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February 1 – 2

2019

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, 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

In the Footprints of Dinosaurs

Until 2nd February

Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Inverness, IV2 3EB

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. Free entry.

For more information:

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

CRASH! (Scott King & Matt Worley) Nostalgia for the Jet Age

Until 28th February

Timespan Museum, Helmsdale KW8 6JA

Exhibition

Open Tuesday 12-4pm; Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 3pm, and by appointment.

Scottish Snowdrop Festival

Tuesday 5th-Monday 18th February: 10am-5pm

Dunrobin Castle, KW10 6SF

Dunrobin has a little known place in the history of snowdrops in the UK. In 1879 the Duke of Sutherland's head gardener David Melville, raised a new snowdrop variety. *Galanthus nivalis* 'Melvillei' was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the RHS. The Castle is not open during the festival; visitors are welcome to the garden and policies. There are no facilities but access is free.

For more information: gardens@dunrobincastle.net

Various Workshops at Lairg Learning Centre

Throughout February

Lairg Learning Centre, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Including Beginners Upholstery with Joanne, Intermediate Upholstery with Denise, Business Start Up, Woodworking, Batok, Hanging Hearts from Fabric, Make Your Own Hand Cream, Writing A Business Plan, Make Your Own Mug Holder, Using Social Media For Your Business, Developing a Marketing Strategy and more.

For more information and to pre-book: www.facebook.com/LairgLC

or: 01549 402050 (bookings)

History Futures Talk-Owen Hatherley: False Memory Syndrome: Nostalgia, Design and War in Britain

Saturday 2nd February: 7pm

Timespan Museum, Helmsdale, KW8 6JA

The image of the Second World War seems to determine almost everything in British politics. Politicians born in the 1950s and 1960s endlessly invoke the 'Blitz spirit' as an explanation for self-inflicted crises like austerity and Brexit. This talk will try to find out how this came to pass, through design objects like the Keep Calm and Carry On poster

Home-baked pizza slice & drink £5 (optional)

For more information: <https://timespan.org.uk>



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HER Workshop - Finding Out About Our Highland Past

Thursday 7th February: 2pm–4pm

Dornoch Social Club

Free workshop showing how to use the Highland Historic Environment Record (HER), Highland Council's database of all known heritage. The HER is useful for research, planning walks and visits, or finding out your local heritage. Explore how to search its contents, add information or pictures or just a chance to see what's new. No experience necessary. Bring your laptop or tablet if you wish, or just watch.

For more information & to book: info@archhighland.org.uk or via webform here: www.archhighland.org.uk

Medieval & Spanish Blues: Guitar & Songs

Saturday 9th February: 8pm

The Stables Causeway, Cromarty, IV11 8XJ

Ready for a unique and talented take on a wide range of musical traditions? Claude Bourbon is known throughout Europe and America for amazing guitar performances that take blues, Spanish, and Middle Eastern stylings into uncharted territories.

Tickets: £13 / £11 concession (£5 under 16s)

For more information: 01381 600354 or info@cromartyartstrust.org.uk

Chinese New Year Evening Meals

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th February

Grace of Dornoch Café

Celebrate the Chinese New Year (5th February) at Grace of Dornoch Café.

For more information: www.facebook.com/graceofdornoch

Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing–Phantom Thread–Cert 15

Saturday 9th February: 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

The Prague Shack Pop-Up Restaurant

Saturday 9th February: 7pm

Timespan Museum, Helmsdale KW8 6JA

The Prague Shack are taking over Timespan and serving up an authentic Eastern European feast with a contemporary take on Czech cuisine. Expect a warming feast of chicken schnitzel burgers, spiced cauliflower, fritters and desserts. £12.50 includes a 3 course meal

For more information & to book your table: enquiries@timespan.org.uk or 01431 821 327

Make Your Own Takeaways

Tuesday 12th, 19th & 26th February: 6pm–9pm

Dornoch Social Club (Coffee Room)

In this three week class run by Lairg Learning Centre, their chef tutor will demonstrate how to cook your own tasty takeaway Chinese, Italian and Indian food easily. A great informative evening is guaranteed with tasters to sample along the way. By cooking your takeaways from fresh ingredients, you will be benefitting the environment by reducing your carbon footprint and saving yourself money too.

Cost £10.

For more information: For more information and to pre-book: www.facebook.com/LairgLC

or: 01549 402050(bookings)

Evening Valentine's Menu

Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th February

Grace of Dornoch Café

Enjoy a special Valentine's Day evening menu at Grace of Dornoch Café.

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Visit Dornoch Do-More Experiences.

