

# Do more in...

## January

2020

### 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.

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 (Term Time Only): 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

### The Sutherland Longhouse Project

Throughout January - March 2020

Discover what it was like to live in the eighteenth century & join us to research different aspects of life in a pre-clearance settlement. Book your place on one - or more - of the free workshops that you will find throughout this brochure and below for the not yet confirmed dates.

### The Sutherland Longhouse Project

January/February (TBC)

**Surveying the site at Dalnamain** with archaeologist Anne Combs.  
**Learn about working with leather.** Craft a leather money pouch with local leather worker, Anna Renouf.

**Presentation & Workshop:** Digitising the past: Using virtual world technology to reconstruct a pre-clearance settlement, with Digital Curator, Timespan, Jacquie Aitken.

Entry: For all, free.

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**Dec 30–31**  
**2019**

## **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

### **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 Afternoon Teas at the Dornoch Castle Hotel & Links House at Royal Dornoch.

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**Dec 31–Jan 1**  
**2019/2020**

## **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)

## **First Footing Breakfast**

Wednesday 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 11 am. Booking advisable.  
Entry: £10 pp  
For more information: 01862 810 008

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

Wednesday 1st January: 12pm  
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 one yourself! Soup & porridge available to warm 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)



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**January 1–11  
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## **New Years Day Dinner**

Wednesday 1st January: 7pm

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

3 course menu with drinks reception and canapés.

Tickets: £40 per person (booking essential)

For more information & to book: 01862 810 216

## **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)

## **Family Day at the Eagle**

Thursday 2nd January: 13pm - 5pm

The Eagle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Family Day at the Eagle, with a Magician from 15:00–17:00

Entry: Free

For more information: 01862 810 008

## **Concert in the Cathedral**

Thursday 2nd January 7:30pm

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)

## **Live Music: 80's Night**

Thursday 2nd January: 9pm–Late

The Eagle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

80s night with Martin Bannon singing and Dj-ing in the Eagle Hotel

Entry: Free

For more information: 01862 810 008

## **Gin Master Class**

Saturday 4th January: 3pm

The Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Castle Street, Dornoch

Join the Scottish gin renaissance with this tasting of 4 Scottish gins. Learn a little history of this forgotten industry and the diversity of styles and tastes. Our enjoyable hour of gin fun has been popular with groups and families.

Tickets: £25pp. For more information: [www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiewhiskycellars/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiewhiskycellars/events)

## **Regional Whisky Master Class**

Saturday 11th January: 3pm

The Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Castle Street, Dornoch

Take a taste tour of Scotland with our 90 minutes explanation of malt whisky, the different styles and the regions that influence their character.

Tickets: £32.50pp. For more information: [www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiewhiskycellars/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiewhiskycellars/events)

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2020**

## **The Sutherland Longhouse Project**

**Saturday 11th January: 9am - 12pm**

A master silversmith at work, watch Peter Rowland forging a silver spoon.

Entry: Free

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

## **Auld New Year Ceilidh**

**Saturday 11th January: 7pm**

Bonar Bridge Community Hall, Bonar Bridge

Come along for a dance and a chatter at our annual January Ceilidh. BYOB with some fantastic music from local musicians!

Entry: By donation

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2629398010439278/>

## **Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing**

**Saturday 11th January: Doors: 7pm. Film: 7:30pm**

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Monthly friendly & sociable atmosphere which is a very popular night out for residents and visitors alike. Refreshments, snacks, good conversation and, of course, a raffle are available at each show. Sometimes a short feature is shown before the main film

Tickets: £5-Adults. £3-Children (subject to rating).

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

## **The Sutherland Longhouse Project**

**Saturday 18th January: 10am - 4pm**

What is coppicing? What can we re-learn about sustainability? Try willow weaving with Pippa Lee.

Entry: Free

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

## **Blind Whisky Tasting**

**Saturday 18th January: 3pm**

The Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Castle Street, Dornoch

Have some whisky fun and test your nosing skills in this 45 minute experience. Independently compare 2 single malts and 1 blended whisky to try to discern where they come from.

Tickets: £12.50pp

For more information: [www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiwhiskycellars/events](http://www.facebook.com/pg/carnegiwhiskycellars/events)

## **KT Tunstall**

**Monday 20th January: 6:30pm - 9:30pm**

Strathpeffer Pavilion, The Square, Strathpeffer, IV14 9DL

KT Tunstall will perform at the Pavilion in conjunction with Lidl's to celebrate the opening of their 100th store. All ticket income from this event will go to the STV Children's appeal.

Tickets: £8.68.

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



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## January 24–25

### 2020

#### **Dornoch Heritage Society Burns Night Supper**

Friday 24th January: 7:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill, Dornoch

Dornoch Heritage Society warmly invite you to join them for their popular light mix of traditional entertainment and food.

Tickets: £17.50

For more information, phone P. Wild: 01862 810140 or email: [thewildmeadows@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thewildmeadows@yahoo.co.uk)

#### **Scottish Snowdrop Festival: Dunrobin Castle**

Friday 25th January - Monday 11th March: 10am-5pm

Dunrobin Castle, Duke Street, Golspie, KW10 6RR

In 1879 the Duke of Sutherland's head gardener David Melville, raised a new snowdrop variety. *Galanthus nivalis* 'Melville' was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the RHS. Melville distributed bulbs to many gardens and enthusiasts; unfortunately, it seems likely that the variety has now died out. The widely grown modern snowdrop variety *Galanthus* 'Magnet' has Melville's snowdrop as one of its parents. The Castle is not open during the festival; visitors are welcome to the garden and policies.

Entrance: There are no facilities, but access is free.

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