



## July 2025

**July was originally named Quintilis, “the fifth month”, as it was the fifth month in the Roman calendar. Renamed in honour of Julius Caesar. The seventh month in the Gregorian and Julian calendars. (AI/Wikipedia)**

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*Cromarty News; Vol 1. No.35 Cromarty, Thursday, December 31, 1891.*

*Let it be the ambition of every son of Cromarty to do something during this year, on which we enter tomorrow, for the material and social progress of the good old town.*

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“Volunteering is the act of freely offering time and effort to support a cause, organisation or community, without expecting financial compensation. It’s a way to contribute to something larger than oneself, whether through formal programmes or informal community initiatives.”

*AI again*

Cromarty wouldn’t have the enviable community it does without all the volunteers. They can’t all be profiled here, but to every one: THANK YOU!

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# Cromarty Care Project

## Community Events

Monday 10.30-12 - Table Tennis, Victoria Hall, **NB Closed during July. \*\* (but see photo further down!)**

Tuesday 10-11.30 – Baby/Toddler Playgroup, Victoria Hall, suggested donation £3

Wednesday 9th & 23rd July 2.30 – Classic Film Club, Cromarty Cinema. Arrive early to avoid disappointment. To join contact Helen Charley on 07889 181529 or email [helen.charley@doctors.org.uk](mailto:helen.charley@doctors.org.uk)

The Royal Hotel offer pre-cinema lunch at 12.30, book by 4pm Sunday before on 01381 600217

## CAB in Cromarty

Ms Macdonald remains away from work, in-person appointments are not currently possible. To book an appointment please call 01349 883333 or email [adviser@alnesscab.casonline.org.uk](mailto:adviser@alnesscab.casonline.org.uk)

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## So Busy!!

The last 3 months have been so busy for CCP with weekly Summer Cafés, Crime and Thrillers Weekend and the recent Open Gardens weekend. The pupils and staff at Cromarty Primary hosted 8 Summer Cafés and all were well attended. The pupils created the menus, made soup, sandwiches - sometimes toasted! And did all the baking.



Entertainment was laid on with board games, singing and music by the children.

The final café was a chance to recognise the efforts of everyone



and give certificates to all the pupils involved – fantastic work!



The trikes have been out and about during Crime and Thrillers weekend and the Open Gardens event – many thanks to our trusty pilots Nigel and Robert. CCP also helped run the refreshments stall for Open Gardens, a huge thanks to all the bakers for delicious cakes and biscuits.

Thanks also to Gardening Club for creating the tubs by the Chairs for Chats bench, they made a fantastic addition to Open Gardens.



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Cromarty Care Project Anniversary Celebration  
Friday 29th August, afternoon/early evening at Victoria Hall

## East Church

More than 700 years ago a church was built on a spot nestled next to a burn and close to the settlement of Cromarty.

Now known as the East Church, the former parish church has stood firm on the same foundations ever since, a witness to changing religious practice, ups and downs in the fortunes of the townspeople, and new building styles.

The church today reflects many of these changes, and is both a spiritually inspiring and historically fascinating building. *East Church Cromarty guide book.*

[Historic Churches Scotland | Saving historic churches at risk](#)

### East Church



Help us to keep the East Church open. We're looking for some more people to help the volunteers who open and close the church every day. The routine is very straightforward, just bolting one set of doors and locking the other with a satisfyingly large key.



A volunteer 'shift' is from Monday morning until the following Sunday evening - and the time that you open and close the church can be flexible to suit your own preference. If you'd like to find out more, or have one of the current volunteers show you what's involved so that

you can decide if you fancy it, get in touch with Caroline at [cromartyeastchurch@gmail.com](mailto:cromartyeastchurch@gmail.com) or knock on the door at 51 Church Street - next to the Church.

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# **Cromarty & District Community Council**

## **Cromarty Clean Up - THANK YOU**

People have come to the Cromarty & District Community Council (C&DCC) and complained about the state of Cromarty so we decided to organise the Cromarty Clean Up with a deadline to finish before the Open Gardens.

The Cromarty Clean Up was coordinated with the Highland Council who were asked to remove the bags of vegetation etc, and it's just as well this was put in place. We circulated social media and posters advertising for volunteers for 16th, 17th and 18th June from 7-9pm each evening, to meet and start work.

Well here's what happened: basically the clock stopped at Open Gardens; yes we continued to work until, and on, a blazing hot, Friday. We also saw that many people were clearing up outside their, and neighbouring frontage. In total, over 300 bags of waste were removed, probably about 3 tons, the collections organised by Highland Council went very smoothly.

Councillor Sarah Atkin came out to help on Monday, which was a really strong show of support for what we were doing. We have had over 50 volunteer (slots) over the 5 days, one 9 year old, a couple of teens and an age range up to 80! Huge thanks to the volunteers, this would not have been possible without their time and considerable efforts. We've received lots of nice comments and one of the lucky volunteers was presented with a bottle of Prosecco by a grateful member of our community.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to all those who participated, much of this behind the scenes.

Any queries or comments: [nigel.shapcott@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.shapcott@gmail.com)

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**Thank you, too, to members of Cromarty & District Community Council** whose valuable work goes on, mostly 'unsung', but who contribute an enormous amount to the community, listening to our complaints and liaising with The Highland Council. We should not take their time, freely given, and dedication for granted.

