



## September 2023

### We Have A Campsite!

*From Sheila Currie:*

All of us involved in this project have got very tired of saying "Very Soon, Not Long Now", but we are at last **open!**



Our first paying visitor came at the weekend. We are SO pleased to have got to this stage, which is thanks to so many people, especially Julie Macrae, the Trust's Development Officer, who has wrangled all the Trades and official bodies to a successful outcome.



And on Monday it was three!

Bookings are made online via the Cromarty Camping website, where there's lots of other information too. And check out 'Cromarty Camping' on Facebook and Instagram too.

Please follow, like, share these links etc with anyone you know who might be looking for a pitch for a night, a weekend, a holiday week...

The campsite will be open all year round (we already have some bookings for October) at a flat overnight rate of £35 per vehicle which includes Wi-Fi, electricity, use of shower block, emptying foul tanks, filling water tanks. Vans can also book two-hour slots to shower, empty/fill tanks; and also a 'turn up and empty your foul tanks/fill up clean water' deal.

See more at [www.cromartycamping.com](http://www.cromartycamping.com)

Income from the site pays for the Warden and Cleaner jobs, and any surpluses above that go back into other Development Trust community projects.

## **Other work**

The campsite has taken up a huge amount of the Directors' and Development Officer's time, but we are now able to draw breath and look again at what comes next. We have started a process of planning future directions, aims and objectives for the next few years. Once we have a draft of something to share, we'll come to the community to flesh this out and to restart the working

groups of members and others to deliver the projects the community wants the Trust to deliver.

## **Harbour News**

With only minor restrictions we are pleased to advise that the opening up of the harbour has continued as advertised. It is positive to see that all fishing visitors have adhered to positioning themselves on the Outer Pier. Numbers have been manageable and only on the odd occasion could you say that numbers were getting excessive. Perhaps the weather has been helpful for once. We are grateful to Caroline Williams who has assisted us in keeping the pier area safe, clear and tidy. The area has certainly benefited from being subjected to a frequent rubbish inspection. No further changes are expected until the end of September.

It was distressing to hear that a young girl got caught up on discarded fishing tackle, but we are pleased to know that she made a good recovery. Regrettably, it does serve as a reminder that the harbour area and indeed more widely, is not risk free and people playing or swimming in and around the waters close to the harbour should be careful.

Lastly, safety improvements continue with the dilapidated sign on the corner opposite the Royal Hotel soon to be replaced by a new one; life buoys are also in the process of being renewed.

Colin Dickie

## **Cromarty Community Rowing Club**



*Sophie Collard writes:*

Fancy giving it a try or getting a regular rowing slot?  
Come and join the Open Row on Saturdays at 2pm  
organised by our wonderful, Sheila!

Youth rowers (12 years +) meet on Mondays 4.15pm -  
6pm and are organised by Fraser and Wanda! Please let  
them, or Orlagh and Loreta (our Youth rower reps), know  
if you are interested. During the winter months rowing  
training will take place indoors at Victoria Hall.

We mainly communicate via Facebook messenger with a  
Rowing Members chat, if you want to be added to these  
please let Justin Tait ( [cromartyrowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:cromartyrowingclub@gmail.com))  
know. If you are not on Facebook please let us know  
suitable contact details and we'll endeavour to keep you  
up to date!

Merchandise can be ordered from Lindy at  
[lindycc@icloud.com](mailto:lindycc@icloud.com). Order form, prices and how to pay  
can be found at [www.cromartyrowing.com](http://www.cromartyrowing.com)

## **Regatta news**

Plenty of success at this years regattas for our Cromarty  
rowers! We've so far attended Broughty Ferry, Orkney,  
Golspie and Avoch regattas with medals being won at  
each one.

Regattas are a wonderful day out seeing the beautiful  
coasts of Scotland, great camaraderie between clubs, good  
food and raffles! All CCRC members warmly welcome to  
row, and all are very welcome to attend and support!

Upcoming regattas are mainly advertised on Facebook rowing members chat and via email, if you are missing these for any reason and would like to be notified please let us know.

Upcoming regattas include: Strathpeffer at The Storehouse on **2nd September**, Nairn's inaugural regatta on **16th September**, and **CCRC's very own regatta on 23rd & 24th September!** Please come and row, support or volunteer on the day (lots to do!) - great racing, delicious food, raffles and Saturday evening entertainment await!

