

# Do more in...

## December

2019

### Historylinks 5\* Museum

By appointment only

Explore the history of Dornoch from Vikings, witches and the Clearances to golf, Skibo, the railway and everything in between.

Entry: Adults £4, Concessions £3, Children Free.

For more information: [www.historylinks.org.uk](http://www.historylinks.org.uk) or 01862 811 275

### Children's Softplay Centre

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

Kyle of Sutherland Hub, IV24 3AQ

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

### Various Workshops at Lairg Learning Centre

All Month

Lairg Learning Centre, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Various workshops of all types with something for everyone to learn.

For more information and to pre-book: [www.facebook.com/LairgLC](http://www.facebook.com/LairgLC)  
or: 01549 402050 (bookings)

### Dornoch Youth Cafe

Tuesdays (Term Time Only): 7pm-9pm

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Join us for open door supervised activities for young people from 9 - 14. For more information: Yvonne Ross

### Young Curator's Club

Wednesdays in November: 5pm -6:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

Come and join us at the Young Curators Club. We will be having games, storytelling and exploring! Ages 8 to 12. Refreshments are provided.

Entry: Free. For more information call: 01862 811 275

### Dornoch Stores Tastings & Give Aways

Every Saturday in December

Dornoch Stores, Castle Street, Dornoch

Every Saturday Dornoch Stores will be hosting tastings and give aways on some of their fantastic products.

For more information: 01862 811 288

### Black Friday weekend Sale - Royal Dornoch Golf Club Pro Shop

Friday 29th November - Sunday 1st December

Royal Dornoch Pro Shop, Golf Road, Dornoch

50 percent off most items, £10 rail, £20 rail, £5 buckets

For more information: 01862 811 924

### Christmas Market

Friday 29th Nov - Sunday 1st Dec: 10:30am - 4:30pm

The Old Brewery, Burnside Place, Cromarty

Browse 15 stalls of hand-crafted items, unique offerings and gorgeous goodies - all in the beautiful, cosy setting of this historic building. Entry: Free.

For more information: [www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk](http://www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk)



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2019**

## **Festive Lunch or Dinner at Links House**

**Monday - Saturday between 2nd and 21st December: Various times**

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us at Links House for festive lunches or dinners for groups of families, friends & colleagues (parties of 24 max.)

Tickets: From £30 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810279

## **Hilton Of Cadboll Primary School Christmas Fayre**

**Tuesday 3rd December: 1:30pm - 2:45pm**

Hilton Of Cadboll Primary School, Hilton of Cadbol, Tain

Join us for our 3rd Christmas Fayre. Each class will be selling handmade items. This year we have aimed to recycle items to create new products. There will be games, teas/coffees and a raffle.

Money raised will be for P7 residential trip and school fund.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2427975460804314/>

## **Tain Pantomime: Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves**

**Thursday 5th - Saturday 7th December: 7:30pm - 9:30pm**

Duthac Centre, Shandwick Street, Tain

Tain panto present Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves - tickets cost £6 per adult; £4 per Child.

Tickets available at Rain Community Enterprise Hub

## **MFR Cash for Kids Christmas Jumper Day**

**Friday 6th December 2019**

Its that time of year again... Get your friends, family and work colleagues together and dig out your festive finery. A fantastic opportunity to raise vital funds to help us make Christmas **MAGICAL** for ALL local children in your community.

Sign up to fundraise and we will provide you with any fundraising materials you require.

