Wednesday 19th

Intergenerational Creativity in Care 'Windows of reality'
Workshop (12+) Victoria Hall 11am - 1pm

Eden Court Fun Palaces Skills Library (10+) Victoria
Hall 11am - 1pm

Thursday 20th

Trip to Cromarty Courthouse and Picnic (5+) Cromarty
Courthouse 10am - 1pm

Monday 24th

Multi Sports & Arts & Crafts (5+) Victoria Park 10am -
12noon

Tuesday 25th

Outdoor Rowing in the beautiful Cromarty Firth (12+)
Cromarty Harbour 10am - 12noon

Tuesday 25th

Alpaca Trekking (12+) Loch Ness 10.30am – 11.30am

Wednesday 26th

Football Coaching with ICT (5+) Victoria Park 10am - 12noon

Thursday 27th

End of Summer Party - Bouncy Castle, Refreshments, Wet Rounders with water guns and nerf gun wars (5+) Victoria Park 12noon – 2pm

How to book: please contact Fraser Thomson: 07470 522172. For Tennis, please contact Vicky Benjamin - 07810046323

Consent forms will be required for all activities.

Funding from - The Middleton Trust, MFR Cash for Kids & Highland Council Cost of Living, Highlife Highland, Global Energy.

ALL Activities are open to EVERYONE across the Black Isle. All Activities are FREE of charge. Hot and Cold Snacks and refreshments will be provided at every activity

Tennis Summer Training Camp

Monday 3rd July 2023 - Thursday 6th July 2023

Free for Cromarty Children & Club Members

Non Club Members £10 pounds for 4 Days or £3 per day



Cromarty Tennis Court

(new) P1 - P3 10am - 11am

(new) P4 - P7 11am - 12pm

(new) S1- S4 12pm - 1pm



Delivered by Bellfield Park coaches & Anne Erskine

To register, please contact Vicky on 07810046323 Limited spaces or email vicky.benjamin@btinternet.com booking is essential.

Sponsored by the Middleton Trust

- There are no use of the toilet facilities, please ensure your child has gone to the toilet before attending the session.
- Please fill in a consent form and hand in on the morning of the camp.

More From The Tennis Club

Membership renewal 2023/4

Yes its time to renew - or, if you aren't already a member why not join!

Under 12 - free for Cromarty children. Junior (12-18) £15.
Student (18-25) £20. Adult (19-64) £25. Senior (65+) £15.
Family (at the same address) £40.

Club Treasurer - Barbara at 8 Bank Street OR Estelle at the Post Office. Visit our website for further information

www.cromartytennisclub.co.uk



CROMBLEDON



Friday 7th July 2023

Pre Junior Cup - 8 & under 10am

Primary Cup - 11 & under 11:30am

Senior Cup - 16 & under 1:00pm Approx

(Senior Cup may have to be played on the 8th July)

(Cromarty children & Club members only)

**Most Improved Player Cup decided by Anne Erskine*

**The Commitment Cup - Middleton Trust*

To register, please contact Vicky on 07810046323 or Email
vicky.benjain@btinternet.com

Refreshments will be served, fruit, snack
and who doesn't love some strawberries and
cream!!



A small donation toward the club would be gratefully
received



Cromarty Library

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

It's that time of year again and we are super excited for the Summer Reading Challenge 2023: READY, SET,

READ!

We have brilliant challenge cards, stickers and prizes ready to go and can't wait to hear about all the books our young readers enjoy over the summer.

Summer Bookbug

Join us every Tuesday 1.15-1.45pm for songs, rhymes and ridiculously good fun. If you are aged between 0 and 4 years old, you and your grown up should come hang out with us and sing along.

Opening Hours Monday 10-12, Tuesday 2-7, Thursday 12-5

For more information please phone us on 01381 600318 or email Cromarty.library@highlifehighland.com

Cromarty Care Project

The “Trikes” at Cromarty Open Gardens

The Trikes were out and about at the Open Gardens Weekend last month – a perfect way to travel in the (mostly) perfect weather! And thank you to Alistair for keeping the Trikes in tip-top condition!



