



September 2025

Magic happens!



Oyster Plant (*Mertensia maritima*) ..

.. was supplied by Poyntzfield Herb Nursery for one of the cinema planters. However, it clearly didn't like being there, so removed itself to a crevice between the cinema wall and the paving, where it's thriving! Seaside plants, such as this one, often have difficulty finding enough water because of their proximity to the sea, creating a high concentration of salts (hence the similarity in taste to oysters). To reduce water loss as a result of the harsh winds in its exposed habitat, the oyster plant has tough, fleshy leaves presenting the minimum surface area and reducing evaporation.

Poyntzfield Herb Nursery
Black Isle IV7 8LX

Guided tours with author & plant
hunter Duncan Ross

Growing & using
herbs organically &
biodynamically

4th & 18th September
From 1pm to 2pm

Donation £5.00
Fresh herb teas
contact/reservations:
duncanwross3550@gmail.com

Cromarty grows together

Open day
Saturday 27th September
10am - 3pm.

The Community garden has been cleared and levelled and is a blank canvas just waiting to be transformed.

We will have a garden inspired art workshop and a spring bulb planting extravaganza!

A few people have shared their vision on paper, please feel free to send us your ideas/ vision.

hello@cromartycdt.org.uk

The Walled Garden - Cromarty
Pick Your Own - Better than Ever

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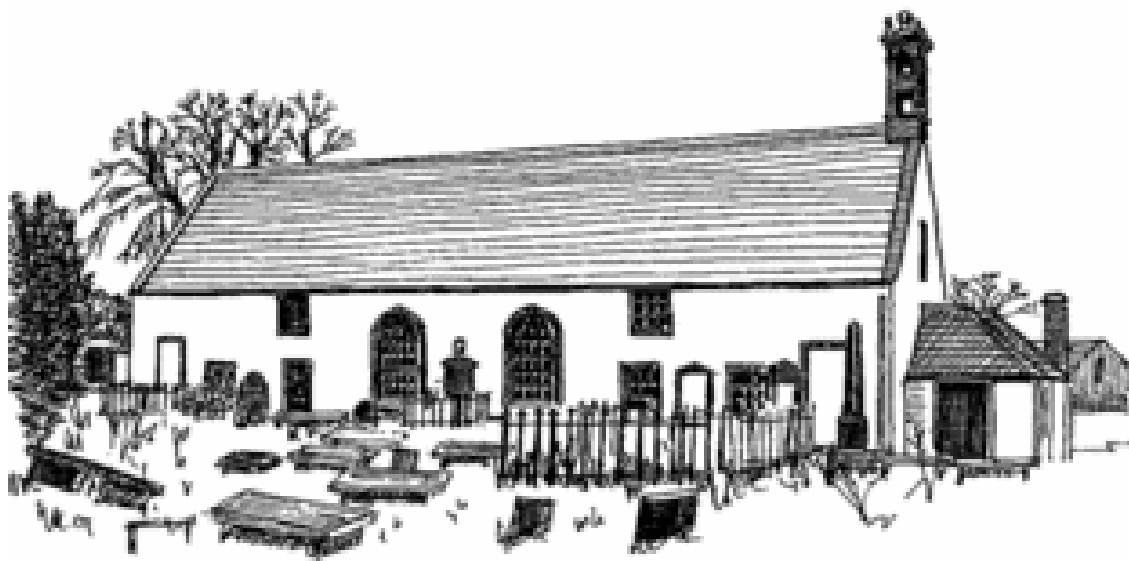
Pick your own in The Walled Garden continues at pace There is still lots to pick Spinach, Beetroot, Fennel, Carrots, Sweet Peas, Salad Leaves, Swiss Chard, Beans, New Potatoes, Courgettes, Cucumbers and Kale....

Bring your own bags and payment is by card.... During September we are going to extend the days we are open follow us on Facebook to receive updates



walled
garden





Cromarty East Church

Maintaining Scottish Churches

An introductory one-day course, to explore how a historic building works and the practical steps that can be taken to look after it.

