

# Do more in...

## October

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

### Grannie's Heilan' 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 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)

### Young Curator's Club

Wednesdays in October: 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



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October 1st–5th  
2019

## Highland Archaeology Festival

Until 18th October

Various locations in the Highlands

The festival is provided by the Highland Council and runs over two weeks each October to celebrate the heritage of the Highlands from earliest settlers to modern times, below ground and above.

Whether you are a seasoned archaeologist or a complete beginner, the festival will let you explore an amazing range of places and collections. There's something to suit everyone and many of the events are free!

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

## Highland Golf Links Pro AM

Wednesday 2nd October

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Golf Road, Dornoch

Three-day, 54-hole annual event, will be one of the richest on the PGA in Scotland Tour and will be limited to 60 teams. Event sold Out. But spectators welcome.

For more information: <https://royaldornoch.com/>

## Ness Book Festival

Thursday 3th - Sunday 5th October

Inverness: Various Locations

NessBookFest is arranged by the community, for the community. As a matter of principle our events are free to attend and held in accessible, central locations throughout the city to encourage not only the typical book festival demographic to attend, but also to reach those who have never been to a book festival before. Tickets: Most events will be ticketed but free of charge to attend

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

## Men's Shed Open Motning

Saturday 5th October: 11am to 1pm

Oversteps, Earls Cross Road, Dornoch

Come and see what we do and get your free Bacon Roll! Men's Sheds are free community run workshops with a social

Area & are particularly popular with those with time on their hands, retired or not working, just recovering from an illness, carers who need a break, those needing something NEW to do.

Anyone over 18yrs old is welcome.

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

## St Finnbar's Church Afternoon Tea

Saturday 5th October: 11:30am - 5pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

Afternoon Tea hosted by St Finnbar's Church

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

## Saturday Whisky Tastings

Saturday 5th October: 4:30pm

The Vault, Dornoch Castle Hotel, Castle Street, Dornoch

Tickets: £30

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

### Visit Dornoch Do-More Experiences.

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## Talk by Sir John Lister Kaye

Saturday 5th October: 7pm

Findon Hall, Culbokie, IV7 8JH

From the Culbokie Community Trust newsletter

One of Scotland's best known Naturalists, Sir John Lister Kaye, who not only founded the impressive and beautiful Aigas Field Centre but he has also been a Times columnist and is the author of ten books on nature and wildlife - some of which have won or been shortlisted for literary prizes. Sir John is an accomplished speaker and it will be a real treat to hear about his experiences of wildlife and conservation in Scotland and abroad. Sir John is giving his time in support of the Glascairn Community Project.

Tickets: Adults: £10. Juniors: £5.

To book & for more information: [event@culbokiect.org](mailto:event@culbokiect.org)

## Sutherland Squash Club AGM

Tuesday 8th October: 5:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

Sutherland Squash Club AGM at the Squash Club, The Meadows, Dornoch. All members and friends welcome.

For more information, contact Lisa Dickenson 01862 810973

## Reiff Climbing Festival

Thursday 10th - Sunday 13th October

Port a Bhaigh Campsite, Achiltibuie, Altandhu, Ullapool, IV26 2YR

Come and climb at Reiff, whether you are part of a club, an individual, experienced climber or never tried it before.

Activities include recreating the 'indoor wall' outdoors for those who want to join in but don't have the kit.

Workshops for those who want to improve their skills with a coach/instructor. Family activities and a Ceilidh or just relax in the pub!

Tickets: From £15

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

## 20th Anniversary Celebration of Historylinks & AGM Dornoch Heritage SCIO

Thursday 10th October: 7pm

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Golf Road, Dornoch

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of Historylinks and the AGM for Dornoch Heritage SCIO

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

## Michael Redmond + Special Guests in Invergordon!

Friday 11th October: 7pm - 10pm

Invergordon Town Hall, Invergordon IV18 0AP

One of the country's favourite comedians, from TV's Father Ted, MICHAEL REDMOND is coming north to absolutely smash INVERGORDON!!! He has performed a number of one-man shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, including "Eamon, Older Brother of Jesus", which was later developed as a series for BBC Radio 4. You might also recognise him from his role as the lightning-hit Father Stone on Channel 4's "Father Ted"

For more information & to book tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/Invergordon-Development-TRUST-784227898623890/>



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October 11th–19th  
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## Family Ceilidh

Friday 11th October: Doors 7pm

Culrain Hall, Ardgay, IV24 3DW

Put on your dancing shoes and bring your musical talent and join us for a family ceilidh with music by Monica Maclean & various artists. . Raffle & refreshments with BYOB.

Entry: By donation. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/craicngigs/>

## Nae Plans: Hamish Napier and Adam Sutherland

Fri 11th October: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Rosehall Village Hall, Brae, Lairg, IV27 4BD,

Sutherland Sessions is delighted to welcome Nae Plans: Adam Sutherland and Hamish Napier, the daredevil, off-the-cuff folk show featuring two of Scotland's finest folk musicians, Hamish Napier (piano, flute, whistle, vocals) and fiddler Adam Sutherland. For more information: <http://www.craicngigs.co.uk>

## Knowbotiq: Thulhu Thu Thu, Before The Sun Harms You

Saturday 12th October 2019 to 2 February 2020

Timespan Museum, Dunrobin Street, Helmsdale, KW8 6JA

thulhu thu thu, before the sun harms you considers the necropolitical landscape of the Flow Country, an ostensibly natural territory composed from a subterranean molecular system which circulates decay and energy across geological epochs.

