

# Do more in...

## August

2019

### **Historylinks 5\* Museum**

**Open 7 Days a week: 10am–4pm**

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. Ticket valid for 7 days.

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

### **Dornoch Pipe Band Parade**

**Saturday Evening's: 8pm–9pm**

Dornoch Square, Dornoch

The Dornoch Pipe band is back for another successful season.

Join us to watch the Dornoch Pipe band parade followed by Highland dancing display.

Entry: Free

### **Dornoch Cathedral Welcome Sales Table**

**Monday–Friday 10am - 4pm**

Dornoch Cathedral

Visitors are welcome to come into the Cathedral. Printed guides are available in many languages and the volunteers are happy to answer any questions you may have. Souvenirs are available to purchase.

### **Grannie's Hellan' Hame, Embo**

**Open daily: from 9am**

Soft Play Area, Swimming Pool, Children's Entertainment, Amusement Arcade, Bingo & Evening entertainment. Facilities open to all Dornoch visitors.

Entry: £15 for family of four for a day pass.

For more information: 01862 810383

### **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

### **Evening Meals BYOB at Grace of Dornoch Café & Deli**

**Friday & Saturday evenings**

Grace of Dornoch Café & Deli

To book your table contact: [www.facebook.com/graceofdornoch](http://www.facebook.com/graceofdornoch)

### **Evening Meals at The Courthouse Café**

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings**

Courthouse Café, Carnegie Courthouse

Reservations are required. Please contact: 01862 810 632

### **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)



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## August 1st

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### **Dornoch Caravan & Camping Site**

All month

The Links, Dornoch

Putting Green open to all £1 per player includes club & ball hire.

For more information: [www.dornochcaravans.co.uk](http://www.dornochcaravans.co.uk)

### **Golf Driving Range & Fishing**

Dornoch Lochans, Davochfin, Dornoch IV25 3RW

Enjoy the Golf Driving Range for only £1 per basket as well as four lochans for rainbow trout fishing, bait or fly. All equipment available for hire.

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

### **Golspie Gala Week**

Saturday 27th July – Saturday 3rd August

Fountain Road, Golspie

Organised by The Golspie Gala Association, the week-long packed program of daily and evening events cater for children of all ages and adults alike.

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

### **Milly Thompson: The Moon, The Sea & The Matriarch**

Until Sunday 22nd September

Timespan Museum, Dunrobin St, Helmsdale, KW8 6JA

A celebration of the pleasures, woes, cellulite, and desires of older and middle aged women. During the project, Timespan will be running an alternative wellbeing and pampering clinic. We're swerving the lucrative industry of wellness, so NO to feelgood individualism, yoga face exercises and spirals courgettes, these will be colourful, beautiful and funny - donut making, cocktails and karaoke, a Barbara Cartland pop-up restaurant, an artist-spoof wellbeing workshop, chicklit writing, perfume making, herbalist teachings and pampering sessions. The battleground of anxiety, stress, unhappiness and sickness is a societal not a personal problem, and donuts, herbal healing and cocktails are the language of this rebellion.

For more information: [www.timespan.org.uk/programme/exhibitions/milly-thompson-the-sun-the-sea-the-matriarch/](http://www.timespan.org.uk/programme/exhibitions/milly-thompson-the-sun-the-sea-the-matriarch/)

### **East Sutherland Art Society Annual Exhibition**

Until – Friday 9th August: 10am–5pm

Fountain Road Church Hall, Fountain Road, Golspie, KW10 6TH

Annual summer exhibition with a range of paintings, prints and cards by amateurs and professionals.

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

### **The Black Isle Show**

Thursday 1st August: 8am–7pm

Mannsfield Showground, Muir of Ord

A fun-filled day for all the family - the north's biggest one-day event is back with monster appeal. Over 1000 animals will be showcased in numerous livestock events. It will feature displays such as sheep shearing and a vintage tractor parade, speciality bars and beer tents, a craft and food hall and funfair. This year's main ring attraction is BROKE FMX. At the Black Isle Show there is something for everyone.