For more information: <https://planetradio.co.uk/mfr/charity/events/mission-mfr/>

## **St Andrews Fair**

**Saturday 7th December**

Dornoch

Get into the festive spirit at the annual Christmas Fair. All our shops and restaurants take part in this event with special offers and tastings of seasonal food and drink. **The Social Club** hosts the Christmas Bazaar from 10am - 4 pm with craft stalls full of Christmas gifts for all the family. Home baking, tea, coffee and home made soup are available all day. Bring your children to visit Santa who arrives on ESRA's Lifeboat at 1pm and stays in his grotto until 3pm. Throughout the town you can buy raffle tickets to have a chance of winning a Christmas Hamper (with goods donated by local businesses). Round off your day at the Carol Service in the **Cathedral** at 3:30pm followed by local craic, mulled wine and mince pies. Then come out to see the magical Christmas lights that decorate the trees throughout the town. Throughout the town you will find "*I'm A Celebrity Mitchell's Special*" at **Mitchells Chemist** where you can come down and join us in the Jungle, after you've visited the St Andrews Fair and vote for your King or Queen after having a go at Bushtucker Trial. Then the **Dornoch Castle Hotel** will have their fire roaring and plenty of options for coffee, tea & hot chocolate between 12pm-7pm. **Cocoa Mountain** will be hosting a chocolate tasting on during the Dornoch St Andrew's day celebrations and invite Dornoch residents and people from further afield to join them for a lovely day of free tastings with wine and some bubbly. Their team will be on hand to advise on Christmas pre-orders and their worldwide delivery service. Make sure not to miss **Kingcraig Woollens** where they're offering 10 percent off all stock and wine and nibbles (also on the 14th of December too!). **Dornoch Stores** will be hosting tastings and give aways on some of their fantastic products all day too.

For more information: [visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/](http://visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/)

**Visit Dornoch Do-More Experiences.**

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**December 7-8  
2019**

## **Embo Trust Christmas Table Top Sale**

**Saturday 7th December: 12:30pm - 3:30pm**

The Old School School Street, Embo

We are going to be holding a Christmas table top sale that will be £5 to sell at our Christmas table top sale & we will provide the table. We have had a lot of interest and spaces are limited so if you are looking to sell be sure to get in touch.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/720173111799602/>

## **Winterwoodz - Christmas Wonderland**

**Saturday 7th - Monday 23rd December: Various times depending on sessions booked**

Wildwoodz Paintball Park, Woodside of Drumnamerg, Littleburn, Munloch, IV8 8PD

Whilst exploring deep in our woods we discovered the location of one of Santa's secret magic postboxes, the postbox that his elves collect from to take children's Christmas letters direct to the North Pole. Book your children into one of our timeslots and come to write their Christmas letters and then walk through our illuminated woods to the magic postbox. Relax by the fire with chestnuts, hot drinks or browse the Christmas crafts for some last minute presents all to the sounds of your favourite Christmas carols and songs. You may even see a reindeer!

Entry: Infant under 2 - Free (up to 2 per booking). Child (aged 2-14): £17.50 Entitles the bearer to letter writing, sweets shed and free hot drink. Adult (aged 14+): £10.00 Entitles the bearer to free hot tea or coffee.

For more information & to book: <http://www.winterwoodz.co.uk/>

## **De Burgh Wine Matched Dinner hosted by Will Nicholson**

**Saturday 7th December: 7pm**

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

6 course tasting menu, each paired by wine, including arrival champagne. Rooms available at £35 pp B&B.

Tickets: £70 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810 216 or

[visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/](http://visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/)

## **Mexican Themed Evening**

**Saturday 7th December: 7:30pm**

Royal Golf Hotel, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us at the Royal Golf Hotel for a Mexican Themed evening which includes a shot of tequila or 175ml glass of house wine on arrival. Rooms available at £39 pp B&B.

Tickets: £29 per person (booking essential)

For more information: 01862 810 283

## **Sutherland Walkers Group - Christmas Special - Cnoc Fyrish and Monument (OS 21 626 715)**

**Sunday 8th December: 10am (Meet for car share at Home Bargains, Tain: 9:30am or Ardgay Station: 9:30am)**

The walk starts from the Fyrish Jubilee Walk Car Park at 10am. 6.5-8km / 4-5 miles, forest and moor tracks, steep ascent, gradual descent. Good views in fine weather.