Tuesday 16 September 10am - 3.30pm

£14 including sandwich lunch

Caring for a historic building can feel like a never-ending task, but thankfully there are some simple steps you can take to keep your building in good condition and reduce the likelihood of large repair projects further down the line.

You'll be able to put your new knowledge into action right away, with a practical exercise looking at the host building inside and out to identify maintenance issues and areas of vulnerability. There will also be the opportunity to discuss your building with the course tutors and others attending.

Armed with a new understanding of how traditional buildings were constructed, how they work, and how they decay, you'll leave with the skills and confidence you need to spot and tackle common problems that put your old building at risk.

Who is this course for?

This course is aimed at those directly involved in the maintenance of church buildings in a voluntary capacity.

The morning session will be held at the **Cromarty Arts Trust, The Old Brewery, 19 Bank Street, Cromarty IV11 8YE. This is directly opposite Cromarty East Church, where we will be for the afternoon walk-about session.**

Supported by [Historic Environment Scotland](#)



The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB)
<http://www.spab.org.uk/>

East Church

Services:

Occasional services, weddings and funerals by arrangement. For arranging services, please telephone Historic Churches Scotland on 0131 563 5135.

Opening Arrangements: Open daily all year. More volunteers to open and close the church daily on a weekly rota would be welcomed.

One service held recently was the funeral of Anne Short (Finlayson) M.B.E. Anne's passing is a sad loss to her Cromarty friends and our town as a whole. Her funeral, on Friday 15 August, at the East Church was packed out, a clear acknowledgement of the love and esteem in which she was held. However, many people were unable to hear, so here is a short summary of Anne's life...

Anne was born in 1938 in Cromarty Cottage Hospital, the eldest of four children, to Dan and Peggy Finlayson, one of the oldest Cromarty families, with ancestors going back generations.

After leaving Cromarty School, she trained to be a nurse and nursed at the Princess Margaret Rose Hospital in Glasgow. She returned home to Cromarty to nurse her mother.

Following this, her career path changed totally to camp management, firstly in Shetland (Sulom Voe) and ultimately leading to a challenging role in the Falkland Islands. In 1982, the company she worked for was awarded a contract to provide life support services to the contractors building the new airport in the Falkland Island after the war with Argentina. Looking after 1200 men on a remote island some 8000 miles from home was a huge task. Recruiting staff, arranging travel and setting up supply chains in the days of no internet was a role Anne could ably fulfil. She had many tales to tell of her decade working there.

On retirement, she threw herself into Cromarty life and was a stalwart of so many organisations: –

Community Council, Courthouse Museum, Care Project, Middleton Trust and also a key supporter of the many clubs and events here. Her lasting legacy was her stewardship of the Fourways Club – a founding member of the club when it was established in 1975. Fourways survives as a strong local organisation in its 50th anniversary year due to her hard work, determination and dedication over all those the years.

Her interest and support for Cromarty never wavered. In 2004, Anne received an M.B.E. from the Queen at Buckingham Palace, for services to charity – it was the honour of her life.



Picture courtesy of Cromarty
Archive

Cromarty Community Development Trust has exciting and important news
and is at the very end of the newsletter this month: not a reflection on its
significance and value!

Cromarty History Society

New season

Cromarty History Society
& Friends of Cromarty Courthouse



SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING

Corrugated-iron Buildings in the Highlands



a talk by

Graham Clark

Tuesday 16 September

7.30pm

Victoria Hall, Cromarty

All Welcome

Non-members £5

Under 16 Free

www.cromartyhistory.scot

Autumn is coming and with it Cromarty History Society's season of monthly talks will soon be underway.

On **Tuesday September 16th** Dr Graham Clark will be telling us about the history of Corrugated Iron Buildings in the Highlands. Graham retired in 2002 as Principal of Inverness College and published a book about Redcastle in 2009, the first of many books and articles. He specialises in the history of 'School Log Books' and 'Corrugated Iron Buildings' and has won awards for articles on his research.

His illustrated talk begins with the invention of corrugated iron sheeting and why its use became widespread across the Highlands from the 18th Century until after WW1.

Meetings begin at **7.30pm in the Victoria Hall**, Cromarty and are followed by refreshments. The fee for each talk is £5 but a whole year's membership costs only £15 for all 8 meetings. (Please bring cash.)