The **Cromarty Live** website, contains a lot of useful local information. If you post information to the website, remember to keep it up to date!

[cromartydcc@cromartlive.co.uk](mailto:cromartydcc@cromartlive.co.uk)

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## **Cromarty Community Development Trust - Open Gardens**

🌿 **Cromarty Open Gardens – A Huge Thank You!**



### **What a weekend!**

Cromarty truly bloomed this weekend – not just in gardens, but in community spirit. A heartfelt thank you to every single one of you who helped make Cromarty Open Gardens such a spectacular success. Whether you opened your garden gates, baked beautiful treats, donated brilliant prizes, gave your time behind the scenes, or simply



came along to enjoy  
the weekend — you  
were amazing 🍷

It was a joy to see Cromarty buzzing with visitors, colour, and conversation. The generosity and care from so many people made the whole town feel extra special.

A particular thanks must go to Phoebe Fox (director) and Hayley Muir (Events & Marketing coordinator) who worked really hard to pick up the reins from the previous committee (who had set the bar exceptionally high).

An equally big thank you to the previous committee members who were so kind with their advice and generous with their time in handing this much-loved Cromarty institution on.

We're still counting the numbers, but it looks like we took over £9000 before costs. This will be reinvested by the Development Trust into running more events that bring the community together, as well as being distributed to community groups in Cromarty who supported the event.

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## Cromarty Cinema

### Adventures, Icons & Epic Returns on the Big Screen at Cromarty Cinema!

This July, Cromarty Cinema serves up blockbusters, rich dramas, standout documentaries and family favourites.

**Catch Tornado**, a spectacular samurai western—set in Scotland! For horror fans, **28 Years Later** is Danny Boyle's long-awaited return to the apocalypse. Then it's dino-sized action in **Jurassic World: Rebirth** and high-speed thrills in **F1® The Movie**, starring Brad Pitt.

Romance, regret and reinvention run through **Jane Austen Wrecked My Life** (French and funny), **Motel Destino** (Brazilian, brooding and bold), and **From Hilde, With Love**, a gripping WWII drama about resistance and sacrifice. **The Ballad of Wallis Island** adds whimsy and music, as estranged band-mates reunite for one very eccentric gig. In **The Last Journey**, a son and father's bittersweet road trip delivers both laughs and tears.



**The Road to Patagonia** is a stunning travelogue from Alaska to Argentina, while **Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story** honours a fearless literary icon. Families can enjoy new live-action adventures with **Lilo & Stitch** and **How to Train Your Dragon**—two beloved tales full of heart and heroism. And don't miss Barry Lyndon, Kubrick's visually masterful epic, back where it belongs—on the big screen.

Book online at [cromartycinema.com/films](http://cromartycinema.com/films), or at the door on Thursdays 12–2 in person.



## CROMARTY CINEMA July 2025



|              |      |                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 4     | 7pm  | <b>Tornado (15) 1h 30m</b><br>Action drama set in 1790s Britain. The theft of gold from a criminal kickstarts a series of events.                        |
| Saturday 5   | 7pm  | <b>Jane Austen Wrecked My Life (15) 1h 38m</b><br>French romantic drama. A struggling writer is invited to a retreat to achieve her dreams.              |
| Sunday 6     | 11am | <b>Lilo &amp; Stitch (U) 1h 47m</b><br>A lonely girl befriends a mischievous alien fugitive in this children's live-action comedy.                       |
| Tuesday 8    | 3pm  | <b>The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A) 1h 40m DS**</b><br>A lottery winner pays a folk duo to reunite and perform a concert in this UK comedy drama.       |
| Friday 11    | 7pm  | <b>Motel Destino (18) 1h 55m</b><br>Dangerous love triangle sparks after a man hides in a motel, inadvertently leaving his friend dead.                  |
| Saturday 12  | 11am | <b>How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 2h 5m</b><br>In this live-action remake, a young man finds he has the ability to befriend and train dragons.            |
| Saturday 12  | 7pm  | <b>Blue Road: The Edna O'Brien Story (12A) 1h 40m</b><br>British documentary exploring the life and career of groundbreaking Irish writer, Edna O'Brien. |
| Sunday 13    | 3pm  | <b>The Road to Patagonia (15) 1h 30m</b><br>Documentary. An astonishing journey from Alaska to Patagonia – on motorbike, then on horse.                  |
| Friday 18    | 7pm  | <b>From Hilde, With Love (15) 2h 4m</b><br>German drama based on the real story of Hilde Coppi, imprisoned for her part in resistance group.             |
| Saturday 19  | 7pm  | <b>28 Years Later (15) 1h 54m</b><br>Post-apocalyptic horror sequel. Father and son leave their island community to search for supplies.                 |
| Sunday 20    | 3pm  | <b>The Last Journey (PG) 1h 4m</b><br>Ailing father is taken by his son on a trip, recreating memories from his past. Swedish documentary.               |
| Tuesday 22   | 7pm  | <b>28 Years Later (15) 1h 54m DS**</b>                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday 24  | 7pm  | <b>Barry Lyndon (12A) 3h 4m</b><br>Stanley Kubrick's visually breathtaking masterpiece that demands the big screen!                                      |
| Friday 25    | 7pm  | <b>F1® The Movie (12A) 1h 36m</b><br>Formula 1 team convinces veteran driver to return alongside hotshot rookie in this sporting drama.                  |
| Saturday 26  | 7pm  | <b>Jurassic World Rebirth (12A) 2h 13m</b><br>Specialists extract samples from dinosaurs for a pharmaceutical company in sci-fi action adventure.        |
| Sunday 27    | 3pm  | <b>F1® The Movie (12A) 1h 36m DS**</b>                                                                                                                   |
| Wednesday 30 | 3pm  | <b>Jurassic World Rebirth (12A) 2h 13m DS**</b>                                                                                                          |

