

CROMARTY NEWS



October 2025

Octet, Octagon, Octogenarian, October...er?

October is the tenth month of the year in the [Julian](#) and [Gregorian calendars](#). The eighth month in the old [calendar of Romulus](#) c. 750 BC, October retained its name (from [Latin](#) and [Greek](#) *ôctō* meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans. *Wikipedia*

Community Connections

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members.

Coretta Scott King

Cromarty Care Project

as a new Trustee. Updated
Trustee roles can be seen on line.



Our 10th Anniversary celebration on 29 August welcomed 45 attendees, featured a slideshow and presentation, and led to 5 new member sign-ups. Interested in becoming a member? It's free and shows support for our work. You can do so on our website.

A new custom-built Sharing Larder, courtesy of the Black Isle Men's Shed, has been installed. It's larger, sturdier, and will continue to be stocked for those in need.



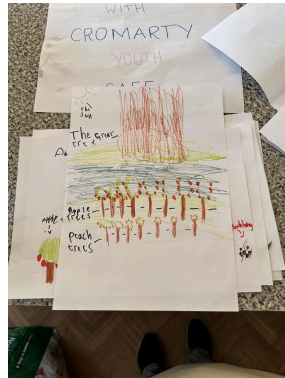
Thank you to our volunteers, donors, funders, and the Cromarty community for your continued support over the past decade!

Cromarty Care Project

Cromarty Grows Together

Community Garden Open Day - 27th September

We were lucky with the weather! Thanks to everyone who came to the Open Day on Saturday to see what's going on, make their suggestions, help plant bulbs, sow wildflower seed, fill up raised bed - or just have a cup of tea and chat about gardens. Lots of good ideas from young and old which will shape what happens next!



The Thrift Shop Appeal for Volunteers

The Thrift Shop will finish for the season on Saturday 25th October at 3pm. We have had a busy time and it is so good to see people enjoying their visit to the shop. Going forward to next year, we would like to appeal for more volunteers. There is a lot of background work to do apart from running the shop on a Saturday. We look forward to welcoming new people to help us to keep the Thrift Shop open.

Please contact Chrissie on 01381600284 or Rhona on 01381600376.
We look forward to hearing from you.

Cromarty Primary Parent Council

Thanks!

We learned at the beginning of the year that Cromarty Primary School would be turning 150, its Sesquicentennial anniversary in 2025, and decided we needed to celebrate. After all, it's not every day a local school turns 150!

On Saturday 23rd August, a 150th birthday party and family fun day, with competitions, birthday cakes and teas, outdoor games, bouncy castle and stalls, was held in the Victoria Hall and Park.

It was a beautiful sunny day that saw generations come together to chat about school days, memories and antics, record memories and look at the heritage of Cromarty through photos and fossils!

We would like to extend a great big Thank You to the community for coming, the school for facilitating our ideas for the year, those who entered our competitions, all our volunteers (without whom we couldn't have run the event), those who donated baking, the local business that supported us: Sonas, Cromarty Courthouse, Hugh Miller's Cottage and last but definitely not least our sponsors, Cromarty Firth Port Authority.

We plan to hold a **School Open Day on 28th April 2026** and also hope to round off the year with a **Ceilidh on 17th June 2026** and look forward to seeing you all there.

We have a website under construction and hope to create a lasting legacy of people's memories across the years. If you have a memory you would like to share, or any photos you wouldn't mind us including, please email them to cromartyprimary150@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your continued support,

from Cromarty Primary School & Parent Council.





Cromarty History Society
& Friends of Cromarty Courthouse



Cromarty Public School log book 1875

1845.

From March 1st to March 22nd.

March 1.

School opened on Monday morning with prayer. Attendance very good during the week. Enrolled Seven Pupils on Tuesday. Chairman of Sch: Board called in on Thursday with Government Schedules relative to Examination. Progress of week very fair.

March 8.

Engaged in drilling Standards for inspection. II & III Standards doing remarkably well at Grammar. Latin pupils advancing favourably with declension of Noun & Adjective.

March 15.

92 pupils present on Monday - Sch: Board Officer called in and threatened several pupils with punishment if they persisted longer in absenting themselves.

March 22

Revised "Ancient Mariner" with Literature class on Tuesday. School inspected on Wednesday 24th inst: by J. Macleod Esqr: H. Mr. Inspector of Schools - Present 60 Boys and 40 Girls - Gave Thursday & Friday as Holidays.

Archives are not always thought of by those who want to learn more about the history of a place or that of their family, or what was happening in a Highland community long ago: but the Highland Archive Service collects, conserves and makes records accessible in its four centres (which won the ARA Record-keeping Award in 2024). They cover 700 years of Highland history and diversity.

To find out more, **Cromarty History Society's October 21st meeting** will hear from Community Engagement Officer Lorna Steele-McGinn about

some of the records which are available and how those records enrich the lives of those who consult them. Lorna works with schools, adult learning groups, HMP Inverness, care homes and many others. Her 'Learn With Lorna' online talks have chalked up over 600k views. Above you can see an excerpt from the Cromarty Public School log from 1875.

The talk begins at **7.30 on October 21st in the Victoria Hall.**

Refreshments will be available afterwards. Each meeting costs £5 but a £15 membership entitles you to attend the seven meetings for the rest of the season. Good value for money! Under 16s are free.

www.cromartyhistory.scot

Hallowe'en at the Courthouse



UNDER-THE-SEA HAUNTED HOUSE

Friday 31st October, 5-7pm

Choose your own adventure
☐ BLUEBEARD'S TERRIFYING CASTLE
☐ EXPLORE UNDER THE SEA



Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum

A Huge Happy Birthday for Hugh Miller!

It's the most important month in our calendar, because it was in October all the way back in 1802 that Hugh Miller was born! This means he is

turning 223 years old, and we think a big birthday party is in order!

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