Members come from the Black Isle and beyond and further information can be found on the Society's website at www.cromartyhistory.scot. We look forward to meeting you as the new season begins.

Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum

Scottish Geology Festival returns to Cromarty!

Firstly a massive thank you to everyone who came along to our science experiment demonstrations at Cromarty Primary School's 150th birthday party; we hope you thoroughly enjoyed watching diet coke explode and rockets shoot into the sky! Exciting things have also been happening at the museum; our brilliant Charles Darwin letter made it onto the news as we are pleased to finally have it on display for visitors to see - you can find it in our Miller's Fossils Room.

September 1st marks the start of the 2025 Scottish Geology Festival, and Hugh Miller's is once again taking part in it. From the 31st August our new temporary exhibition goes on display inside the museum: "Stories in Stone: Fossils and their Folklore". This exhibition ties into the 190th anniversary of Hugh Miller's "Scenes and Legends" book and traverses the boundaries between fact and folklore; from snakestone ammonites to devilish toenails!

Fancy exploring the rocks and formations around Cromarty? Then our "Earth, Wind, and Fire" introductory tour to geology is the perfect activity for you. Taking place on **Tuesday 16th September** (a school in-service day too) let us take you across a billion years over the span of ninety minutes!

All this and more, including our beloved Fossil Walks, is taking place at the museum - check our Facebook and website for more details and to book on our events!

Also as we move into Autumn our opening hours are changing - we will now be CLOSED on Mondays and Tuesdays (**open Wednesday to Sunday between 11:00 and 15:30**) - don't forget as always Cromarty locals get FREE ENTRY into the museum!

Booking

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/hugh-millers-birthplace>



Cromarty Pottery

Bärbel has been working on some Hugh Miller themed ceramics recently, such as this pot featuring sgraffito fossils and a Hugh Miller statue handle (with the typical seagull sat on his head!). This piece is currently available to view and / or buy in the shop.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Scottish Potters Association, a book has been released to celebrate the vibrant ceramics industry in Scotland, highlighting a number of key potters who have played an important role in the sector. We're delighted to share that this book includes a feature on Bärbel and her pottery, with lovely comments from a few of the many apprentices she has hosted over the years! If you would like to have a look at this, pop in, as we have a copy for you to look at in the shop.

Dates for the diary:

- Cromarty Pottery will have a table at the **Highland Pottery Fair on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October, 10 am - 4 pm**, at Inverness Creative Academy, WASPS Studios (free entry).

- There are two spaces left on the **2-day pottery taster course on 1st and 15th November**. Book through the Cromarty Arts Trust, or ask about the following course in early 2026.



Cromarty Harbour's welcoming arms

A personal perspective

Our harbour has been embracing and safeguarding mariners and vessels, for trade and prosperity, for fishing, for many of our parents to commute to

work at Nigg, and now for tourism and leisure for over 241 years.

The East Mole works are sorely needed to strengthen her arm, and not a moment too soon, since it was discovered that hollowing out of her foundations at the bullnose threatened her very existence.

As a curious local, keen to have my say about the harbour, especially with the preservation and renovations, I've been on a steep learning curve, talking recently to the handful of volunteers who are the Harbour Working Group. There's no doubt they are a salty bunch; dedicated, and committing daily hours to the harbour for no pay. None.

I've found out the following:

The current project is the culmination of years of the Chair and Treasurer's campaigning, writing of laborious bids, negotiations with funders and consultants, and nail-biting financial Tetris, with the added headache of finding match-funding.

It's to the credit of the Harbour Working Group and the Harbour Master's daily vigilance and maintenance, that safe usage, employment and play can continue. Operational costs are always on a financial knife edge. Into the future, more help, volunteering and passion will be needed, and these volunteers are a very hard act to follow.

And there's still danger to the structure, with the perilous state of the reinforced concrete Admiralty Pier, needing millions to make it good, with many frustrated efforts to find funding in a dire economic climate.