**\*\*Screening with Descriptive Subtitles**

Adults £9.50      Under 26 £6      Friends £8

More film info and book online at: [cromartycinema.com](http://cromartycinema.com) or at [eden-court.co.uk](http://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](http://cromartycinema.com) or email [admin@cromartycinema.com](mailto:admin@cromartycinema.com)

The Cromarty Cinema, Cromarty, IV11 8XZ

# Cromarty Volunteer Fire Unit

## Join the Cromarty Volunteer Fire Service – Make a Difference in Your Community

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community? The Cromarty Volunteer Fire Unit is currently recruiting new members, and we'd love to have you on board.

This is a paid role, and no previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and a commitment to helping others. Training takes place once a week on Tuesday evenings, and you'll receive full support to build the skills required.

Our unit specialises in responding to wildfires and road traffic collisions, playing a vital role in keeping our area safe. To join, you must be over 18 and have a good level of fitness.

Whether you're already hands, on or simply ready for a new challenge, this is a chance to be part of a skilled, close-knit team that works at the heart of the community.

Interested? Call Louise Alexander on 07793 004654 or email [Louise.Alexander@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:Louise.Alexander@firescotland.gov.uk) to find out more.

**Cromarty needs you!**



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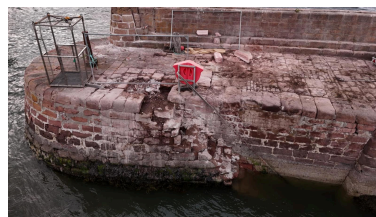
## Cromarty Harbour

## Progress report on on-going works

Those who have visited the harbour recently will see that our restoration of the historically important curved east pier has started and despite some windy weather our contractors continue to make progress. Unfortunately, the foundation stones at the end of the curved East Pier are not in good condition and could fail soon. The base will now be underpinned with a concrete ring with the cavities then filled and linked to the ring with steel pins to keep the structure stable. I've attached a photo to highlight the poor state. That has set us back in time and money and now the budget has to be reallocated to preserve the integrity of the structure below the waterline rather than doing the extensive repairs we had planned.

However, we will be getting on with the new steps and a good deal of pointing. It isn't the outcome we wanted, but it is the right one, ensuring that the pier remains in place and accessible. We continue to work with our principal funder, Historic Environment Scotland, to map out a solution that could work for both of us; we are encouraged by their support, but we urgently need more funds for restoration and hence the plea from our adjacent charity, Friends of Cromarty Harbour, who have to date been able to commit over £12,000 to the project as a result of their fundraising activities.

You may have noticed that we have installed a donation pillar and a couple of boards with QR codes to encourage donations. If you want to donate some small change the donation pillar is the place.



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## Friends of Cromarty Harbour

### Supporting the harbour

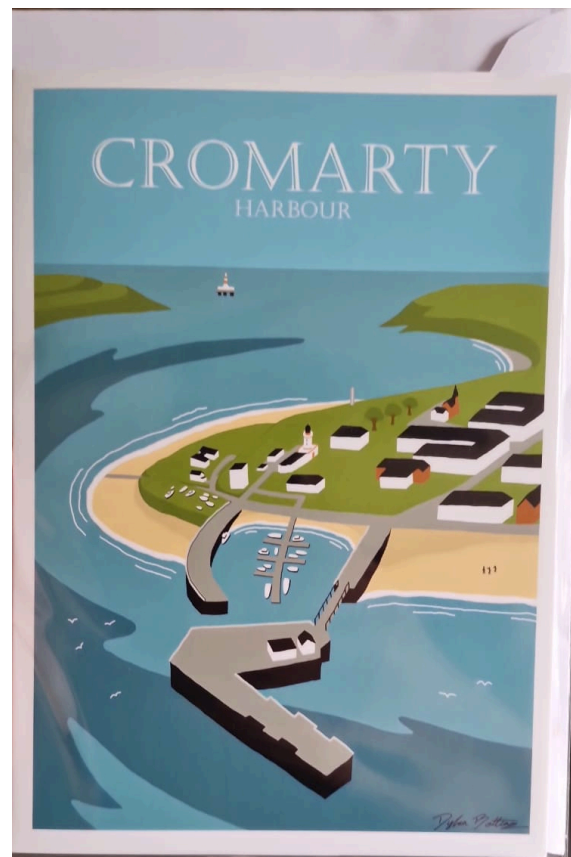
It has only been a year since we put our charity whisky cask to rest and now the liquid is starting to draw some colour and flavour from the rum cask.