Corrie is seen here, ready to pilot two of Cromarty's younger residents (Safety Note: Seat belts were engaged before start of ride!)

We are delighted that the film made by Eden Court has now been viewed over 1500 times since it was posted on Facebook! Take a look at it there or on our [website](#).

– Or you may catch the 'short' on your next visit to Cromarty Cinema!

If you need help to get about, or would like to become a pilot for us, please contact Shirley on 01381 600451

New Funding for Community Sharing Larder



We are delighted to announce new funding for the Larder, which starts this month. From January this year funding was supported by Highland Council as well as individual donors and we are very grateful for that income. From July, the Larder will be funded by two charities: North Highland Initiative and the Corra Foundation. The money we have received from them means we have the security of being able to cover our bills for a whole year. It also means we can turn our remaining funds to our other projects.

You might be wondering where the food comes from? FareShare is an organisation who distribute supermarket surplus. They make regular deliveries to Cromarty of tinned and long-life food. More recently they have included fresh veg, such as potatoes and carrots, and we've delivered these directly to households. We also visit

the Cash and Carry in Inverness every week to stock up on groceries and toiletries. Look out for Facebook posts to see what's on offer.

Thank you to everyone who gifts to the Larder, in cash or in kind, and of course thank-you to our fabulous volunteers who check and re-stock every day, so that the Larder is available to everyone in the community 24/7.

Seagull Trust Cruises

Next month, Cromarty residents will have the opportunity to enjoy a cruise on the Caledonian Canal, on a specially adapted boat. We are finalising details as we go to press, but expect to organise two or three cruises over August and September.

If you haven't put your name forward yet, or if you know someone who would enjoy the outing, please email us at: info@cromartycareproject.co.uk



Callout for Carers!

Cromarty urgently needs Home Carers. Topcare Inverness are the care provider locally and are keen to chat with anyone interested in working as a Home Carer. No experience necessary, training is provided locally. Do consider this possibility even if you can only offer a few hours a week. Contact Jill Stoner for more information on 07850 889015, or Maxine Worsfold on 07483 881981

Thank You to the Co-op and Cromarty Stores

Another “Shoutout!” to Marcel and Kitty at Cromarty Stores for their unwavering support of CCP and the community! Every time there is a Co-op ‘own brand’ sale, the Co-op give a small percentage donation to charity. Over time this accumulates and Marcel and Kitty have just presented Cromarty Care Project with a cheque for £250! Thank you so much!

Alison Seller

Harbour Trust

Colin Dickie writes:

Whilst not an active Facebook user, my attention was drawn to comments made in respect of the gate on the West Pier. First though, I wish to set the scene on harbour finances and support as it is relevant. There are only five people actively involved in the running of the harbour, all are volunteers. It is a credit to these individuals and one or two others, that so much has been achieved in the recent past. The harbour runs like any other normal business but the risks are so much more magnified because the harbour is a working one and the public are free to roam. What you see in the harbour basin this morning is where the harbour makes its only revenue and that comes to some £10,000 p.a. From that, we have to deduct our public liability and other insurances at £2,600, utility bills (lighting and water) at £1,600 and about £500 in other fixed spend, to leave us with roughly £5,000 to maintain the harbour every year. Every five to seven years, we also have the cost of a dredge to ensure that the harbour remain navigable, the last bill was over £30,000. In summary, there is no slack in the finances of the harbour, they are precarious and we can’t necessarily deal with unexpected shocks. The capital works that has been done in recent times has been grant funded with tremendous effort being required from the aforementioned volunteers to raise the near £1m invested, but on all occasions we have run the risk of funding overspends and have had to find shortfalls from our own resources.

So what does our finances have to do with the implementation of the gate? There are two primary aspects to this, health and safety being uppermost, then financial resilience.