For me, the harbour and its fabric are part of the fabric of my life; playing on the piles, orange nylon line fishing with my Dad, taking Albert's boat to and from Nigg. And these days rowing, swimming and kayaking in her lee. I know I want the harbour to not just be preserved, but to be developed to haven the Cromarty generations to come. I think we might just need a call to arms to help that happen.

Loren Scott-Lodge



Come and join a beach clean in September

Join us on Saturday 20th September for a Cromarty Beach Clean. All over the country volunteers will be spending an hour on beaches, picking up and recording their finds and sending them to the Marine Conservation Society who use the data to influence policy and help prevent future pollution of our seas.

Meet up opposite the Royal Hotel at 9.30 am. We will provide litter pickers and bags. We have some gloves too, but if you have a pair of gardening gloves you might want to bring those. Children are very, very welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

<https://www.mcsuk.or>

Cromarty has featured 3 times recently in BBC Scotland's Out of Doors programme on a Saturday morning! The presenters visited the 'Pirates' Graveyard' with David Alston, had a trip on the ferry and chatted to Dougie and most recently joined on one of the fossil walks as mentioned above.

Cromarty Post Office

For the Norseman in your life....

Or your own inner Viking! We have a new range of Norse-inspired gifts including tankards and glasses, notebooks, keyrings and pendants.

On the postal side, there is currently some disruption to parcel services to the USA following US government changes to the import tax limits and process for goods and gifts. If you're planning to send a parcel to the USA please check with us for the latest situation.



The Fishertown Inn

Lots happening at the Inn in September

We've had such an amazing summer with guests from all over the world, along with all our regulars. We have 3 events in September, starting with our **Local Produce Tapas** night on **Thursday the 4th of September** as part of **Black Isle Feast**.

Our first **Italian Circle** meet up on **Wednesday the 10th of September** and a quiz night in aid of **Black Isle needs to Play** association on **Saturday the 27th of September**. Our regular fortnightly traditional music session has now moved to a **Friday night** so will be on the **5th and 19th of September** from around 7:30 onwards. All welcome.

On Monday the 1st of September scaffolding will be going up at the front and back of the pub in order to repair our very decrepit roof. The works are likely to take 4-6 weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience caused but it has become very urgent. We will still be open every day as usual and please keep coming and buying drinks as every pint pays for a couple of slates!



Cromarty Brewing Co

Cromarty Brewery Summer

August has been another busy month for us with a few local festivals/shows added to a cracking Scottish summer.

We launched our first ever 70 shilling, a traditional Scotch ale. For every can or pint sold of our new **70 shilling we are donating 25p to James Support Group**, a local charity who help support those affected by suicide and mental health issues. A fantastic charity that we are proud to work with.

We also welcome back our New England Pale, Not the Foggiest, which is available in our shop and online now.

At the end of July we headed to the first ever Dornoch Beer and Music Festival which was a sellout and had some cracking bands. We also had a

stand at the Black Isle Show which was a great success and the next day we headed to Dubness Festival and had our usual bar setup there.

We will be heading to the **Black Isle Food and Drink Festival in Findon Hall, Culbokie on 6th September**, so make sure to head over and meet some fantastic local producers.

Our on-site beer/gift shop has been super busy this summer (which is great) and we will be restocking our T-shirts in September, so keep an eye on our socials! We have been selling lots of our lovely Scottish handmade gifts too so don't forget to come visit us to pick up a great wee gift or a treat for yourself.



Our shop open hours for
September will be: -
Monday to Friday - 10am till 4pm
Saturday - 10am till 2pm
Sundays - CLOSED

Cromarty Brewing

Sutor Creek

This is such a great season for local produce; chanterelles, plums, brambles; raspberries; figs; honey; cauliflowers - all making an appearance on our autumn menu.

If you want to try one of recipes - check out the latest Chatterbox edition for Graham's Rice Pudding with pears, brambles & pistachio.



www.sutorcreek.co.uk

Cromarty & District Community Council

New Faces join the Community Council Team

At our C&DCC meeting on Monday 25th August 2025, we welcomed two new members to the Team.