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

Patricia Hannah on 01863 766 061



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## December 8-14 2019

### **Winter Wonderland**

**Sunday 8th December: 3pm - 9pm**

Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer, Strathpeffer

Our family fun day will open from 3pm - 7pm, enjoy the SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS in our garden from the main gate to the hotel entrance (switched on at dusk). You'll be greeted with a SAMPLE OF MULLED WINE and a TASTY HOMEMADE MINCE PIE at the entrance. That's not all, there is plenty more to enjoy once you step inside our Winter wonderland. \*Have your picture taken with an Alpaca\*Free Face Painting\*Elf Treasure Hunt in our Garden\*Craft Stalls in our Lounge & Bar Area\*Meet Santa in his Grotto - must be booked in advance to save disappointment \* Local Choir performing\* We will also have our delicious SUNDAY CARVERY will be served all day in the Jacobite Restaurant, book a table to save disappointment!

For more information & to book: 01997 423 387

### **Coppella**

**Tuesday 10th December: 7:15pm - 10:15pm**

Brora Primary School, Johnstone Place, Brora

A family-friendly ballet full of wit and mischief.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2425831117672487/>

### **Carols for Christian Aid Service**

**Tuesday 10th December: 7pm**

Dornoch Cathedral, Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Carols for Christian Aid service

For more information: [www.dornoch-cathedral.com](http://www.dornoch-cathedral.com)

### **Festive Glass Event - Create Your Own Glass Tile**

**Sunday 11th December: 10am - 4pm**

North Coast Glass, Chapel Street, Tain

The perfect opportunity to create your own glass tile as a special gift or just a lovely memory.

Ages 0+, great fun for all the family!

Entry: £25 on the day/£22.50 pre-booked

For more information: [www.northcoastglass.com](http://www.northcoastglass.com)

### **Christmas Party Menu at Grant Macnicol at the Castle**

**Friday 13th - Sunday 15th December: various times**

Grant Macnicol at the Castle, Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

3 course set menu available for lunch and dinner Groups of 6-14 - ask about eating in our private dining room The Vault

Tickets: £30 per person for lunch. £40 per person for dinner (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810216

### **Edderton Village Hall Christmas fayre**

**Friday 13th December: 6pm - 9pm**

Edderton Village Hall, Edderton, Tain

With over 20 stalls it's a great opportunity to buy some unique Christmas gifts! Tea, coffee & cakes as well as mulled wine, raffle prizes & all are of course welcome!

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2459560054330996/>

### **Dornoch Christmas Community Market**

**Saturday 14th December: 10am - 3pm**

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Join us for our Christmas Community Market where you can peruse a range of craft, food and local goods stalls. or more information: <https://visitdornoch.com/whats-on/>

#### **Visit Dornoch Do-More Experiences.**

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FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS  
AND SPECIALLY TAILORED, UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

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**December 14-20  
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## **Kingcraig Wine & Nibbles**

**Saturday 14th December: 10am-5pm**

Kingcraig Fabrics, Castle Street, Dornoch

Join Kingcraig Fabrics where they're offering 10 percent off all stock and wine and nibbles to get you in the Christmas spirit!

For more information: 01862 810 174

## **Christmas Wine & Party Food**

**Saturday 14th December: 7pm - 9:30pm**

Dornoch Stores, Castle Street, Dornoch

A fantastic evening tasting five wines perfect for parties, Christmas feasts and celebrations with guaranteed giveaways, gifts and prizes.

Tickets: £15

For more information: [www.facebook.com/events/787262975047508](https://www.facebook.com/events/787262975047508) or call: 01862 811 288

## **Christmas Themed Dinner at the Royal Golf Hotel**

**Saturday 14th December: 7:30pm**

The Royal Golf Hotel, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us at the Royal Golf Hotel for a Christmas Themed Dinner which includes glass of mulled wine or 175ml glass of house wine on arrival. Rooms available at £39 pp B&B.

Tickets: £29 per person (booking essential)

For more information: [www.royalgolfhoteldornoch.co.uk/en/themed-dinner-evenings](http://www.royalgolfhoteldornoch.co.uk/en/themed-dinner-evenings) or 01862 810 283

## **Gary Innes & Band in Concert**

**Saturday 14th December: 7:30pm**

The Duthus Centre, Shandwick Street, Tain

Come and enjoy a fabulous evening of traditional music.

