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December 1

2018

Historylinks 5* Museum

Open by prior arrangement only (please [contact](#) before travelling)

Entry: Adults £4, Concessions £3, Children Free. Ticket valid for 7 days.

For more information call 01862 811 275 or visit www.historylinks.org.uk

Children's Softplay Centre

Mon-Fri: 9am to 7:45pm Sat: 9am-4:30pm Sun: 10am-3:30pm

Kyle of Sutherland Hub

The Hub has a bespoke three-level indoor soft play centre for children aged 0-12, and a Creperie with choice of tacos, tortilla and nachos, hot drinks and smoothies.

Entry: term time up to 2:30pm £3.50 otherwise £4.50.

For more information: 01863 769 170

Geoff - A Short Film

Until Saturday 15th December 2018, on demand during opening hours

Golspie Gallery, 9 Industrial Estate, Main St, Golspie, KW10 6RN

Shot in and around Golspie, this 20 minute film looks at Geoff who has Gephyrophobia - a fear of crossing bridges. Entry: By voluntary donation to The Silver Rock Foundation.

For more information: www.golspiegallery.co.uk/whats-on

In the Footprints of Dinosaurs

Until February 2nd

Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Inverness

Did you know that dinosaurs used to roam Scotland? Recent discoveries of 150-million year-old fossil footprints near Inverness have shown that dinosaurs literally lived in our back gardens! Follow the footprints throughout the museum from those earliest fossils. For more information:

www.highlifehighland.com/inverness-museum-and-art-gallery/in-the-footprints-of-dinosaurs

Cromarty Film Festival

Friday 30th November–Sunday 2nd December: Various Times

Various venues, Cromarty

A film festival that fosters an intimate relationship between audience and guests.

Tickets: Prices vary.

For more information: www.cromartyfilmfestival.org

Elf on the Shelf Hunt

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December: 11am–5pm

Victorian Market, Inverness

This popular free family event is now in its third year! Come along and enjoy the excitement of Christmas hunting for the 'Elves on the Shelves' hiding in the Victorian Market Shop windows. Entry: Free. For more information:

www.invernessbid.co.uk/events/201811/elf-shelf-hunt

St Andrew's Fair

Saturday 1st December

The annual Christmas Bazaar is back with all the shops and restaurants take part in this event and Dornoch has a real Christmas buzz. The Christmas lights go on for the first time, Santa is in his grotto and there are craft stalls to complement the local shops for those special Christmas gifts.

Christmas Bazaar: 10am–4pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

Hosting the Christmas Bazaar with craft stalls full of Christmas gifts for all the family. Bacon rolls, home baking, tea, coffee and home made soup are available all day.

Santa arrives at 1pm and is in his grotto until 3pm.

Carol Service: 3:30pm

Dornoch Cathedral

This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Throughout the town you can buy raffle tickets to have a chance of winning a Christmas Hamper (with goods donated by local businesses). Shops will have special offers and tastings, seasonal food and drink to get you in the festive spirit.



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Studio Smith Christmas Fair

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December: 11am–5pm

Then 11am–5pm Monday to Saturday until 22nd December (Sunday by appointment)

Studio Smith, 1 St. Duthus Place, Chapel Road, Tain

For more information: www.facebook.com/Studio-Smith-543647365663828/?ref=br_rs

Christmas Cake Decorating

Saturday 1st December: Adults: 10am–12pm. Children (over 8): 1pm–2pm

Lairg Learning Centre, Lairg

Decorate your home made cake with a carol singing theme. Children under 8 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Entry: £5

For more information: www.facebook.com/LairgLC/

Nature's Basecamp

Saturday 1st December: 10am–4pm

Culloden Woods, Tower Road, Inverness

The well established Basecamps offer lots of outdoor fun including bushcraft skills, games, nature activities and woodland crafts. Often have a campfire; always have hot chocolate! For 8 years & over.

Entry: £25 per child. Booking limited & essential.

For more information contact Ian on 01549 402 698.

Tain Pantomime

Thursday 6th–Saturday 8th December: 7:30pm

Duthac Centre, Tain

Tain Pantomime Group Presents 'Rapunzel'.

For more information: www.tain.org.uk/events.asp

Glen Wyvis Gin & Sutor Creek Tasting Dinner

Friday 7th December: 6:30pm

The Old Brewery (Sutor Creek Cafe), Cromarty

Sutor Creek are excited to announce that they have teamed up with GlenWyvis Distillery to host a 5 course Tasting menu and gin pairing night at The Old Brewery. GlenWyvis Distillery's Brand Ambassador Craig MacRitchie has designed a gin cocktail menu to perfectly complement each of the dishes created by Sutor Creek's Chef Graham Fox. Craig will be on hand to guide you through each gin cocktail and share the story of GlenWyvis – a sustainable, community-owned distillery making the finest Highland single malt whisky and GoodWill craft gin.