Our Do-More experiences are available to be booked through our Visit Dornoch website. Canoe Trips with Go Wild Highlands, Whisky & Gin tastings at the Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Guided day trips with D.P.H. and Candle making with Coast Candles as well as much more. (Coast Candles also run drop in Candle Workshops every Friday from 10.30am – 3pm. www.coastcandleco.com)

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Valentine's Dinners at The Dornoch Castle

Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th February

Dornoch Castle Hotel

Our romantic 4 course Valentines menu will be on offer on the 14th, 15th and 16th of February and features an amazing 14 ounce sharing steak and strawberry sharing dessert. All guests will also receive a glass of sparkling wine on arrival. Menu priced at £50 per person.

To book or for more information please contact us on 01862 810216 or email enquiries@dornochcastlehotel.com

Mike Vass

Friday 15th February: 7:30pm–10pm

Edderton Hall, IV19 1LA

Mike Vass, previously a nominee in the Scottish Album of the Year (SAY) award and winner in the Scots Trad music awards composer of the year category, is a creative force of nature on the Scottish music scene.

Tickets from: £9.21. For more information: www.mikevass.com

Nature's Basecamp

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th February: 10am–4pm (half term)

Culloden Woods, Tower Road, Inverness IV2

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

Win More Profitable Room Bookings on the Web for B&B, Small Hotel or Guesthouse

Wednesday 20th February: 9:50am–1pm

Brora Golf Club, KW9 6QS

The event is hosted by Private House Stays and Partnership Solutions who will be presenting live demonstrations and who provide many Northern B&Bs and Tourist businesses with proven website support and tools. Key topics include owner controlled online booking and demonstrations of our mobile friendly, responsive websites.

For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/win-more-profitable-room-bookings-on-the-web-tickets-53541990535>

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Wednesday 20th February: 10am–4pm (half term)

Aldie Burn, Near Tain, IV19 1PL

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Pictish Astronomers—A Talk by Heather Connie Martin

Thursday 21st February: 7:30pm

Royal Dornoch Golf Club

Inspired by ancient images, star patterns, the language of rocks. Heather Connie Martins paintings and textile panels are poetic, polythemic works full of symbolic imagery that offer a new perspective on the Pictish symbols.

For more information: www.historylinks.org.uk/programme-of-events

Entry free: Raffle

Car Boot Sale

Saturday 23rd February: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

With indoor tables and outside stalls, why not come along to grab a bargain or better still turn some of your unwanted items into cash! With a range of second hand items and crafts available to purchase with friendly people.

For more information: www.dadca.org.uk/index.asp?pageid=606915



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Scottish Opera Touring

Saturday 23rd February: 7:30pm

Ardross Community Hall, IV17 0XW

Join four talented singers and a pianist for Scottish Operas ever-popular Opera Highlights tour. The expertly curated selection of music celebrates the best of opera, including extracts from Carmen, La traviata and Die Fledermaus and works by Mozart and Tchaikovsky. The wonderful cast includes young Scottish soprano Lucy Anderson, a Scottish Opera Emerging Artist 2018/19, and Elizabeth Rowe (Opera Highlights 2017) is at the piano. A perfect Spring evenings entertainment. Tickets can be booked by emailing back or bought on the hall booking line: 01349 880591 (free) or online on: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardrosscommunityhall> (booking fee)

Tickets: £12 and £5 (Under 26)

For more information: www.visitscotland.com/info/events/scottish-opera-touring-p2010511

North Kessock Community Market

Saturday 23rd February: 10am – 12:30pm

North Kessock Hall, Inverness, IV1 3XS

The market offers a large range of fresh local food products, craft items and much more. Come along and support our local producers.

For more information: www.transitionblackisle.org/n-kessock-community-market.asp

Sutherland Walkers Group: Loch Laoigh, Loch Lannsaidh, Ben Tarvie : 270m / 885ft. OS 21 752 939

Sunday 24th February: 10am

The walk starts from the Scottish Water Filter Station at 10am

6 miles, circular, some rough heather.

Option for self-guided shorter walk omitting Ben Tarvie.

Membership: £10 for adults and £2.50 for under 16's.

For more information: Jean Mezzetti: 01862 810422 or Steve Farquharson : 01862 811381

The Electrifying Mr Johnston Plus Bite-Size

Thursday 28th February: 7:30pm

Resolis Memorial Hall, Black Isle, IV7 8LP

THE BITE-SIZE DOUBLE-BILL - An attractive and engaging evening of theatre in two parts. BITE-SIZE an informal programme of script-in-hand play readings of new plays and works-in-progress followed by The world premiere of a new play THE ELECTRIFYING MR JOHNSTON by Robert Dawson.

For more information: www.resoliscommunityarts.org.uk/index.asp

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