## **Courthouse Update**

### **Cromarty - built on slavery?**

The digital tour of Cromarty's past links to slavery on the museum app Smartify is proving a major success, have you seen it yet? Take a look on the app or at [app.smartify.org](http://app.smartify.org).

### **Cromarty West Church artefacts**

As you know Cromarty West Church closed its doors for the final time at the end of July. Our museum has been working with the Church to save some of the significant items for Cromarty and its heritage. There are many objects, some of which are from the early years of the Church in the late eighteenth century, and we plan that some of these will be on show at our "Behind the Scenes" event (see below). The West Church artefacts will form the basis for a major new display for the 2024 season.

### **Behind the Scenes in the Museum**



Cromarty Courthouse Museum invites the whole community to an early evening of drinks and nibbles in the museum on **Friday 29th September** 4:30 – 6:00pm. See what lies behind the scenes, find out how going digital is making us famous and discover how we care for Cromarty’s past. Remember that it’s your museum too –we’re here for everyone!

We have had a very successful year, but to survive and prosper in the current economic climate it needs all of us to help in whatever way we can.

Mary Bowers

## **History Society**

Cromarty History Society & Friends of Cromarty Courthouse begins a new season of eight monthly talks, opening with a welcome return visit from Dr Eric Grant.

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

# TaRRaDALE THROUGH TiME



**Remarkable discoveries on the Black Isle**

**Speaker: Dr. Eric Grant**

**7.30pm Tuesday  
19th Sept 2023**

**Victoria Hall  
Cromarty**

**ALL WELCOME**

**NON MEMBERS £3.00 UNDER 16 FREE**

**[www.cromartyhistory.scot](http://www.cromartyhistory.scot)**

Focused on the Muir of Ord area of the Black Isle, The Tarradale Through Time project investigated six archaeological sites dating from the mesolithic to the 18th and 19th centuries. Some significant sites were discovered, including the earliest occupation site in the Black Isle dating to 6500 BCE, as well as one of the largest Pictish cemetery sites known in Scotland. Along with some highly important material finds, the series of excavations has been crucial in informing our understanding of how the Black Isle was occupied and developed through time.

Dr Eric Grant lectured in archaeology and historical geography at university level for 20 years. He later undertook consultancy work and maintained an interest in the voluntary sector by chairing heritage organisations including museum trustees. Since moving to Ross-shire in 2004 he has been investigating the archaeological potential of the Muir of Ord and Tarradale areas in the

Black Isle. This led to a National Lottery Heritage Fund award for a series of six excavations – with some spectacular outcomes – under the aegis of Tarradale Through Time: community engagement with archaeology in the Highlands.

Talks end with a complimentary cup of tea and biscuit and a chance to chat! All very welcome.

## **Cromarty Peace Group**

*Simon Evans writes:*

We were approached by Highland - Palestine asking if we would host Najib Joe Hakim. Najib is based in San Francisco, but from a Palestinian family. He's done a lot of work recording the experiences of Palestinians living in the USA. His work particularly focuses on the relationship between the Palestinian diaspora and their 'home' in Palestine. He will be doing a presentation about his work.

There is a link to his website where you can get an idea of the range of his work [here](#).



# Home Away From Home

The photography of  
Najib Joe Hakim

An illustrated talk by the artist

**Wednesday September 20th**

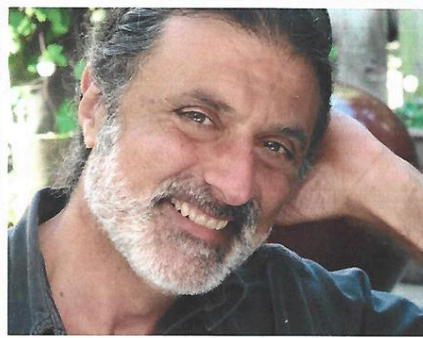
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**St Regulus**

**Cromarty**

Organised in conjunction with  
Highland - Palestine  
and  
The Network of Photographers for Palestine