This special event has limited numbers so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets: £65 per person.

For more information: www.sutorcreek.co.uk or phone 01381 600 855.

Christmas Arts, Crafts & Food Fair

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th December: Fri: 12pm–8pm. Sat & Sun: 10am–5pm

Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness

A wonderful opportunity to find those last few special Christmas gifts. A wonderful choice of art, unique crafts and delicious foods will vie for your attention in the atmospheric setting of Eden Court, Inverness.

Entry: Free. For more information: 01381 621 962

An Evening with Jamie Scott

Saturday 8th December: 7:30pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Dornoch

Well known for being the winner of 'Masterchef - The Professionals' in 2014 and recent winner of restaurant of the year for his own restaurant 'The Newport', Jamie Scott will be hosting a pop-up dinner at the Dornoch Castle.

Tickets: £70.00 per person.

For more information & to book: Call 01862 810 216 or email enquiries@dornochcastlehotel.com

Cromarty Community Market

Saturday: 8th December: 11am - 2pm

Victoria Hall, Cromarty

Local food, garden plants, crafts, hand-made soap and a 'swap your stuff' stall.

For more information: Email: cromarty.market@gmail.com/01381 600342.

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Flutter

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th December: 11am & 2pm (both days)

Lyth Arts Centre, Lyth

Flutter is an interactive, immersive performance for 2-6 year olds that takes its audience on a multi-sensory journey through a world of winter snow.

Entry: From £6. For more information: www.lytharts.org.uk

Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing: Edie (12)

Saturday 8th December: Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm showing

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Monthly film show with refreshments, raffle and sociable company.

Entry: Adults £5.00. Children £3.00.

For more information: www.dadca.org.uk

Make Your Own Fresh Xmas Wreath

Saturday 8th December: 11am–2pm

Ardgay Hall, Ardgay

Make your own Christmas wreath from garden greenery, berries & ribbons.

Entry: £5. For more information: www.facebook.com/LairqLC/

Sutherland Walkers Group–Christmas Special: Newton Point, via Pulrossie Farm. OS 21 711 890

Sunday 9th December: 10am

The walk starts from West Lodge, Skibo at 10am.

4 miles, circular, road and open coastal area.

Lunch at Morangie House Hotel afterwards. Please ring secretary at least one week in advance to book.

For more information: Jean Mezzetti : 01862 810 422

Cars And Coffee

Sunday 9th December: 10am - 12pm

Rollerbowl, Culduthel Road, Inverness

A quiet Social Event for all Car Enthusiasts. Park up, buy yourself a hot drink and snack from Rollerbowl and then check out what's in the Car Park. Chat to old friends and make some new ones!

For more information: www.facebook.com/carsandcoffeeinverness

Christmas Ceilidh Tea Dance

Wednesday 12th December: 2pm–4pm

Rosehall Village Hall.

Join us for a Christmas Ceilidh Tea Dance

Entry: £2 (includes refreshments)

For more information: www.spanglefish.com/rosehallcommunityday/index.asp?pageid=389398

Pre-Christmas Dinners & Lunches at the Dornoch Castle Hotel

14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd of December

Join the Dornoch Castle for their special festive menu for your lunch or dinner out. Also available if the private dining in "The Vault" - the newly opened private dining room for groups of 6–16.

For more information and to book, call 01862 810 216

Dornoch Heritage Society Film Night

Friday 14th December: 7:30pm

Dornoch Social Club (Main Hall)

Dornoch Heritage Society Film Night.

For more information: Peter Wild 01862 810 140

Winter Wonderland

Friday 14th– Sunday 16th December

Whin Park, Inverness

Wander through a winter wonderland at Whin Park in Inverness. For those who hold Christmas in their hearts, the play park and boating pond are transformed into a magical sparkling experience after dark. The event is particularly aimed at families with younger children - watch their eyes light up in wonder at the illuminations and light sculptures. Meet Santa and meet Rudolph and his friends - you may even get the chance to rub their velvety noses.

Entry: Free



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Brandon McPhee Accordionist

Saturday 15 December: 7:30pm

Duthac Centre, Tain

Brandon has toured all over the UK and Ireland - leading not just one band, but two! Brandon has a growing catalogue of both Traditional Scottish and Country Music Albums (Pan Record label) which have sold in thousands.