Last summer, we had around 40-50 lines in and around the harbour whilst hosting up to 100 people at any one time on the pier. I have seen it mentioned that it might cause load bearing issues, it will, but that's way down the list. It is the risk of an incident happening, as happened last year. I personally saw a hook in a young boys nose. Hooks were also left wrapped around the railings, in the ferry ropes, hooks even on boats on the pontoon, lines were in the harbour entrance and basin, obstructing leisure users. Obscene and abusive language was used on many occasions targeted at our users and volunteers when users asked for lines to be cleared. Some fishermen were also clearly commercial taking hundreds of fish at a time, some fishermen lit a fire, some left their residual spoils, some used our metered water, and some left litter and debris. These all represent health and safety issues for us to manage. Also, who cleans it up? The volunteers.

This situation just couldn't continue and it only takes one claim, say from Highland Ferries, Ecoventures, a leisure user or member of the general public, to leave us in a financially ruinous position. Further, we put at risk our only revenue stream and our reputation if we continue to do nothing. Losing a commercial user would have a dire financial impact. Yes, we have insurance in the event of a successful claim against us, but there would be consequences in the years following, even to the extent of making the harbour uninsurable. We do run a risk register and the behaviour of some fishermen puts fishing high on our list of issues we need to mitigate. We have a duty of care to all harbour users, even if this means needing to restrict access when required at certain times of the year.

We are the first to admit that the gate looks like an over reaction, but it is not. The issue is how best to manage access, but the reality is that we have no resource to manage, administer or enforce this and nobody should suffer the abuse experienced last year; that is regrettable, but is something we will continue to think through. We are open to hearing of any alternative solutions people may have. As one of the trustees nominated by the Community Council, I do have open dialogue with them on pressing harbour issues (a FB comment).

I've seen one comment questioning ownership and constitution. The harbour is owned by Cromarty Harbour

Trust, there is no constitution, but its governing document is 'An Act for preserving and maintaining the Piers and Harbour of Cromarty, 1834'.

Lastly, following eight years of effort to preserve and maintain Cromarty Harbour, I have decided to relinquish my role in the running of the harbour. This will be effective from April next year. If being involved in the running of the harbour is of interest, please seek out Paige. In the meantime, we are busy trying to put together a funding package to repair and repoint the stonework on the East Pier. The cost is some £150,000 and our shortfall is presently around £60,000, so rightly efforts need to be focused on that. Some of the funding secured is conditional on additional support and is available for only a finite period. Clearly, such a sum would probably come from one or more corporate bodies, so if you are interested in supporting, no matter how small, please get in touch. It matters a lot to principal funders that we are able to demonstrate the ability to build support from a range of funders to help maintain a historic harbour such as ours. A community of our size cannot feasibly do it on its own.

Cromarty Courthouse

Mary Bowers writes:

Congratulations to the Open Gardens, Arts and Flowers and Open Studios teams for another very successful annual event last weekend. We really enjoyed meeting all the folk who came to the Courthouse garden – a lot of happy visitors, who appreciated our efforts to create a relaxing and wildlife-friendly space.

It was good to have the “Weaving Beelines” art trail in the garden again, adding another dimension for our visitors - this will remain in situ for the rest of our season.



Young (and older!) visitors enjoyed having a go at painting bees on stones and we took the opportunity to promote the importance of bees as pollinators with a colourful display of posters, bee facts and activities.

It was a busy weekend, as it was also the culmination of our fundraising raffle. The draw for the impressive gin hamper took place on Sunday evening with a winner from the Isle of Wight - tickets were sold far and wide! Second and third prizes were won locally by Cromarty and Fortrose residents. We would like to thank all the local retailers and individuals who donated prizes and also undertook to sell raffle tickets over the last few weeks - not forgetting everyone who bought tickets to support our museum. You have all given a big boost to our fundraising campaign, by helping us raise £2,254 at a difficult time for us all. Our museum is a community asset and trustees, staff and volunteers are committed to keeping it thriving. Call in and visit us over the summer!

History Society

Cromarty History Society is delighted to host a special Summer Talk to raise funds for our Friends organisation, the Cromarty Courthouse Museum.