Entry: Adult: £15, Concession: £10, Under 12's: Free.

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

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

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**August 1st - 2nd**  
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## **KIDZ Fest**

**Thursday 1st & Thursday 8th August: 2pm-3:30pm**

**Dornoch Social Club, School Hill**

Bring your kids. Toddler - P3 age-there will be games, crafts, videos and music. All are welcome. There is no cost for these days. Come one come all. We are going to have a great time.

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

## **Fine Art Fair**

**Thursday 1st August-Saturday 10th August**

**Dornoch Social Club (Struie Room)**

William Shannon has been dealing in original Scottish art - Victorian to Contemporary - in the Highlands of Scotland for more than fifteen years, selling privately, online and at antique fairs. He offers an eclectic mix of oils, watercolours, pastels, etchings, engravings and prints at affordable prices.

Whilst his focus is on Scottish art, he also offers a wide range of original pictures and prints from all over the world.

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

## **Studio Smith: Summer Show**

**Friday 2nd August - Saturday 28th September: Monday -**

**Saturday (Sunday by appointment)**

**Studio Smith, 1st St Duthus Place, Chapel Road, Tain, IV19 1JD**

New paintings by Ingebjorg & Inger Smith, Original Prints by Louise Worthy & unique gifts at affordable prices!

For more information: [www.ingeborgsmith.co.uk](http://www.ingeborgsmith.co.uk)

## **Spencer's Highland Nighthawks**

**Friday 2nd August: 7.30pm**

**Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch**

Specialists in 'The Golden Era of Jazz.' Revisiting the good-time days of the roaring twenties.

Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions)

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

## **The Dornoch Highland Gathering**

**Friday 2nd August: From 10:30am**

**Meadows Park, Dornoch**

The Dornoch Highland Gathering has been held every year since 1887, bar the war years and one unfortunate rainy day. It is a day that locals look forward to all year, where everyone can have fun. Visitors are very welcome.

Come and enjoy the competitions for piping, Highland dancing, tossing the caber, putting the ball and throwing the hammer. Watch, or take part in, the track & field events of running, cycling, long jump and high jump. See the different techniques used to "Tilt the Bucket"!

With fairground attractions, stalls and refreshments, children's races and mini Highland games, this is a day out for all the family. Please note there will be no Games Dance this year.

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



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**August 3rd–9th**

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## **Mey Highland & Cultural Games**

**Saturday 3rd August: 11am–5pm**

The John O'Groats Showground, KW1 4YR

This popular, family-friendly event celebrates the unique culture, hospitality and talents of the north Highlands. Witness incredible feats of sportsmanship, sample our wonderful local produce and crafts, enjoy performances from the pipe band and Highland dancers—discover the remote beauty of the far North which first attracted the Queen Mother to the Castle of Mey.

For more information: [www.meyhighlandgames2019.wordpress.com](http://www.meyhighlandgames2019.wordpress.com)

## **Dornoch Festival Week**

**Sunday 4th–Saturday 10th August**

Meadows Park & other venues

A family-friendly event bringing the community together to enjoy a range of activities. Dornoch Festival Week has a packed programme of family activities including sandcastle competition, children's fancy dress, children's sports, Family Quiz Night, Car Treasure Hunt, Pram Race, It's A Knockout, a golf competition, the Great Dornoch Bake Off, and a Teddy Bear's Picnic!

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

## **Animal Tracking**

**Tuesday 6th August: 10:30am**

Dornoch Library, Dornoch

Learn the ancient art of tracking. Discover what clues some of our most iconic species leave behind and how you can read the story of their travel through the landscape. This event is for children aged 7 or over but parents are welcome to stay. Booking is essential as spaces are limited.

For more information: [www.myhighlife.co.uk/sap/](http://www.myhighlife.co.uk/sap/)

## **Aberdeen Vocal Ensemble Chamber Choir**

**Tuesday 6th August: 7.30pm**

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

Performing a repertoire ranging from plain chant to close harmony.