After an exhaustive search to find a replacement for the 'irreplaceable' Claire Fraser, as Minute Secretary, we are pleased to announce that Claire Marcello attended her first meeting. The reaction seemed positive and we look forward to a long and rewarding time with the new Claire in the hot seat.

In addition, Members voted to appoint a new Associate Member to our number. Louise Alexander of the 'volunteer' Cromarty Fire Service, was keen to see her role embrace Community affairs and give support where needed. Members welcomed her expertise and enthusiasm joining our continuing efforts to serve the Community.

Remember that the Cromarty Live website is an invaluable source of information, including Community Council minutes and members. There are also details of accommodation, amenities, activities, up-to-date news, back

Middleton Trust News

Applications are now open for Middleton Trust 2026 funding. The Middleton Trust funds projects which aim to advance the social, cultural, educational and recreational development of local children and young people. This year we are currently helping to fund projects including sports and arts clubs, the local school and cinema.

If you wish to apply for funding from the Middleton Trust please contact the Trust's secretary, Jenny Pyle, for an application form at middletontrust@gmail.com or call 07765321442 or use this link [application form](#)

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2025

Cromarty Camera Club

cromartycameraclub@outlook.com

We are a long established Club with members drawn from the Black Isle and around the Cromarty Firth.

Known as the friendly club, new members are always welcome. Our weekly meetings are convivial, cover a wide range of topics and are often humorous and, as an added bonus, we enjoy cake and biscuits with our tea break.

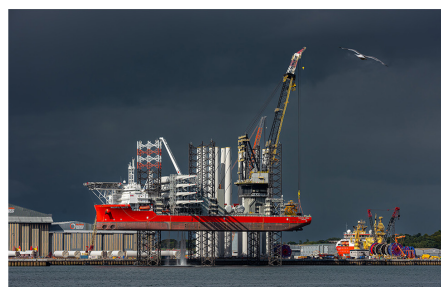
Our programme caters for a wide range of interests and abilities with a mix of hands-on training, practical activities, guest speakers, expeditions and the opportunity to enter club and external competitions.

The 2025 - 2026 season begins on the 11th of September at the Victoria Hall, Cromarty, 19:30 till 21:30.

Curious, or have an interest in photography come along, see what we do and make new friends with people with whom you have a shared interest.

Come along a couple of times without obligation, if you decide to join, our new-member fee is only £25 (half-price) for the first year.

We look forward to seeing you.



September at Cromarty Cinema

As the Autumn evenings begin to draw in, September at Cromarty Cinema is bursting with blockbusters, classics, bold experiments and rare gems. Do have a look at our schedule and see what takes your fancy - tickets are available at www.cromartycinema.com/films, the human box office on Thursdays 12-2, or at the door.

We also have a gorgeous new logo and to go with it – some epic merch!
 So why not pop in for a t-shirt, a beanie, cap or some stickers to publicly
 declare your love for your community cinema.
 See you in September!