**Free entry**

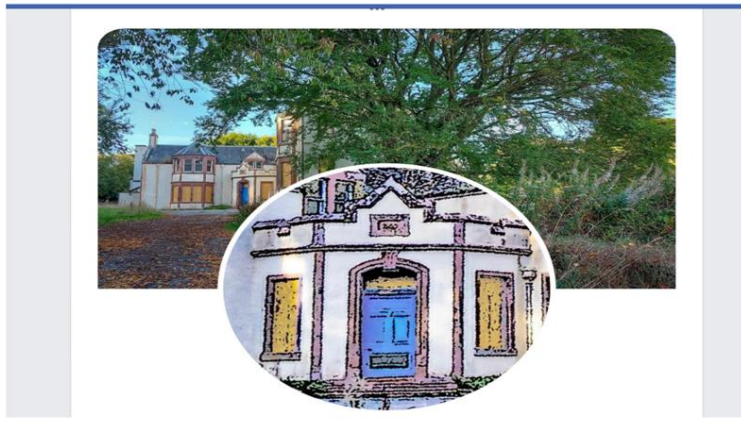


**Najib Joe Hakim works as a documentary photographer and artist based in San Francisco, CA.**

**Born in Lebanon and raised in the United States, Najib only discovered his Palestinian roots during his college years. This realization led to his first visit to Palestine and changed the course of his studies, work and life toward efforts for the attainment of Palestinian rights.**

**How and why do Palestinians living outside Palestine maintain ties to and aspirations for Palestine; and how do they reconcile this with life in a country whose political culture is so profoundly hostile to those aspirations?**

**Raddery Woods Consultation**



**Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1-3 pm**

**We extend a warm welcome to you to join us on site at Raddery House to hear more about our project and give your views and suggestions.**

**Our plans are important for the whole of the Black Isle community.**

**We hope you can spare an hour to come, take a look and chat with us.**

Free Parking and refreshments on site

**Community Health Growing Environment Volunteers Woodland Employment Respite  
Friendship Dementia Young People Education Inclusive Wellbeing Activities Carers  
Opportunities Repurpose Accessibility Intergenerational Unlimited Inspirational**

Regrettably there are no toilets on site – nearest public toilets are in Rosemarkie village.

**Please note** due to vandalism and lack of use, paths may be rough, and debris present on site.

RHL are very grateful to The Highland Council and FRCC for enabling this event.

Email- [info@radderyhouse.com](mailto:info@radderyhouse.com)

## **Cromarty Care Project**

*Alison Sellar writes:*

### **New Funding from the Bank of Scotland Foundation**

Cromarty Care Project is delighted to announce that the Bank of Scotland Foundation has awarded us a substantial “Reach” grant to support our work with the elderly in the community. A large part of the grant will go towards the ever-popular Lunch Club, which we are working towards starting up again very soon.

### **Table Tennis Returns**

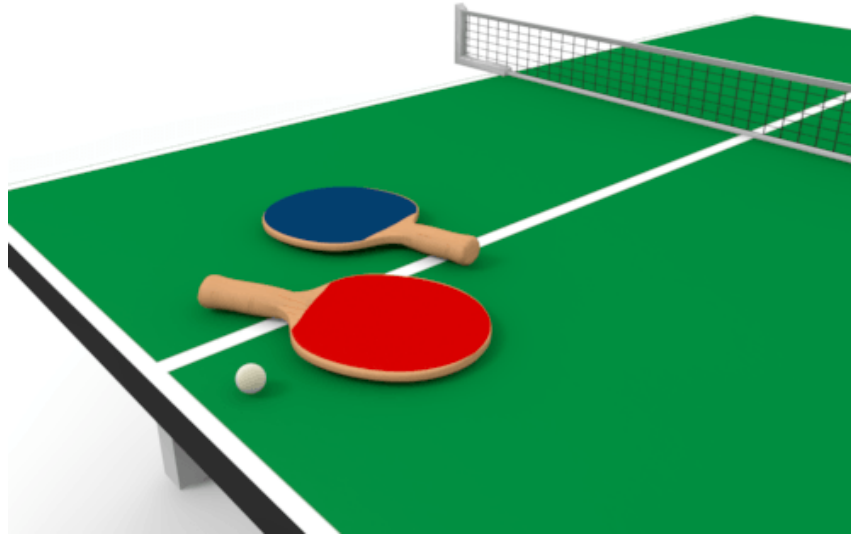


Table Tennis has a unique set of benefits, both physical and mental, and has been linked to combatting dementia. This opportunity to improve health and wellbeing is open to everyone, whether you play Olympic Level or Ping Pong! Come along and join in the fun on Monday mornings, 10.30 – 12 noon, at the Victoria Hall. All equipment supplied. Entry is free, donations are welcome. For more information, text Simon Evans 07717 172385