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

## **Dornoch Cinema Festival Week Showing—Smallfoot & Green Book (12A)**

**Friday 9th August: Afternoon showing (Smallfoot) & Evening showing (Green Book)**

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Special Dornoch Cinema Festival Week film show with refreshments, raffle and sociable company.

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

## **The Caithness Big Band**

**Friday 9th August: 2pm - 4pm**

Marquee at the Meadows, Dornoch

Joining this year's Festival Week is the chance to dust off your dancing shoes for afternoon tea & live music.

Tickets: £5

For more information: [dornochfestivalweek@gmail.com](mailto:dornochfestivalweek@gmail.com)

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August 10th–13th

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## Bright Beauly Fair

**Saturday 10th August: 11am - 4pm**

Bright Beauly Fair, High Street, Beauly

The aim of Bright Beauly Fair is to reinstate the historic marketplace in Beauly with an annual one-day event, showcasing and celebrating the BEST of the Highlands and Islands Arts, Crafts, Music and Food.

For more information: [www.facebook.com/events/2258318204423272](https://www.facebook.com/events/2258318204423272)



## Kyle of Sutherland Gala Week

**Saturday 10th - Saturday 17th August**

Join us at the annual Kyle of Sutherland Gala Week with fun for all the family including the duck race and Big Tea Party held at the end of the Gala.

For more information: [www.facebook.com/Kyle-of-Sutherland-Gala-Week-104809726848](https://www.facebook.com/Kyle-of-Sutherland-Gala-Week-104809726848)



## Strathpeffer Highland Gathering

**Saturday 10th August: 1pm–5:30pm**

Castle Leod, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire

Highland games with heavy events, dancing, piping, hill race, side shows, trade stalls, horse jumping and tug o' war

For more information: [www.facebook.com/Strathgathering](https://www.facebook.com/Strathgathering)



## The Cromarty Group Art Exhibition

**Saturday 10th August - Saturday 17 August 2019: 10am–4pm (early 4pm finish on the 17th)**

The Stables Causeway, Cromarty, IV11 8XS

The Cromarty Group, which began in 1976, brings together a variety of talented local artists and craftspeople for their popular, annual exhibition that includes an array of contemporary arts and crafts to suit everyone's tastes: paintings, wood sculptures, ceramics, prints, pottery and more!

Entry: Free

For more information: [www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk/events/10-aug-2019-the-cromarty-group-art-exhibition.asp](http://www.cromartyartstrust.org.uk/events/10-aug-2019-the-cromarty-group-art-exhibition.asp)



## Nature's Basecamp

**Tuesday 13th August & Monday 19th August: 10am–4pm**

Aldie Burn, Near Tain, IV19 1PL

Summer Holiday Basecamps with 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.



## Classical Recital

**Tuesday 13th August: 7.30pm**

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

A return visit by Matthew Lazenby (piano) and Martha Hayward (soprano). Donations at the door for the Cathedral tower project.

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



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August 14th–24th

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## **Dornoch Community Market**

**Wednesday 14th August: 9:30am–1pm**

Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Come and browse up to 30 stalls with homegrown produce, plants, arts & crafts, baking, artisan bread, specialist chocolates, cheese, handmade cosmetics, jewellery, gifts & clothing.

For more information e-mail: [whalinghq@gmail.com](mailto:whalinghq@gmail.com)

## **Blazin' Fiddles**

**Thursday 15th Aug: 8pm**

Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA

Scotland's most iconic and celebrated fiddle band Blazin' Fiddles join forces with leading Scottish folk vocalist Emily Smith as part of their 2019 Scottish tour.

Tickets: From £18

For more information: [www.eden-court.co.uk](http://www.eden-court.co.uk)

## **Helmsdale Highland Games**

**Saturday 17th August: 10am–5pm**

Couper Park, Helmsdale

The Games Parade from the village to the Couper Park starts at mid-day followed by the installation of the Games Chieftain, the Official Opening and the Raising of the Games Flag. There follows an afternoon programme of Highland Games heavy events, track and field events, Scottish Championship Hill Race, Pipe Band Parade, Tug of War, Trade Stands, Side Shows and various other fun events.