Tickets: £15, £16.50 (admin fee) available online at Tain Gala website. Or at S&B Allsorts, Tain High Street or Tain Hub, Stafford Street.

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

## **Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing: The Souvenir (15)**

**Saturday 14th December: Doors: 7pm. Film: 7:30pm**

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Monthly film show with refreshments, raffle and sociable company.

For more information: [www.dadca.org.uk/cinema.asp](http://www.dadca.org.uk/cinema.asp)

## **Christmas Party Menu at Grant Macnicol at the Castle**

**Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd December: various times**

Grant Macnicol at the Castle, Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

3 course set menu available for lunch and dinner Groups of 6-14 -

ask about eating in our private dining room The Vault

Tickets: £30 per person for lunch. £40 per person for dinner (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810216



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December 21 - 29  
2019

## **Dornoch Christmas Workshops**

**Saturday 21st December: 11am - 1pm**

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Get creative and make your own gifts and decorations. Keep the family busy in the run up to Christmas! The following workshops will be available:

Coast Candle Co, Workshop - with Janis Maclean - Booking Essential (07921 816360) £25 per person

Rag Wreath Making Workshop - with Lairg Learning Centre - Booking Essential (01549 402050) £10 per person

Crochet Tree Decorations Workshop - with Anne Coombs - Booking Essential (01862 810431) £10 per person

Christmas Food & Drink Treats - with Vanessa Lawrance - Booking Essential (07802 218596) £10 per person.

For more information: [visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/](http://visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/)

## **Christmas Family Film: The Muppet Christmas Carol**

**Saturday 21st December: 4pm**

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Come and watch the classic Christmas Film - The Muppet Christmas Carol at the Dornoch Cinema in the Social Club and get in the festive spirit with friends and family.

Entry is £5 for adults and £3 for children, with refreshments & Christmas Raffle.

For more information: [visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/](http://visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter/)

## **Rhythmnreel Fundraising Bash**

**Saturday 28th December:**

The Duthus Centre, Shandwick Street, Tain

Fundraising Festive Bash at the Duthac Centre, Tain on Saturday 28th December with all proceeds going to Help send Michele Murray to Russia for specialist H.S.C.T treatment for her M.S. Licensed bar by Railway/St Duthus. Over 18's.

Tickets £15. For more information: [www.tain.org.uk/events.asp](http://www.tain.org.uk/events.asp)

## **Mànràn and Rura live at Strathpeffer Pavilion**

**Saturday, 28th December: 7:30pm - 11pm**

Strathpeffer Pavilion, The Square, Strathpeffer

Each December 28th Mànràn return to the Strathpeffer Pavilion with a special guest and this year they welcome their great friends and multi award-winning band RURA. A night not to be missed. For more information & to book: [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

## **Poet of the Impossible**

**Sunday 29th December: 7:30pm**

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Join us for some phenomenal magic and verbal wizardry from Renz the magician, who also happens to write spellbinding poetry. The Scots-Italian conjurer and writer, Lorenzo 'Renz' Novani takes you on a journey into magic's mysterious past and also presents impossibilities that defy explanation and gravity. 'Whenever he does anything the audience are enthralled and the last few moments are almost a miracle' - Fringe Review

Tickets: £10 Adults. £7 Children (Under 16). £30: Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)

To book tickets: <https://dornoch.bpt.me/> or purchase at Dornoch Service Point/Visitor Centre

For more information: <http://poetoftheimpossible.com/events/dornoch>

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**December 30–31  
2019**

## Hogmanay Stays & Celebrations

### **Hogmanay Stay Package at the Royal Golf Hotel**

**Monday 30th December 2019 - Thursday 2nd January 2020**

Royal Golf Hotel, Golf Road, Dornoch

Three nights dinner, bed & breakfast

Stay for: £439 per person (booking essential)

For more information: 01862 810 283

### **Hogmanay Stay Package at The Dornoch Castle Hotel**

**Monday 30th/Tuesday 31st December 2019–2 night or 3 night**

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Two or three nights including breakfast, lunch, evening meal & welcome drink each evening as well as evening entertainment on the 30th December & 1st January.