### **Caledonian Canal Cruise**

We hope to run another Canal Cruise on 18th September, sailing on a Seagull Trust boat, which is specially-adapted for those with mobility issues. Our past participants have really enjoyed themselves. So, if you're interested in a late summer/autumn cruise, or you know someone who would be, please email us: [info@cromartycareproject.co.uk](mailto:info@cromartycareproject.co.uk)

### **Community Playgroup**

The Playgroup takes place weekly on Tuesdays during the school term. Parents and carers with their babies and toddlers are very welcome to join us at the Victoria Hall, 10 – 11.30 Charge: £1.50 per session.

### **The “Trikes” – Cromarty’s Taxi At Your Service!**



We're hoping for an "Indian Summer" this September, so the Trikes can be enjoyed at their best! If you'd like to travel in style around Cromarty, need help getting about, or would like to become a Trike Pilot, please contact Shirley on 01381 600451

### **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 889014, or Maxine Worsfold on 07483 881981

### **Community Sharing Larder**

The Larder is available to everyone in the community 24/7 and continues to be well-used. Many thanks to all those who donate dry, tinned and long-life foodstuffs and to our volunteers who check the Larder daily.

### **A Huge "Thank You" to all our friends and supporters!**

We couldn't do what we do without you! If you would like to contribute to our various projects you can give to Cromarty Care Project by one-off donation or by regular

giving, by visiting our website (and please tell us if you're a UK taxpayer, so we can reclaim Gift Aid on your donation). If you'd like to contribute in any other way, to volunteer, or if you have questions about any of our projects, please email us: [info@cromartycareproject.co.uk](mailto:info@cromartycareproject.co.uk)

## **Middleton Trust**

A wee reminder to Cromarty groups and organisations!

The deadline to apply for Middleton Trust Awards is Friday 29th September. A simple Application form and further details can be found at [www.cromartylive.co.uk/middleton-trust.asp](http://www.cromartylive.co.uk/middleton-trust.asp)

The Trustees look forward to receiving applications from new and previous recipients.

The Middleton Trust is also looking for a new Secretary to assist the Trustees with the administration the annual awards to support the young people of Cromarty.

If you would like to register an interest in this role, please get in touch in the first instance with current Secretary for further details - Gillian McNaught  
[middletontrust@gmail.com](mailto:middletontrust@gmail.com)

A small honorarium comes with this position.

## **Business Updates**

### **Post Office**

To allow for staff holidays there are some changes to our opening times in September and October:

Wednesday September 20 CLOSED; Wednesday September 27 CLOSED; Friday September 29 CLOSING EARLY AT 13.00; Saturday September 30 CLOSED; Wednesday October 4 CLOSED; Wednesday October 11 CLOSED.

I hope this doesn't cause too much inconvenience. And when I get back in October it will be almost time to get the shop ready for you know what!

Estelle

## **The Cheese House**

As most of you know by now Jon and Emmy will be closing the door on the cheese shop for the last time at the end of this year. We have spent an amazing eleven years astounding customers with our offer of Dutch cheese - and a lot of other curiosities along the way. Undoubtedly our presence has contributed to the popularity of the town as a visitor destination, and it would be a shame if the Cromarty cheese 'phenomenon' were to disappear entirely. We are very much up for exploring how the business continues in some form, so if you know of anyone who might be interested, please don't hesitate to send them our way. There are a lot of exciting options of how it could evolve and we are very willing to provide as much support as necessary during any hand-over.

More announcements to follow as we head toward the finish line! [www.cromartycheese.com](http://www.cromartycheese.com) or telephone 01381 600724

## **Ingrid's House**

As the summer comes to an end it is all about wool at Ingrid's House. We are really excited to have a new supply of Swedish wool mittens, we have more Norwegian socks arriving any day and wonder flexed homewards from Sweden.

We are open 7 days a week throughout the year.