CROMARTY CINEMA September 2025



Friday 5	7pm	Jaws (12A) 2h 04m 50 th anniversary re-release of the first and best shark movie of all time! In our cinema!
Saturday 6	7pm	Fantastic Four: First Steps (12A) 1h 54m The superhero family must save the world in latest Marvel blockbuster starring Pedro Pascal.
Sunday 7	3pm	Battleship Potemkin (with Pet Shop Boys score) (12A) 1h15m Centenary edition of the Eisenstein classic film with celebrated score by the Pet Shop Boys.
Tuesday 9	3pm	Fantastic Four: First Steps (12A) 1h 54m DS**
Friday 12	7pm	Friendship (15) 1h 41m Dark comedy – socially awkward Craig becomes obsessed with his neighbour. Stars Tim Robinson.
Saturday 13	7pm	Can't Look Away: The Case Against Social Media (15) 1h 16m Documentary exposing the dark side of social media and the cynical harm caused to young users.
Sunday 14	11am	Savages (PG) 1h 26m Teenage Keria from a Borneo rainforest adopts an orangutan in stop-motion animation.
Sunday 14	3pm	Ran (15) 2h 41m 40 th anniversary 4K ultra HD version of the Kurosawa epic retelling of King Lear.
Tuesday 16	7pm	Women and the Wind (NC 12+) 1h 30m Documentary following three women as they cross the North Atlantic in a catamaran.
Friday 19	7pm	The Naked Gun (15) 1h 25m Liam Neeson and Pamela Anderson in spoof reboot of the (spoof) 80s action movies – one for a laugh!
Saturday 20	7pm	Materialists (15) 1h 57m Pedro Pascal (again) and Dakota Johnson in comedy drama spotlighting dating in New York.
Sunday 21	7pm	The Naked Gun (15) 1h 25m DS**
Tuesday 23	7pm	Put Your Soul On Your Hand and Walk (12A) 1h 50m Devastating documentary following Palestinian photojournalist Fatima Hassouna in Gaza.
Friday 26	7pm	The Roses (15) 1h 45m Remake of 80s hit War of the Roses starring Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch.
Saturday 27	7pm	Little Trouble Girls (15) 1h 30m Slovenian coming-of-age drama follows girls in their school choir – and their disturbing choirmaster.
Sunday 28	3pm	The Roses (15) 1h 45m DS**
Tuesday 30	7pm	The Roses (15) 1h 45m
Thursday 2 October	7pm	Radiohead X Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror (PG) 1h 34m TBC The original vampire silent film set to Radiohead's classic albums Kid A and Amnesiac.

****Screening with Descriptive Subtitles**

Adults £9.50 Under 26 £6 Friends £8

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

Foundling Home

With thoughts turning to autumn along with the leaves, brought forward by that miserable storm that disfigured our lovely trees - remember that we can order in wools for your snuggly seasonal knits from luxury British yarn brand Baa Ram Ewe. The time you put into constructing a garment deserves good raw materials so pop in to check out the samples and feel the quality...

A quick reminder that our current opening hours will remain in place throughout September: that's Thursday to Saturday 10.30 to 5.00 and Sunday 12 till 4, but the shop will be closed over the last weekend (25-28th).

See you soon...

Storm Floris caused a fair bit of devastation, noticeably in the wood and the ladies' walk.

Cromarty News, October 22, 1891

During last week's gale several old trees in the neighbourhood were blown down. One well-known landmark gone is the large elm that grew on the Ladies' Walk, close to the Parish Church

Autumn Vibes at Calluna

We are loving all the new Autumn collections arriving - so many beautiful colours and styles for all shapes & sizes!

We are also busy creating a new CHALK room in the porch - full of beautiful pieces that were chosen at the Harrogate Fashion Week in August.

Don't forget to check out our website - our team is working hard to get all the new styles on there, so have a wee look to see what's coming in.

If you are in Dingwall pop in and see our lovely wee shop at 5 Tulloch Street - always lovely to welcome friendly faces!!

www.callunacromarty.co.uk



Gallery48

We now stock a range of wooden earrings, brooches and cards by Kat Wolfe, whose work you may have previously seen at the Cromarty Craft Market. Her earrings are the perfect gift for swift and house martin lovers!

We also have plenty more goat and donkey milk soaps/shampoo by the Scottish Goat Milk Soap Company in stock. Made using natural ingredients, these are great for skin that is sensitive, prone to eczema, etc.

Meanwhile, in the gallery we have six new paintings on display by Helena Barnes, depicting local scenes. Image below - "Jemimaville looking West" by Helena Barnes (Oil). Pop in and visit us to see the other paintings from this collection!



Cromarty Youth Cafe Turns 20



Cromarty Youth Café celebrates its 20th Birthday in October!

Our participants have decided they would like a week of fun and exciting activities, followed by an opening event of the CYC and its new Snug Area.

The programme will run from Mon 13th Oct – Thurs 16th and will follow soon.

We have an official opening date of **Tuesday 21st October 11am - 1pm**, where tea, coffee, cakes and refreshments will be served .

Cromarty Care Project

AGM: We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **15th September 7 pm** at the Old Buoy Store. All welcome.

Community Events

Monday 10.30 – 12 Table Tennis, Victoria Hall. Suggested donation £3+.

There are 3 tables, bats and balls all provided. Mixed ability (very!), so come and give it a go - the more the merrier. There's also tea, coffee, biscuits and occasionally cake.