Given the need to raise additional funds to support the harbour restoration, now is an opportune time to give the Whisky Share initiative another push. It was a great success last year and helped other funders come onboard, e.g. Historic Environment Scotland mentioned to us that it helped demonstrate good engagement and effort. In short, if you haven't already done so, secure your bottle share of the cask for £60 (within this amount £48 is a gift aid donation that can be offset against your income tax) and only pay duty and bottling costs in 9 year's time, estimated at around £30 presently. Roughly you get a single cask ten year-old GlenWyvis whisky matured in a rum cask for much the same price as being charged today whilst helping to support Cromarty Harbour's restoration effort at the same time. Apply using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/0hASknrxnF> or scan the QR code on the picture.

We have also turned our best-selling harbour poster into a card, which is on sale from EcoVentures and Gallery48. Priced at £3 each, this makes a lovely reminder card for someone to receive.

Please support our initiatives if you can. The charity's funds to the harbour are for restoration only so please support us if you can.

If you have further questions about any aspect of our charitable efforts please contact us at [friends@cromartyharbour.org](mailto:friends@cromartyharbour.org)





# Cromarty Thrift Shop



Remember to  
support the Thrift  
Shop!

Open every Saturday  
from 11am to 3pm

Donations on  
Tuesday mornings  
and 6 - 7pm on  
Tuesday evenings.

The volunteers do an  
incredible amount of  
hard work, sorting  
pricing, displaying...  
and are always glad  
of any help you can  
offer.

Find it on Facebook!





# The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever: Cromarty/The Black Isle: Free Dance Event

Come and dance like Kate Bush for The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever!!! which will be happening in Cromarty on **The Links, Sunday 27th July 2025, 12-1pm.**

This will be a free event for everyone to turn up, dressed in red, to dance to Kate Bush's epic song Wuthering Heights, as happens in various open spaces around the world.

Here's Edinburgh doing their Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever a few weeks ago:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVppHSCICl4>

Any donations will be gratefully received to go towards James Support Group: 'It's OK not to be OK.': <https://jamesupportgroup.com/>

(The Most Wuthering Heights Day Ever Event was created by Shambush in the UK and facilitated as a global organiser's community by Samantha Wareing in Berlin. It is a not-profit event to spread the joy of dancing to Kate Bush's wonderful song Wuthering Heights.)



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## Cromarty Camera Club

We now have our traditional summer break from meetings and Members are using the time for stimulating photographic outings and travels. Outings double up as a good sociable day out along with the opportunity to share photographic experiences and knowledge.

Members particularly enjoyed obtaining a photographic record of the recent Cromarty Open Gardens Weekend. One recent Club trip has been to the bird-rich island of Handa on the west coast; images coming soon!. Some club members are lucky enough to travel far afield during the summer and Graeme Hill was no exception when he visited Kenya last year where he was able to capture the excellent image below of a Hyena with its prey, aptly titled this image 'Slippery customer'.

The planned Syllabus for the start of the next season is as varied and interesting as ever with outings, presentations and workshop evenings. Potential new members will be most welcome to join us from our first meeting on **Thursday 11th September** onwards and for this new season we will have the added incentive of half-price membership for new members for their first year with us!

Look out for our club images in the **Cromarty Courthouse**, which began in mid-June, and our collection of prints in the **Sonas Gallery**.

Our regular meetings (next 11 Sept) are held in Victoria Hall, Cromarty on Thursday evenings at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Potential new members and interested individuals are always welcome to any meetings. Further information will be available via our new website soon.

### **Cromarty News March 24, 1892**

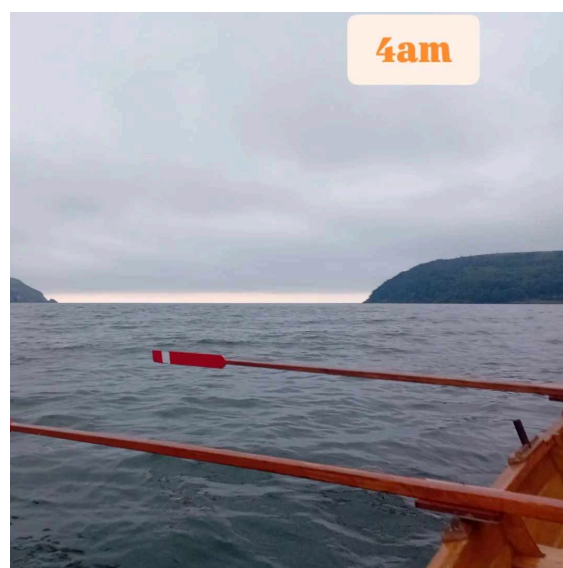
*I look upon the number of cameras I now see about as an evidence of a growing taste. We have certainly got scenery worth photographing, and there can be no more delightful occupation, provided one has got the time. The work is well adapted for ladies.*



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## Cromarty Community Rowing Club

### Solstice Success!



A fierce Easterly blew in on Friday but nothing was going to stand in the way of a night rowing all the way to the sunrise and an evening of fun. Cromarty Community Rowing Club just moved around to the West beach for launching and had the barbecue in the boat shed. There was a chance for new rowers to have a go and 14 people stepped up to the challenge! The solstice row itself saw two skiffs heading out at 7pm cheered on by those with a pint or a burger in their hand. The rows continued through the night, in the not-so-dark and