For more information: www.brandonmcphee.co.uk

Tain Choral at Dornoch Cathedral

Monday 17th December 2018

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Tain Choral will be hosting a concert at the Dornoch Cathedral.

For more information: www.dornoch-cathedral.com/diary/index.html

Dornoch Christmas Community Market

Tuesday 18th December: 9:30am–1pm

Dornoch Social Club

Community Market run by DADCA - get your Christmas food and last minute handmade presents here.

For more information: www.dadca.org.uk

Tweed Ceilidh Band

Saturday 22 December

Duthac Centre, Tain

Christmas Dance - A lively ceilidh band from Inverness and Speyside. Weaving together traditional ceilidh music with funk, ska and toe-tapping beats and anything in between.

For more information: www.tweedceilidhband.com

Evening opening at the Courthouse Café

Friday 21, Saturday 22, Friday 28, Saturday 29 December

call 01862 811 632 for a reservation

Evening opening at Grace Café

1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28, 29th & 31st December

call 01862 811 722 for a reservation. BYOB £2 corkage charge

Dornoch's Hogmanay and New Year Celebrations:

For more detailed information pick up the New Year leaflet in the Visitor Centre or view on-line here:

www.visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/hogmanay-and-new-year

Hogmanay: Monday 31st December

A Moment's Calm in the Cathedral

Monday 31st December: 4pm–6pm

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Experience the Labyrinth

Family Hogmanay Ceilidh

Monday 31st December: 6:30pm–10:30pm

Grannie's Heilan' Hame, Embo

Dornoch Social Dancing Party Night

Monday 31st December: 8:30pm–10:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Join the Social Dancing Party Night and get in step for the Street Party. All welcome. Silver Collection. BYOB.

Gala Dinner

Monday 31st December: 7pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Gala Dinner—5 courses plus cheese with champagne and canapés on arrival. Booking Essential (01862 810216) £70 pp.

Hogmanay Dinner

Monday 31st December: 7:30pm for 8pm

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Black Tie Hogmanay Dinner. Booking Essential (01862 810279) £95 pp.

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Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party

Monday 31st December: 10:30pm-1:30am

Dornoch Square

We are delighted that Tesco Bags of Help are supporting the event this year which is sure to be a great night of celebrations. Mackays will be cooking up a storm with their Dornoch Farm Butcher burgers and Cocoa Mountain will keep you warm with hot chocolate or if you would prefer a gin tippie, then Dornoch Distillery have their Gin Bar Popup in the Castle Courtyard.

The 3 Musicteers: 10pm-10:20pm

Playing under the arches

Mini Pipe Band from Dornoch Stores: 10:20pm -10:30pm

Red Reel Ceilidh Band: 10:30pm-11:55pm

Piper Magnus Orr: 11:55pm

Piping in the New Year from the Castle battlements

Firework Display: Midnight

A superb Firework display to light up the night sky.

Auld Lang Syne

Dancing Resumes: Until 1:30am

New Years Day

Tuesday 1st January: 10:45 for 11am dip *Note early start for tide times*

Join the crowd at the Loony Dook on New Year's Day down at the beach - and if you are one of the brave ones, have a quick dip! Porridge, soup and hot chocolate will be available to warm you up.

First Footing Breakfast

Tuesday 1st January: 9am-12pm

The Eagle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Start the year with a full Scottish Breakfast, including tea/coffee & toast. No alcohol before 11am. Booking Advisable (01862 810008) £9 pp.

First Footing Lunch

Tuesday 1st January: 12:30pm-14:30pm

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us for a special New Year's Day lunch. Booking Essential (01862 810279) £35 pp

First Footing Dinner

Tuesday 1st January:

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Restricted À La Carte menu - 3 courses with welcome drink on arrival. Booking Essential (01862 810216) £40 pp

Live Music with Bugsy Maclean

Tuesday 1st January: 9pm-Midnight

The Eagle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Family Treasure Hunt

Wednesday 2nd January: All Day

Starting from the Visitor Centre, Castle Street, Dornoch

Explore Dornoch on our Family Treasure Hunt. Free entry forms available in shops, hotels and cafés. First Prize wins a £20 voucher for Grace of Dornoch Café.

Golf Competition

Wednesday 2nd January: 9:30am

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Golf Road, Dornoch

East of the Burn v West of the Burn golf competition. The course will be open to members and visitors to play an individual Stableford competition. Players must nominate which team they are playing for. Local residents will do this by using their home address and visitors with the address of their accommodation. Entry: £10 pp

Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 2nd January: 13:30pm-4:30pm

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Enjoy a Festive Afternoon Tea. Booking Essential (01862 810279) £20 pp.



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