Stay for: Two nights: from £399 per person or three nights from £565 per person (booking essential)

For more information: 01862 810 216

### **Traditional New Year Celebration at Links House**

**Monday 30th December 2019 - Thursday 2nd January 2020**

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Three night exclusive package, with the best local whisky, fine dining and entertainment

Stay for: £949 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810279

### **Clynelish Whisky Dinner & Masterclass**

**Monday 30th December**

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us to celebrate with an amazing 5 course Clynelish Whisky Dinner & Masterclass

Tickets: £95 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810279

### **A Moment's Calm in the Cathedral**

**Tuesday 31st December: 4pm–6pm**

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Experience the Labyrinth

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp)

### **Hogmanay Gala Dinner at Grant Macnicol at the Castle**

**Tuesday 31st December**

Grant Macnicol at the Castle, Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Enjoy a 6 course tasting menu with arrival champagne to celebrate Hogmanay in Dornoch Castle.

Tickets: £75 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810216

### **4 Course Hogmanay Dinner at the Royal Golf Hotel**

**Tuesday 31st December**

Royal Golf Hotel, Golf Road, Dornoch

Celebrate Hogmanay with this wonderful 4-course dinner that includes canapés and champagne on arrival.

Tickets: £65 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810283



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2020**

## **Family Hogmanay Ceilidh**

**Tuesday 31st December: 6:30pm–10:30pm**

Grannie's Heilan' Hame, Embo

Enjoy a delightful ceilidh for all the family.

For more information: 01862 810 383

## **Hogmanay Ceilidh Dance**

**Tuesday 31st December: 8pm - 10pm**

Dornoch Social Club, Schoolhill, Dornoch

Celebrate the new year in dance and song, warm up for the Street party. All welcome. BYOB.

For more information: <https://calendar.visitdornoch.com>

## **Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party**

**Tuesday 31st December 10:30 pm - 1:30 am**

Dornoch Square, Dornoch

Join us for the 2019 Dornoch Hogmanay Street Party. The warm up act is the Three Musicians who will play under the Courthouse arches from 10 pm, then the mini pipe band leaves Dornoch Stores at 10:20 to launch the street party which opens with the Red Reel Ceilidh Band at 10:30. Magnus Orr will pipe in the New Year followed by a Fireworks Display and more dancing until 1:30 am. There is street food from Dornoch Farm Butchers, a pop-up gin bar at the Castle and Hot Chocolate at Cocoa Mountain, the Grand Raffle with £300 in cash prizes and the all important donations buckets for next year's event!

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp)

## **Bloody Mary Brunch at Links House**

**Wednesday 1st January**

Links House at Royal Dornoch, Golf Road, Dornoch

Kick start the 2020 off the right way with a Bloody Mary Brunch at Links House.

Tickets: £40 per person (booking essential)

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp) or 01862 810279

## **Annual Loony Dook**

**Wednesday 1st January 12:15 pm for 12:30 pm splash!**

Dornoch Beach Car Park

Join us for a Splash at our annual Loon Dook at Dornoch Beach! Watch the brave ones doing the Dornoch 'Loony Dook' or be a brave ne yourself! Soup & porridge available to war you up afterwards! Thanks to East Sutherland Rescue Association for their support. Please note later start to suit tide times.

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp)

## **Golf Competition at Royal Dornoch**

**Thursday 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 per person

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp)

## **Concert in the Cathedral**

**Thursday 2nd January 7:30 pm**

Dornoch Cathedral, Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Featuring 'Buttons & Bows' and many local artists.

Entry: by donation to Versus Arthritis

For more information: [www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp](http://www.dornoch.org.uk/new-year-celebrations.asp)