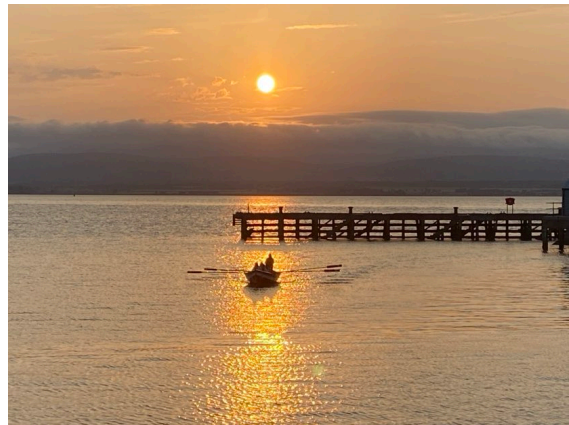


across the solstice with rowers of all ages taking part. We had lots of local rowers, the Highland Youth Convener and even a couple of lads from Memphis!

It was great to see the ever brave wild swimmers out supporting the event too.

Huge thanks go to all who took part - rowers, coxes, bakers, the BBQ chefs, supporters and especially the organisers, and to all who joined in the spirit of the event.

We hope to make the most for our new rowers with more 'come and try' sessions - watch this space!



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## Cromarty Arts Trust

**Old Brewery Summer B & B.** Bookings are now coming in for our summer B & B, remember to tell your friends and family this affordable and comfortable accommodation is available, prices start at £50 per night.

We start July with a lovely exhibition in the Old Brewery. Artist **Mairi Strachan** is showing recent work in her show ***Arboreum***. Mairi's work is mainly monochrome and based on observational detail from nature. The exhibition runs from **Fri 4 to Thur 10 July 11am-4pm**. All are invited to an afternoon viewing on **Sun 6 July, 2 - 5pm** with refreshments and nibbles.

At the end of the month the **Summer Craft Market** returns to the **Old Buoy Store!** Running **26 & 27 July, 10am – 4pm**, there are lots of makers and artists, some favourites and lots of new talented people! Tea, coffee and Home Baking (including gluten free) by Georgia both days.

Rebecca the Sewist is back for two days of sewing fun, making a sundress and making friends with your overlocker. These courses were booked up really quickly, but Rebecca is back on **18/19 Oct for a Bring Your Own Project** weekend - still spaces on that course.

**Ailsa** from **Wilde Workshops** returns with more silver jewellery this year, again it is fully booked but let us know if you want to go on the waiting list.



Check out our  
website, call us on  
01381 600354 or  
email  
[info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk) for  
booking and more  
information.

Cromarty Arts Trust

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## Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum

### Summer of Science at Hugh Miller's Birthplace!

First of all, a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our plant stall over Cromarty Open Gardens weekend and an even bigger thank you to



everyone who donated plants to be sold at it; if it wasn't for all you lovely people we'd have run out much sooner!

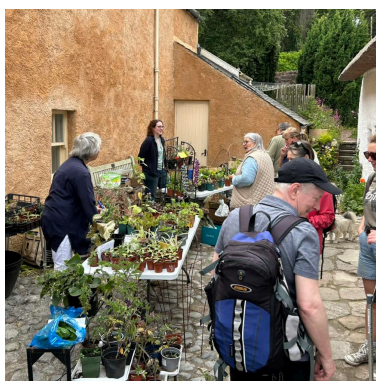
Besides Open Gardens a lot has been happening at the museum. In mid-June Stratherrick Primary came for a visit to the museum and a fossil walk to learn about Prehistoric Cromarty and Hugh Miller. This was all to go towards their end of year project - their own museum complete with fossils they found on the walk!

We've also been working on getting our (nearly sold out!) kids "summer science club" ready to go; spaces are still available for our **Earthquakes, Plants, Sharks, and Fossil Fuel** sessions but they are going really quickly! If you are unable to make it to our science workshops, why not take science home with you? We have brand new science kids craft sheets available in the museum for people to take home with them. We currently have craft sheets for planetary orbits and continental drift, plus our popular prehistoric colouring in sheets - pick some up for your kids whenever we are open!

For any adults looking to stay active this summer, why not join the team as a volunteer? We have new volunteering opportunities in our museum and gardens - speak to a member of the team on site to find out more.

And finally, keep an eye on STV's What's Happening Scotland this summer - they are coming to film at Hugh miller's this month!

**Remember - Cromarty townsfolk always get FREE ENTRY to the museum!**



**Summer Fun**  
at  
**Hugh Miller's Birthplace**

Join us in Cromarty over the Summer Holidays and enjoy some fabulously family fun adventures!

Travel back in time on a **Fossil Walk** to take part in citizen science and discover the fossils of prehistoric creatures!  
Fridays and Saturdays (Tide dependent)  
Prebook via our website

Take a deep breath and dive into the sea to meet **Cromarty's Coastal Critters** on our new and improved shoreline walking tour!  
Every Wednesday from 2<sup>nd</sup> July to 20<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Prebook via our website

Join the Hugh Miller Science Team and explore the natural world through science experiments and kids crafts on our **Summer Science Club!**  
Every Thursday from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
Prebook via our website

For more information about all our events and activities throughout the holidays, scan the QR code or visit our website  
[nts.org.uk/visit/places/hugh-millers-birthplace](https://nts.org.uk/visit/places/hugh-millers-birthplace)  
Church Street, Cromarty, IV11 8XA - 01381 600 245

[nts.org.uk](https://nts.org.uk)

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# Cromarty Tennis and Sports Club

## Latest Goings On!

June was busy, with the Tilbrook Trophy, a women's friendly against Fortrose, Primary School Coaching and fun on our Wednesday knockabout evenings.