Scottish Witchcraft Trials: debunking myths and misconceptions

Speaker: Philip Paris

Tuesday 25th July 2023, 7.00pm Victoria Hall

Scotland was not alone in persecuting people for witchcraft during the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, yet it was particularly 'diligent' in this and, per head of population, people were five times more likely to be accused of witchcraft here than in most of Europe. Academics estimate that of the approx. 2,500 people who were executed for witchcraft in Scotland, 84% were women. How did ordinary folk going about their daily lives find themselves in court facing a possible death sentence? Come along to Philip's talk and find out!

Fearn-based author Philip Paris is best known for his historical fiction, *The Italian Chapel*, and non-fiction, *Orkney's Italian Chapel: The True Story of an Icon*, concerning the famous building in Orkney, built by Italian POWs during WW2. However, his work is varied, ranging from *Men Cry Alone*, an award-winning contemporary novel about domestic abuse, to *Casting Off*, a novel about residents in a Highland care home. For several years he has been researching the Scottish witchcraft trials for his latest historical fiction, *The Last Witch of Scotland*, which was inspired by the extraordinary story of Janet Horne, the last person in Britain to be executed for witchcraft (Dornoch, 1727). The book was published in April this year by Black & White Publishing.

The talk will be followed by tea, coffee and a chance to chat. Details of the The Society's 2023-24 Talks programme beginning on 19th September will follow later in the summer.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The CHS Committee www.cromartyhistory.scot

**CROMARTY HISTORY SOCIETY
& Friends of Cromarty Courthouse**

SCOTTISH Trials
WITCHcraft

debunking myths and misconceptions

Speaker: **Philip Paris**

7.00pm Tuesday
25th July 2023

Victoria Hall
Cromarty

This event is a fundraiser for Cromarty Courthouse Museum

ALL WELCOME ADMISSION by DONATION (£5 suggested)

www.cromartyhistory.scot

Middleton Trust

The Middleton Trust will be opening applications for awards on 1st August 2023, to support projects or activities taking place in 2024 that will benefit the young people of Cromarty and District.

Further information and details of how to apply, including a simple application form will be made available in due course from the Secretary, Gillian McNaught and advertised locally. Please get in touch with any questions in the meantime.

Email: middletontrust@gmail.com

Business Updates

Cromarty Brewing Co.

Summer has us extra busy over here at the Brewery! Turns out people enjoy a cold beer in the sunshine, and we're happy to provide. We have, however, found time to add a couple of new beers to our stocks this month, namely Kool Runnings, an India Pale Lager brewed with seasonal hops and our latest hop showcase beer, Ahtanum.

This month we will be attending the Scottish Gaming Fair at Scone Palace and Suds and Buds Beer Festival at Roosters Brewery in Yorkshire.

We were delighted to find out that last month our Brewed Awakening coffee infused stout won gold at CAMRA Scotland and Northern Ireland in the Speciality Beer Flavoured Category for 2023.

Our onsite shop opening hours remain Monday to Friday 10am till 4pm and Saturday 10am till 2pm, closed on Sundays.

We are now offering a 'Tasting Today' every Saturday in the shop where visitors will be treated to a tasting of our beer of the week, so come over and see what beer is on offer this Saturday... Oh and while you're here check out our new baseball caps!

Fishertown Inn

Our beer garden is getting plenty of use in the wonderful weather we've been having. We are serving lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

We've introduced some light bites to our summer menu, Tapenade or Humous with Bakhoos Sourdough bread, perfect if you are looking for something small to have with a cold drink. This week will see burgers both wagyu and halloumi making an appearance. Usual array of cold beers with or without alcohol. Now that we are getting really busy, we recommend that you book for food whether for lunch or evening. Call 600988 to book.

There is no pub quiz this month as we are so busy but if you're looking to do a fundraiser and would like to book in a quiz later in the year please get in touch.

Thank you to the organisers of Open Gardens, it was lovely to see the town so busy.

Slaughterhouse

July brings the delight of Slaughterhouse Coffee every day of the week!

Open from 9am til 3pm every day until Monday 7th August. We'll be seeing you for iced drinks and tasty treats in this glorious summer sun!