Entry: Adults: £6.00. Concessions: £3.00.

For more information: [www.helmsdalegames.co.uk](http://www.helmsdalegames.co.uk)

## **Dornoch Cinema Charity Show–The Favourite (15)**

**Friday 23rd August: Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm showing**

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

A special charity show in aid of Myeloma UK

Entry: Adults £5.00 children £3.00.

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

## **Tain Community Market**

**Saturday 24th August: 10am–2pm**

A variety of food producers and artisan craft stalls will be here on the day. Lots of fun activities for all the family to enjoy. Please come along and show your support. Kids Fancy Dress

Competition/face painting/live music.

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

## **Peter Price, Acoustic Blues and Beyond**

**Saturday 24th August: 8pm - 11:30pm**

Bonar Bridge Community Hall, Lairg Rd, Bonar Bridge

Peter Price is a guitarist/singer with brilliant international reputation following a musical career which has so far taken him to festivals and concert venues throughout the UK, Europe and North America.

For more information: [craicngigs@gmail.com](mailto:craicngigs@gmail.com)

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August 24th–31st

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## Teuchter's Invergordon Takeover!

Saturday 24th August: 7pm - 11pm

Invergordon Town Hall, Invergordon

The Teuchter's Comedy Club are coming to Invergordon! Are you ready for rip-roaring laughs and outrageous fun...?!?!? Come along and enjoy a super evening's entertainment!

Tickets: £10

For more information: [www.facebook.com/events/713234349110592](https://www.facebook.com/events/713234349110592)



## Sutherland Walkers Group: Cranstackie

Sunday 25th August: Car Share: Bonar Bridge PO: 8:45 & Lairg 9am

Cranstackie: 1030m/3379ft. ascent & Ben Spionnaidh: 200m/656ft. Descent and re-ascent. 12km/7.5 miles, tracks, open grassy fell, with rough boulders near summit. Shorter option of Cranstackie by itself. Optional self-guided walk from Gualin House down Strath Dionard, track, river walk and return. OS 09 305 565.

Parking south of Carbreck in old quarry, maximum 8 cars. OS 09 330 590. Car sharing essential, due to limited parking

For more information: 01408 621370 / 07890 352804



## Dornoch Community Market

Wednesday 28th August: 9:30am–1pm

Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Come and browse up to 30 stalls with homegrown produce, plants, arts & crafts, baking, artisan bread, specialist chocolates, cheese, handmade cosmetics, jewellery, gifts & clothing.

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## The Lairg Crofters Show

Saturday 31st August: 10am - 5pm

The Showfield, Lairg

Now over 100 hundred years old, the Lairg Crofters Show is the last surviving mainland crofters show and is an excellent day out with something for all the family. There are opportunities to take part in lots of exciting events, watch demonstrations and main ring attractions.

Licensed dance with Blue Ride: Time TBD (£10).

For more information: [www.lairgcroftersshow.co.uk](http://www.lairgcroftersshow.co.uk)



## Black Orchid 10th Birthday Bash

Saturday 31st August 2019: 8pm–Midnight

Ardross Community Hall, Ardross, IV17 OXW

Celebrate the 10th birthday bash & make it one to remember with live music from the fantastic 'Mystic Shoes', Fork Buffet from the talented 'Good Highland Food' A lovely glass of fizz on arrival and many more surprises to be announced. All profits from the event will be given out to local community groups to continue to support their fantastic contribution to our local community!

Tickets: By donation (suggested donation of £15 per ticket) and are available on a first come, first served basis from Black Orchid Gifts, 88 High Street, Alness, IV17 OSG.

For more information: [www.facebook.com/events/464365120768631](https://www.facebook.com/events/464365120768631)