Nine couples entered the Tilbrook Trophy, great tennis was had and the rain stayed away! One of the highlights was watching two very Cromarty-connected young lads, Hamish & Felix Hourston, playing like future Andy Murrays! The final was between Rosemarkie's Richard Fea and Cromarty's own Kelsey Benjamin against Inverness mother/son duo, Sarah and Luke Henderson, who ultimately won out in a great match, becoming champions for the second year running and receiving the trophy from Fran Tilbrook.

Eight Cromarty women took part in a friendly against eight Fortrose women. The Fortrose women won 37: 27. All was not lost because delicious baking and a welcome srùbag awaited the participants in the clubhouse at the end! We are grateful to the Fortrose women for their organising and hospitality - hopefully the first of many!

The Cromarty Primary school coaching went really well; all pupils took part and brushed up or learned new skills.

Wednesday night sessions are firmly established as a come-all-ye friendly knockabout - come and join! We hope to run another complete beginner come-and-try evening soon in response to requests. Keep an eye in the PO, website or Facebook page.

Next up Summer Camp for all school ages **21st - 25th July:**

P1 – P4 10am – 11am

P5 - S1 11am – 12pm:

S2- S6 12pm - 1pm.

Ending on the Friday with the Crombledon tournament! Details on website

<https://www.spanglefish.com/cromartytennisandsportsclub/>





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The table-tennis in the hall might be postponed during July, but that's not an excuse to stop playing: look what's turned up in the park! During the pandemic a few stalwarts played outdoors at Resolis and found it to be a different sort of a game but great fun!



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## Update from the Cromarty Community Development Trust

## Welcome to Our **New Development Officers**

We're thrilled to have filled two new Development Officer roles — all with strong local roots and a wide range of skills. **Lindy Cameron** will take on one post, while the second is a job share between **Jess Gunn and Helena Barnes**. Their main focus will be driving forward the East Church Hall project — from consultation to transformation.

## **East Church Hall**

We've agreed lease terms with Highland Council and are now working on the contract. The next step is a community consultation to change its Common Good status — stay tuned for details!

## **Cromarty Grows Together**

Thanks to funding from Highland Council's Community Led Local Development Fund, we're launching a new community garden behind Townlands Barn. It's a partnership between CDCC, the Youth Café, the Care Project and us.

Want to get involved? Email: [hello@cromartycdt.org.uk](mailto:hello@cromartycdt.org.uk)

## **Community Sauna**

Thanks to the 100+ who completed our survey! Plans are moving ahead — more news soon.

## **Cromarty Camping**

Our campsite is buzzing with visitors and still 5-star rated on Google — thanks to John and Rory!

## **Cromarty Events**

We're planning a **Winter Festival** in November to keep the community spirit glowing — details soon!

## **Thrift Shop**

Open Saturdays 11am–3pm — bargains galore and all for a good cause. Come have a browse!

Thanks for your support!

Cromarty Community Development Trust — [hello@cromartycdt.org.uk](mailto:hello@cromartycdt.org.uk)

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# **Cromarty Courthouse Museum**

## **Our AWARD-WINNING Trustee and the Launch of the Cell A Cinema**

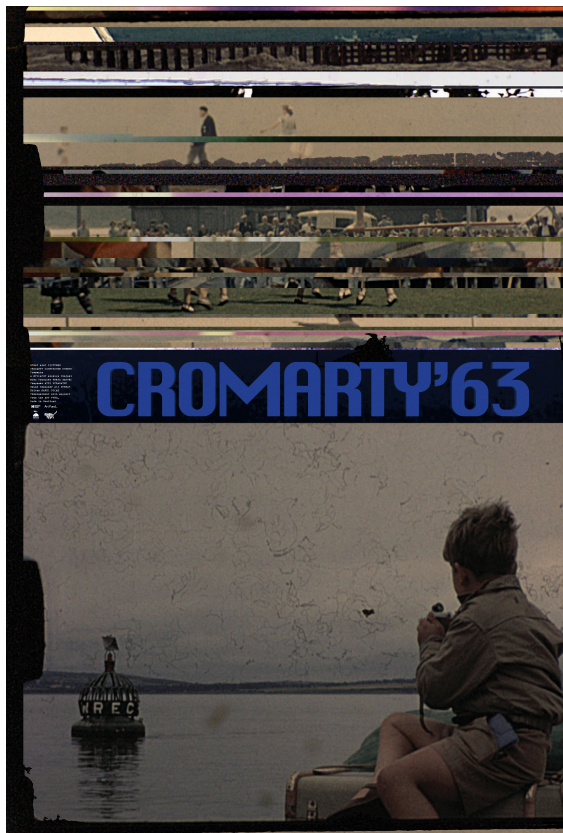
Have you visited our brand new cinema yet?