## **Fishertown Inn**

We have had a wonderfully busy summer at the Inn, it's been great to have the beer garden full too. Our Sunday roasts start again on September 3rd. Pub quizzes will be back too, keep an eye on Facebook for up dates. A wee reminder that we also do off-sales.

Thank you all again for all your custom. Pete and Ingrid

## **Calluna**

We have all our new Autumn stock in at Calluna; layering tops from £23.99, jumpers from £34.99, jeans from £45.99 - sizes 8-20. Our wee team are really enjoying helping folk find what they love - come in and try on and see what works for you. Lots of different styles, brands and price ranges to choose from. We had great fun with our Autumn preview night last week and look forward to letting you know about our Christmas Event! For Calluna special offers - visit our [calluna\\_cromarty](#) page on VINTED. Lots of XS and XL sizes available!

## **Sutor Creek**

Thank you for all your support over the busy summer! We are looking forward to the next season and have lots to look forward to including two Tasting Dinners (if you don't receive our email let us know and we will add your name), Tapas Nights and a Bonfire Night special!

Our reservation book is now also open for Christmas Bookings - we will be serving a set 2 or 3 course menu from Monday 4th until Friday 22nd December (minimum 4 persons). Reserve your work party or family get together soon as we have limited spacing!

Reservations can now be made from 12pm right through to 7pm every day. In addition to our wood-fired pizzas, our seasonal menu features Cullen Skink with homemade bread, Calamari, Hake, Steak, Beer battered Fish & Chips, Crispy Chicken Burger, Watercress & Goat Cheese Risotto and our award-winning Sunday Slow Roast to name a few (all of which are also available as Take-Away). We look forward to welcoming you to Sutor Creek soon whether for a quick lunch or to celebrate a special occasion!

## **Cromarty Arts Trust**

*From Nicki Slater:*

Cromarty Arts Trust has lots coming up in September but before I start to entice you along to workshops, events and music, I wanted to say a huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who came along to see the film **Rigs of Nigg** in the hall last Saturday. It was really wonderful to have so many folk along, to hear from people who were in the film and to see it on the big screen. We’d like to extend a big thank you to Don Coutts, Lindy Cameron, Dave Newman and to the film society for the loan of equipment to let it all happen.



A packed and attentive audience participating in some fascinating 'post-show' discussion.

September sees artist and popular tutor Anna Wimbledon back in Cromarty. Her Portrait Painting course on 9 - 10th is full but there are still a few spaces left on her three-day Painting Landscapes in Oils course running from **1 – 3rd September**. Fingers crossed for dry weather and most of the time painting outdoors. If it's too wet, painting will happen in the Old Brewery.

Lots of harp playing news this month. After a desperate hunt for a teacher, the children and young people's harp lessons have started again. With a combination of face to face and online learning, five young people are once again enjoying their harp lessons with thanks to funding from The Northern Meeting Charity. We still have to hire harps from Feis for some of them so if anyone has a harp they no longer use and would like to sell, please do get in touch with us.

At the very end of September, we will be hosting the return of The Cromarty Harp Village. Running **30**



**September to 1 October**, this will be for the first time since 2019. While there is no tutor concert this year, over the three days, tutors Corrina Hewat, Emma Wright and Jennifer Port will offer workshops at elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels. There will also be limited tickets available for a harp playing and storytelling session in the Old Brewery from the talented Heather Yule. We are ironing out details so keep any eye on the website or get in touch if you are interested in attending.

Tickets are selling like proverbial hotcakes for RANT on **8 September** at the Stables, so don't delay if you'd like to catch this powerful, all female fiddle group in Cromarty on their tour. You can buy tickets online through Eventbrite (link on our website) but if you want to avoid that pesky booking fee, email us direct on [info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk](mailto:info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk)

Classical music this month comes from one of Britain's leading solo violinists Charlotte Rowan, she is playing a varied programme including Vitali's Chaconne, Grieg's Violin Sonata No. 3, Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy, Schubert's Valse Caprice, Rurality Hungarica by Dohnanyi and Brazileira by Darius Milhaud. Accompanied on the baby grand piano, this will be a wonderful musical evening.