Tuesday 10 – 11.30 Baby and toddler sessions continue throughout the school term. Some activities for older siblings too! £2 per family

Wednesdays 10th and 24th 2.30 pm – Classic Film Club, Cromarty Cinema. Arrive early to avoid disappointment! To join, contact Helen on 07889 181529 or helen.charley@doctors.org.uk The Royal Hotel offers pre-cinema lunch at 12.30, book by 4pm Sunday before 01381 600217

CAB in Cromarty – to book a phone appointment please call 01349 883333 or email adviser@alnesscab.casonline.org.uk

Thank you . . .

To our wonderful volunteers who look after the Sharing Larder

To our donors in cash or kind

To our funders who have put their trust in us, and

To the community of Cromarty who have supported us for the last 10 years!

Next Month Spoilers!

Photos from our 10th Anniversary celebration, which took place at the end of August.

A new custom-built Sharing Larder, courtesy of the Black Isle Mens Shed.

The Return of The Monday Lunch Club.



New equipment, provided by Cromarty Care Project, for the Baby and Toddler Playgroup.

Cromarty Community Development Trust

Our Community Sauna is Open!

What a fantastic start for the Cromarty Community Sauna! Our first trial weekend has been a huge success, with glowing feedback from locals and visitors. Thanks to the dedication of a small team of volunteers, supported by the Cromarty Community Development Trust, this long-held dream has finally become reality.

This is very much a **community** sauna – open to everyone. If you've never tried it before, now's the time! It's a brilliant way to relax, socialise, and warm up with friends old and new.

📍 Find us by the ferry slipway, right next to the cinema and The Last Splash coffee shop.

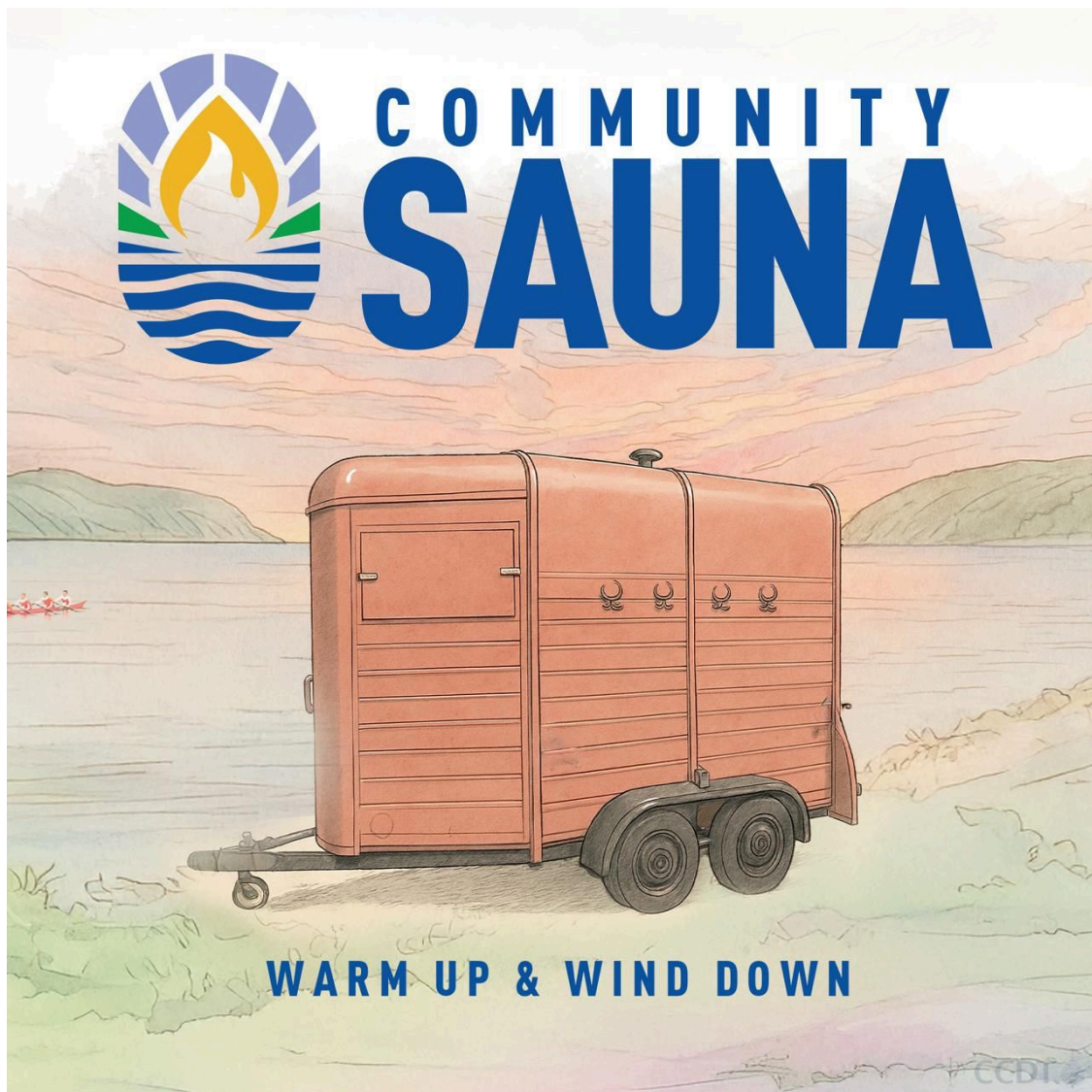
We'll be open right through winter, with updated session times posted every two weeks on our website.