Situated inside the museum in a converted prison cell, we recently launched our Cell A Cinema, an 8-seater cinematic space showcasing our newly commissioned short film, Cromarty63. This film was developed using archival footage of Cromarty in the late 1950s - early 1960s, kindly donated to the museum by Arthur Bird. With the support of the Art Fund, we commissioned this footage to be crafted into a short artistic film by local filmmaker Kyllachy: "Summer is coming to a close in Cromarty. From the lively festivities of the 1963 Regatta, winter arrives and the town succumbs to dramatic storms. The gradual degradation of the film footage acts as a metaphor for the passage of time and the fading of collective memory."

The Cell A Cinema is open during our normal opening hours (**Wednesday - Saturday, 12-4pm**) with Cromarty63 playing on loop.

We are also delighted to announce that our wonderful trustee, Liz Broumley, recently received the prestigious accolade of 'Trustee of the Year 2025' at the Scottish Charity Awards. We are absolutely over the moon that all of Liz's hard work has been recognised. A massive thank you to everyone who voted for Liz and supported our vision; staff, volunteers, visitors, community and funders, we are just so grateful.





# The Walled Garden - Cromarty

## Pick Your Own Salads, Fruit and Vegetables in Cromarty

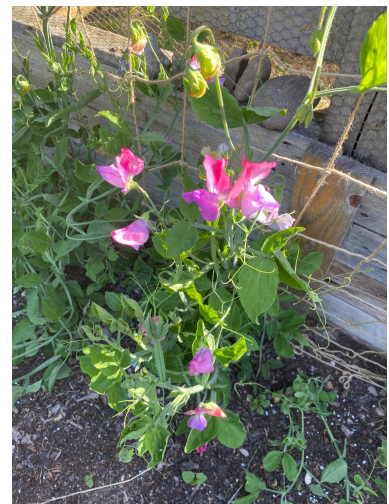
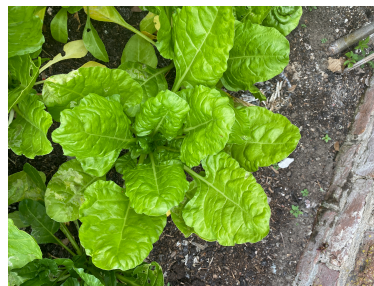
You can now come and pick your vegetables, salad leaves, herbs and soft fruit and pay for them online using your debit or credit card. We will be open on a **Tuesday** between **11am - 3pm**. If this day has to change we will announce it through our Facebook page so best to follow us and then you will receive updates.

You can also arrange to come on a day/time that suits you by sending a **What's App message to 07771 595391**.

Full details are on our Facebook page ..... we look forward to seeing some of you during our 2025 season.....

[www.facebook.com/thewalledgardencromarty](https://www.facebook.com/thewalledgardencromarty)

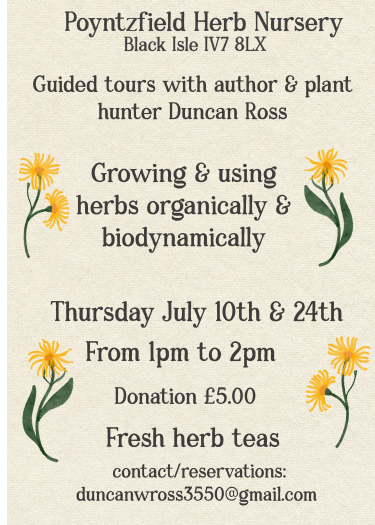
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## Poyntzfield Herb Nursery

**Poyntzfield guided tours July**



**We are offering another two guided tours of the herb nursery on Thursday July 10th and July 24th from 1 to 2 pm .**

All keen gardeners welcome Fresh herb teas .

£5 cash donation for Feis Rois would be appreciated.

contact/reservations  
[duncanross3550@gmail.com](mailto:duncanross3550@gmail.com)

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## Cromarty Post Office

### More postie news

This month we're saying goodbye to Marion - or we thought we were! - and welcoming Gillian McNaught to take over her round. Many of you will already know Gillian through her work as an artist and her long involvement with a number of community organisations. Although Marion is retiring from her full time job she's going to stay on to cover Gillian's days off so you haven't seen the last of her.

Meanwhile Kenny has settled in well as the new Wilma although there's no sign of any baking yet and he's already managed to break the Church Street postbox (it's OK, we know it wasn't you really) - apologies for the inconvenience when it was out of action. Let's hope that's the end of the changes for now and we have a long, warm, peaceful summer!

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## Ingrid's House

### Sustainable style



Summer is here and we are getting new stock including a new company Potr.co who make fully recycled and recyclable plastic, self-watering plant pots in a variety of sizes and colours. Amongst the new stock there are 2 designs that are made from reclaimed ocean plastic. So as well as ensuring your plants stay hydrated, you are doing your bit for the environment. And the added bonus is all pots can be posted Royal mail large envelope! A great present to send through the post. Please come in and we will happily demo the pots.

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## Gallery48

We have lots of new stock this month at gallery48, including 2 new oil paintings depicting scenes of Cromarty by Colin Ian Christie and a variety of these fun animal head hooks by Wooltide. Handmade using recycled materials, these come in a range of styles such as elephant, monkey, dinosaurs and more and are a great gift for kids!