Sutor Creek

Now open daily 10-8pm for with our full seasonal and wood-fired pizza menus. Reservations for evening bookings can be made by phoning 01381 600 855. Our evening take-away slots have been fully booked over the last couple of weekends so don't forget you can order take-away up to 5 days in advance by placing your order at sutorcreek.co.uk. Thank you for supporting our small business!

Ingrid's House

We have a new supply of eco friendly beach toys in stock. All made of recycled plastic, starting at just £6.

A great range of picnic ware too, perfect for outdoor dining.



Calluna

To celebrate our 5th Anniversary we currently have 10-40% off a selection of our summer stock. Open daily 10-5pm so pop in and pick up a bargain.

Cromarty Arts Trust

A ceilidh, a dog wearing a crown, lots of sewing and an art exhibition much fun ahead for July!

We have two new metal work courses running over 15th and 16th July. Some people might remember the Make a Hare day last year? Well Bryony Knox is back and this year she will be teaching you how to make a characterful dachshund dog from steel and brass (Saturday 15th July). On the Sunday 16th July, she'll be leading a day on working with copper. You'll be embossing your own design and making a box before moving on to make a photo frame or tealight holder in the afternoon. These workshops are one day courses but if you want to come to both, there is a small discount.

The Fèis Rois Ceilidh Trail 2023 is on the move and coming to Cromarty. The ceilidh is on Friday 21st July up at the Stables, starting at 8pm. £10 or £5 for under 16s, bring your own bottle, hear some great music and have a good dance with the next generation of traditional musicians.

Rebecca the Sewist is back too for some summer sewing fun. There is a weekend of beginners dressmaking over

22nd and 23rd July. There are three simple dress patterns to choose from but if you are more experienced you can bring your own project and work on that with Rebecca's expert help on hand. No sewing machine? No problem, we can supply one for you.

Rebecca is also taking a machine sewing class for children aged 8+. Starting on Wednesday 26th July and finishing on Friday 28th. All materials and sewing machines supplied, there will be lots of summery projects including a skirt (with pockets!) or a pair of shorts.

Finally, we are really looking forward to having The Cromarty Group annual exhibition at the Stables, starting on 28th July and running to 6th August. And sneaking into early August, a date for your diaries is the weekend of 5th and 6th August for a summer craft fair under canvas at the Stables more news on that next month. Full details and booking forms are all on the website at www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk , phone us at the office on 01381 600354 or pop into Ardyne to see Nicki or Gail.

Cinema

As things are heating up outside, so is the Cromarty Cinema schedule! But not to worry, it's the perfect place to cool down for a couple of hours of relaxation.

We're kicking things off with Wes Anderson's latest whimsical offering, Asteroid City. Speaking of feasts for the eyes, Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, provides ground-breaking animation and plenty of action. The latest anime by Makoto Shinkai, Suzume, follows a lonely teenager on a mission to save her country from destruction and chaos. Meanwhile, in Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken, a young girl discovers she is a warrior Kraken queen. And if you're after even more adventure, you can't miss Dungeons and Dragons: Honour Amongst Thieves, featuring Hugh Grant and Chris Pine, based on the legendary game.

If you're in the mood for some drama, You Can Live Forever is a soulful exploration of sexual orientation and religious faith. Reality tells the true story of a whistleblower who exposed Russian interference in the 2016 election. Prepare to be gripped by Sydney Sweeney's

excellent performance! Based on the incredible life of composer Joseph Bologne, Chevalier, charts the life of the son of an African slave and a French plantation owner who rises to improbable highs in French society.

For something completely different, we bring you surrealist comedy *Beau is Afraid*. By the director of *Midsommar* and *Hereditary*, it stars Joaquin Phoenix as a man on epic odyssey to get home to his mother.

Finally, summer wouldn't be complete without a couple of throwbacks. This month's volunteers' choice is *The Big Lebowski*. Don't miss your chance to see the cult comedy on the big screen. And for a perfect Sunday matinee, come see *Local Hero*, the beloved 80s comedy classic by Bill Forsyth. You can book your tickets at <https://cromartycinema.com/films/>, the human box office on Thursdays 12-2, or at the door.