Booking is online only at www.cromartysauna.com and spaces are limited.

As a CCDT project, every penny of profit goes back into local initiatives, so every session directly supports our community.

Just bring your swimsuit and towel – and, if you're feeling brave, take a refreshing dip in the Firth to finish!

See you in the heat!



Cromarty's Winter Festival

Cromarty's Winter Festival is a weekend-long opportunity to enjoy the art, craft, retail and culture of Cromarty with something for everyone to enjoy, locals and visitors alike!

On Saturday 8th November CCDT are planning a **Meet the Makers Trail** and invite all Cromarty businesses to participate. The idea is for each

participating enterprise to host a maker whose products are sold locally, or host a short demo or taster session for shoppers to enjoy. We envisage these running at various times across the whole day, and we are on hand to help with ideas and social media content to share. All you have to do is pick a time-slot and choose your guest or demo theme.

The trail will be promoted across social media by Visit Cromarty, complementing other exciting events over the weekend including the **Christmas Craft Market** at the Old Brewery, and the **Cromarty Art Collective Exhibition** and preview.

CCDT will also have tickets for the Community Ceilidh on Saturday 8th at Victoria Hall for sale soon, so save the date!

Please contact Hayley by email with any enquiries or to join the Meet the Makers Trail.

hayley@cromartycdt.org.uk



East Church Hall

There is a consultation by Highland Council seeking the views of Cromarty residents to help decide to lease and possibly sell the building to CCDT, and to change the use to an enterprising community hub. This is needed because the possible future uses are different to what the building was used for before.

Responses must be returned to the Council by **29 September**. Find out more here.

This is NOT a consultation by CCDT about our plans. Lindy Cameron, Jess Gunn & Helena Barnes (our part-time development officers) are working on the many possible ideas and getting more community involvement in decisions about using the building.

Assuming the Council says yes after their consultation, we may be offered a lease 'at the back end' of the year.

Other news

Since 2017, CCDT has steadily been able to do more for Cromarty. CCDT owns the Thrift Shop (run by volunteers), the Community Campsite (run by John & Rory, supported by Matt Grist & Ronald Young of the CCDT Board) and we manage the ferry slipways.

All of these bring in income which supports staff and new projects.

CCDT also works with others on the Community Sauna and the Community Garden (see other stories).

We employ six staff now. As well as John, Rory, Lindy, Jess and Helena; Hayley Muir coordinates community events and promotes the town of Cromarty to visitors. As we earn more of our own income, we hope to be able to offer more hours or more jobs to more people.

consultation document

Please let us know what you think, and/or continue to send suggestions and ideas for articles to editor@cromarty-courthouse.org.uk

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