On Friday **15th September** there is another gig in the old Brewery. This time a one woman show called 'Bonnie Fechtors'. True stories of strong, fighting women from distant and recent history is the theme of this work by writer and singer Morna Burden. Morna is currently performing her show 'Gie us Peace' in the Edinburgh Fringe to great reviews, we're really looking forward to having her here.

The craft workshop this month is Improvers Dressmaking with the lovely Rebecca the Sewist coming back again. This weekend (**16-17 September**) is suitable for people who have completed a dressmaking class or have made some basic clothes and are reasonably confident on their sewing machine. You'll be making the Lyra shirt style dress pattern from Tilly and the Buttons. You will learn how to sew buttonholes, darts, sleeves and how to construct a collar. If you don't fancy the Lyra dress and have a pattern challenge of your own, please feel free to bring that along instead for expert help. Also watch out

for Rebecca's next class – Sew Your Own Christmas Pyjamas over **11 – 12 November**, can't wait to get cosy!

And lastly..... we celebrated some good news recently when we received funding from Creative Scotland, the Scottish Government and Youth Link Scotland. Over the next school year, the young people from the Cromarty Youth Café will be working with local Black Isle artist Sally Purdy to design and create three brand new, youth-led mosaic panels, watch this space for progress and spectacular finished results! As usual all information and booking details are on our website [www.cromartyartsrust.org.uk](http://www.cromartyartsrust.org.uk) , 01381 600354 or pop in and see Nicki or Gail at Ardyne during the week.

## Cinema

*Ana Terje writes:*

With Barbenheimer fever in the rear-view mirror, Cromarty Cinema is offering some great cinematic delights in August.

The Summer of Fun season reaches its climax with two classics that need to be seen on the big screen: **Raising Arizona** and **Speed**. And the fun certainly doesn't stop there, as we bring you **Joy Ride** where four Asian-American women embark on an epic road trip to Beijing. Expect twist and turns and many laughs. September's volunteers' choice is the equally hilarious sci-fi spoof **Galaxy Quest**, and who can resist Bill Forsyth's classic **Gregory's Girl**!

Everyone's favourite pizza-loving, crime fighting sewer dwellers are back in **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem** - fun for all the family. And the show must go on in Sundance winner **Theatre Camp**, where staff and kids put on the show of their lives to save the camp.

As always, there's plenty of quality drama on offer. Why not take a trip to France, where an author returns to his hometown and forms a bond with the son of his first love in **Lie With Me**. Or follow German holiday makes to the Baltic Sea as they become trapped in **Afire**. **Scrapper** takes you to a London council estate where Georgie is exploring her relationship with her estranged father. And

there's plenty more so please peruse the poster below for some gems.

We're also screening three very special documentaries in September. In **A Cat Called Dom**, a Scottish filmmaker is helped by an animated cat to edit a film for his mother. **The Bough Breaks** explores the life of a conservationist who has been restoring the Caledonian forest for decades, while **My Extinction** charts a filmmaker's personal journey towards climate activism. As always, get your tickets at <https://cromartycinema.com/films/>, the human box office on Thursdays 12-2, or at the door. And why not become a member! As well as supporting your local community cinema you get ticket discounts and can hire the cinema for watch parties with friends and family. More information at <https://cromartycinema.com/join-us/>.

We look forward to seeing you in September!