We can't wait to welcome you to our wee cinema in July!



CROMARTY CINEMA

July 2023



Sunday	4pm	Asteroid City DS (12A) 1hr 45m Scarlett Johansson, Tom Hanks and many others star in Wes Anderson's kitsch, fictional desert world playing host to a Junior Stargazer convention.
2 July		
Tuesday	7pm	Asteroid City (12A) 1hr 45m
4 July		
Friday	7pm	Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG) 2hr 20m Next in the Oscar-winning Spider-Verse saga. Expect ground-breaking animation styles.
7 July		
Saturday	7pm	Beau is Afraid (15) 2hr 58m
8 July		Joaquin Phoenix stars in surrealist black comedy as a man on epic odyssey to get home to his mother.
Sunday	4pm	Local Hero (12A) 1 hr 51m Beloved and charming 80s comedy directed by Bill Forsyth starring Peter Capaldi and Burt Lancaster. The perfect film for our wee cinema on a Sunday afternoon...
9 July		
Friday	7pm	Reality (12) 1hr 22m Tense whistleblower based on the FBI interrogation transcript of US intelligence leaker Reality Winner who leaked a report about Russian interference in the 2016 election.
14 July		
Saturday	7pm	You Can Live Forever (15) 1hr 37m Canadian drama featuring teenage girls Jaime and Marike who embark on a passionate affair in their strict religious community.
15 July		
Sunday	11am	Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG) 1hr 31m DreamWorks animation. Ruby is a shy high school student who discovers she is a warrior Kraken queen.
16 July		
Sunday	4pm	Chevalier (12) 1hr 48m Period drama inspired by the life of celebrated composer Joseph Bologne, son of an African slave and a French plantation owner.
16 July		
Friday	7pm	Dungeons and Dragons: Honour Amongst Thieves (12A) 2hr 14m Fantasy comedy based on the titular game starring Chris Pine and Hugh Grant.
21 July		
Sunday	4pm	Suzume (PG) 2h 02m Latest anime by Makoto Shinkai (Weathering With You). Suzume is a lonely teenager who is drawn into a mission to save her country from chaos and destruction.
23 July		
Friday	7pm	Oppenheimer (TBC) 3h The story of American Scientist Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb. Incredible ensemble cast including Cillian Murphy and Florence Pugh
26 July		
Saturday	7pm	The Big Lebowski (15) 1h 35m This month's volunteers' choice Coen Brothers cult 1998 comedy starring Jeff Bridges and inspiring decades of Dude quotes.
29 July		
Sunday	4pm	Oppenheimer DS (TBC) 3h
30 July		
Tuesday	7pm	Oppenheimer (TBC) 3h
1 August		

Adults £9 Under 26 £5.50 Friends £7.50

More film info and book online at: cromartycinema.com or at eden-court.co.uk or in person at Cromarty Cinema on Thursdays 12 – 2pm.

Show your support - become a Friend and reduce your ticket price. Visit cromartycinema.com or email admin@cromartycinema.com

The Cromarty Cinema, Cromarty, IV11 8XZ

And finally...

Let's Have an Election!

Cromarty is living through uncertain times, with many issues to be resolved and difficult decisions to be made. These are only going to increase in the future as we respond to the impacts of the Freeport and, ultimately, a changing climate. We need a strong and representative body that can reflect everybody's views and act on our behalf with authority. That body exists in the form of the Community Council. But the Community Council only has genuine legitimacy if the members are chosen by the people.

Democracy only works when those in authority have a mandate. That only happens through an election. And an election only happens if enough people stand.

So, a new Community Council will be formed in November. Perhaps over the summer you find yourself with a bit more time to consider the future - and what you can do to help the wider community. Perhaps you will even consider putting yourself forward for the community council – and forcing that election.

Further details can be found on the Highland Council website [here](#)

Rider: This is in no way a criticism of the current members who have worked tirelessly over the last four years to ensure that the town still has a Community Council.

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