You can also now find individual soaps and soap gift boxes by the Scottish Goats Milk Soap Company here. Made in Fife, these Soaps are natural and ethical - free from parabens and palm oil.





## Cromarty Pottery

A big thank you to everyone who made it out to the ceramics and watercolour exhibition in June - you can find the remaining sculptures from Bärbel's series of 'beasties on wheels' in the shop!

Meanwhile Colin Dunn's tiles can be found both in the Cromarty Pottery shop and at gallery48 next door.

We have recently recieved two big orders from Michelle Lowe and Daisy Hain ceramics, some of which can be seen in the pictures attached! We have a range of mugs by Daisy in different glazes and sizes from espresso to large, and a wide range of plates, toast racks, jugs, vases and more by Michelle.



# Calluna

## Summer Sale!

We had a flash Sale for Open Gardens and have decided to keep it going for a week - we are adding in new styles and bigger discounts to make room for all our gorgeous new stock thats heading our way. Pop in and grab yourself a bargain - **SALE finishes Sunday 6th July!**

If you are in Dingwall for your shopping, pop in and see our new wee shop on Tulloch Street. It's been lovely to see some many Cromarty faces in there already. Open **Tuesday to Saturday 10-5pm.**

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## Cromarty Brewing Co

June has been another busy month, with all the team doing their bit to keep up with the demand and get the beers out the door to all our fantastic customers.

Returning this month is our **Cascade**; a bold pale ale brewed with Cascade hops which is available in keg and cans. Our **Goldilocks**, another pale ale brewed using Oats was brewed this month and all Casks were sold out in record time!

Last month also saw the return of our New England Pale, **Not the Foggiest** and this year's batch of **Breakfast in Berlin** (our fresh blood orange and earl grey infused sour), which is tasting particularly refreshing. Both of these are available in can now from our brewery shop, so grab them while they last.

We had a belter of a weekend at the Midsummer Beer Happening in Stonehaven and it was great to see lots of familiar faces and catch up with some other breweries and brewers. We will be serving up beers at Alness Gala this Saturday, 28th June for anyone who's looking for a cracking wee family day out.

Our on-site brewery gift shop has continued to be busy with locals and holiday makers and the shop open hours for July and August will be: -

**Monday to Friday - 10am till 4pm**

**Saturday - 10am till 4pm**

**Sundays - CLOSED**

**Craig and Erika also attended the CAMRA Glasgow Real Ale Festival (G-RAF) where we were announced as the winner of Beer of The Year for our Rogue Wave.**

We were also told that our **Red Rocker** has taken **Champion Beer of Scotland** in the **Specialty Differently Produced Category** for a second year.



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## The Royal Hotel, Cromarty

### Hello Summer!

Thanks for all your support so far this year, it's much appreciated.

We're open **Wednesday - Sunday from 10.30am**, serving breakfast rolls, lunch, dinner, coffee, cakes & drinks. Beef from our family farm and Scottish seafood are always at the heart of what we do, but we have lots more on offer too!

Have you been in our bar recently? Our wee bar (the one at the gable end of the building, enter under the red 'T' sign) has had a bit of a face-lift: the pool table has been replaced with comfy sofas, the windows have been changed so you can enjoy the amazing view, and we have a new bar beside the windows so you can sit and watch the world go by - perfect to enjoy a coffee/pint/meal on your own or with others. Pop in and see what you think. Dogs and kids are welcome too!



Also new in the 'wee bar', we now have a 'revolving tap'. Our regulars will know we always have Cromarty Brewing Company's Lager and Happy Chappy on tap, and now we'll have a different Cromarty beer each week, thanks to our new revolving tap. It's a great chance to try one you maybe haven't tried before. If you have a favourite Cromarty beer, let us know & we'll get it in for you!

Did you know?

> You can now book a table for lunch/dinner online via ResDiary, DishCult or via our website.

> Our popular roast beef, Yorkshire pudding & all the trimmings is available every Sunday throughout the summer

> You're welcome to pop in 'just for a coffee' any time during the day. We have quieter spaces if you need some peace, or else there's generally someone to chat to if you want some company. Cake is optional!

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## Sutor Creek

**We are now open Tuesday to Saturday 12-8pm and Sunday 12-4pm, closed Mondays, for the summer.**

We are incredibly grateful to be busy but this means we are getting booked up quickly - if you are planning on taking friends or family over the summer we recommend booking in advance. You can book tables or pre-order takeaway pizza on our website

[sutorcreek.co.uk](http://sutorcreek.co.uk).

Thank you for your support, The Sutor Creek Team

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## The Fishertown Inn

### Cocktails at the Inn

We had a great quiz in June for Scotland the Wave and launched their new Gin and cocktail



distilled by Kevin at Glenwyvis distillery. Have you tried it yet?

Along with this cocktail we have many more, perfect for a sunny afternoon in our beautiful beer garden.

Our BBQ hut is now up and running and available for booking, so if you want to BBQ, no matter the weather, in the comfort of our beautiful Scandi hut, please get in touch.

If you're planning to eat with us in the pub we take bookings for evenings only and as it's now the summer holidays booking is recommended.

Thank you again for all the support you give the team at the Fishertown

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