CROMARTY CINEMA

September 2023



Friday 1 Sept	7pm	<b>Lie With Me (15) 1hr 38m</b> Middle aged author bonds with his first love's son in handsomely shot French drama.
Saturday 2 Sept	7pm	<b>Joy Ride (15) 1hr 35m</b> Four Asian-American female friends embark on a road trip to Beijing and indulge in some cathartic bad behaviour on the way. US comedy drama.
Wednesday 6 Sept	7pm	<b>Raising Arizona (15) 1hr 30m</b> – Summer of Fun Season See Summer of Fun programme.
Friday 8 Sept	7pm	<b>Scrapper (12) 1hr 24m</b> British drama featuring 12-year-old Georgie who is just getting by living alone and illegally on a London council estate – when her estranged father shows up.
Saturday 9 Sept	11am	<b>Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) 1hr 40m</b> The pizza-loving, crime-fighting four are back for an anarchic reboot with a classic hip hop soundtrack.
Sunday 10 Sept	3pm	<b>My Extinction (15) 1hr 20m</b> Documentary charting film maker Josh Appignanesi's personal journey towards climate activism.
Wednesday 13 Sept	7pm	<b>Speed (15) 1hr 51m</b> - Summer of Fun Season closing screening See Summer of Fun programme.
Friday 15 Sept	7pm	<b>Passages (18) 1h 32m</b> Tomas and Martin's relationship is turned on its head when Tomas starts an affair with a young woman. Ben Whishaw stars.
Saturday 16 Sept	7pm	<b>Afire (12A) 1hr 43m</b> German drama. Disparate holiday makers are trapped in their Baltic Sea holiday home while the surrounding forest catches fire.
Sunday 17 Sept	3pm	<b>The Bough Breaks (Rated NONE) 1hr</b> Eco documentary exploring conservationist Alan Watson Featherstone who has been restoring Scotland's ancient Caledonian forest since the 80s. Essential and urgent viewing.
Friday 22 Sept	7pm	<b>Gregory's Girl (12) 1hr 51m</b> Bill Forsyth's classic coming-of-age gem is over 40 years old! Claire Grogan and John Gordon Sinclair shine.
Saturday 23 Sept	7pm	<b>Galaxy Quest (12) 1hr 42m</b> – Volunteers' Choice The classic 90s ultimate and hilarious sci-fi spoof. Sigourney Weaver, Alan Rickman and Tim Allen make film magic.
Sunday 24 Sept	3pm	<b>Theatre Camp (12A) 1h 33m</b> A summer theatre camp faces closure and the staff and kids must put on the show of their lives! Mockumentary style drama starring Ben Platt. Sundance '23 winner.
Friday 29 Sept	7pm	<b>Past Lives (12A) 1h 46m</b> South Korean childhood friends are reunited in New York twenty years on and find themselves confronting their life choices and destinies.
Sunday 1 Oct	3pm	<b>A Cat Called Dom (12) 1h</b> Scottish-based documentary. Director Will Anderson edits a film for his mother with the help of Dom, an animated cat. Winner of Powell and Pressburger Award for Best Film. Q&A after the screening.

Adults £9 Under 26 £5.50 Friends £7.50

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

The Cromarty Cinema, Cromarty, IV11 8XZ

**And finally...**

A little reminder...

## Community Council Elections

### Community Council Election Timetable

<b>Monday, 4 September 2023</b>	Publication of Notice of Election.
<b>Tuesday, 5 September 2023</b>	Earliest date for receipt of Nomination Papers.
<b>Tuesday, 3 October 2023</b>	Latest date for lodging Nomination Papers – papers must be received by 12noon.
<b>Wednesday, 4 October 2023</b>	Publication within 24hours of close of nominations on THC website of list of nominations and notices of: contested election; uncontested election and CC not formed.
<b>Tuesday, 10 October 2023</b>	Latest date for withdrawal of Nomination Papers and submission of candidate's personal statements for community councils contested – notification in writing must be given by 12noon.  At the close of the withdrawal period, should the number of candidates validly nominated equal or exceed <b>HALF</b> , but be less than or equal to the total maximum permitted membership, the said candidates will be declared elected from this date and no ballot shall be held.
<b>Tuesday, 10 October 2023</b>	Existing Community Councils that are uncontested to be dissolved at 11.59pm.
<b>Tuesday, 31 October 2023</b>	Post out of ballot papers, where election is contested and publish personal statements on THC website.
<b>Monday, 27 November 2023</b>	Existing Community Councils that were contested to be dissolved at 11.59pm.
<b>Monday, 27 November 2023</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY</b> - postal ballot papers must be received by 12 noon.
<b>Thursday, 30 November and Friday, 1 December 2023</b>	Counting of the Votes, if the number of elections permits the counts to be held over 2 days.
<b>By Monday, 18 December 2023</b>	Notification issued regarding the calling of the first meetings of the new Community Councils.

Have a great Indian summer folks!

- *The Editorial Team*

#### Forward

We hope you've found this an interesting and informative read. Please let us know what you think, or send suggestions and ideas for articles via [editor@cromartylive.co.uk](mailto:editor@cromartylive.co.uk) The deadline for the next edition is always a few days before the end of the previous month.

The Cromarty Live Newsletter team is Jon Palmer, Jeremy Price and Laura Shepherd.

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