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

## Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing: Stan and Ollie (PG)

Saturday 12th October: 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)

## Nature's Basecamp

Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th & Friday 18th October: 10am–4pm

Aldie Burn, Near Tain, IV19 1PL

This October holiday join in for the usual blend of bushcraft skills, nature activities, crafts, exploring and free play. Lots of willow crafts and campfire cooking to be done. For 8 years & over.

Entry: £30 per child. Booking limited & pre-payment essential.

For more information contact Ian on 01549 402 698 or e-mail: [ian.pateron62@btinternet.com](mailto:ian.pateron62@btinternet.com)

## Loch Ness Knit Fest 2019

Thursday 17th - Sunday 20th October

Inverness Ice Centre, Bught Drive, Inverness IV3 5SR

Now in its 4th year and has become a must-visit event for yarn enthusiasts from all over the world. Record numbers flocked to Loch Ness Knit Fest in 2018 from over 22 countries. This year we have an enhanced four day programme with over 20 workshops, more than 50 vendors in the marketplace, demonstrations, main stage entertainment, sightseeing tours and evening events including highland feast, concert and knit along with Danish designer Christel Seyfarth.

Entry: Varies. For more information: [www.lochnessknitfest.com](http://www.lochnessknitfest.com)

## Vintage Style Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th October: 10am–2pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

DADCA are hosting a vintage coffee morning at the Social Club in Dornoch, on Saturday 19th October, from 10am to 12pm. Tea - Coffee - Charity Sales Tables - Raffle - Dornoch 500 tickets

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

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October 25th–26th  
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## **Dornoch Whisky Festival**

Friday 25th – Monday 28th October

Various venues throughout Dornoch

The Dornoch Whisky Festival is now in its 5th year and we've made it better than ever to celebrate our anniversary! With events from the novice whisky drinker, to the casual taster all the way through to the seasoned connoisseur, you'll find something for everyone here—even if whisky isn't your dram of choice! Leaflet with full programmes available in the Dornoch Visitor Centre.

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

## **Allsorts Hallowe'en Disco**

Friday 25th October: 4pm–11:45pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

Allsorts annual Hallowe'en Disco

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

## **Dornoch Car Boot Sale**

Saturday 26th October: 9:30am–12:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, School Hill

With indoor tables and outside stalls, why not come along and grab a bargain or better still turn some of your unwanted items into cash. Bacon rolls, tea, coffee & home baking available as well as your chance to get Dornoch 500 tickets.

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

## **Dornoch Whisky Festival: Grand Tasting**

Saturday 26th October: 1pm–5pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel Marquee, Dornoch

The Dornoch Whisky Festival Grand Tasting returns with a fantastic mix of old friends and new faces. With a range of distilleries, independent bottlers and gins. This year they are sharing the event with the following: Adelphi, Aelder Elixir, Ben Nevis Distillery, Benromach, Bunnahabhain, Deanston, Dornoch Distillery, Douglas Laing, Dunnet Bay Distillers, Elixir Distillers, Ice & Fire Distillery, Inverspirits, Loch Lomond Group, Raasay Distillery, Red Door Gin, SMWS, The Carnegie Whisky Cellars, Tobermory & Wolfburn Distillery.

Tickets: £25 (includes a free goodie bag with Glencairn Tasting glass).

For more information & to purchase tickets:

[www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com/events/dornoch-whisky-festival-2019-grand-tasting](http://www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com/events/dornoch-whisky-festival-2019-grand-tasting)

## **Ceilidh at the Castle with BlackRock Ceilidh Band**

Saturday 26th October: 8:30pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel Marquee, Dornoch

This year we are delighted to have BlackRock Ceilidh band providing the music to see you through the evening. Over the last ten plus years, they have performed everything from pubs & hotels around the country to festivals including Belladrum, Islay, Barrafest and many others! These folk know how to host a brilliant night and we can't wait!

Entry: £10.

For more information: [www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com/events/ceilidh-in-the-castle-with-blackrock-ceilidh-band](http://www.dornochwhiskyfestival.com/events/ceilidh-in-the-castle-with-blackrock-ceilidh-band)



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October 26th–29th

2019

## **Craft & Food Fayre**

Saturday October 26th: 10am

Averon Centre, Alness

Ross & Cromarty CAB present their craft & food fayre with crafts, gifts, food & drink as well as children's entertainment and a new tasty tippie drinks area.

Entry: £2 (Under 12's free)

## **Sutherland Walkers Group - Balblair Forest (nr Bonar Bridge) to Carbisdale Wood. OS 21 604 928**

Sunday 27th October: 10am

16km / 10 miles, circular walk on mainly forest tracks and pathways. Optional self-guided shorter walk : contact Jon for suggestions

nearer the date. The walk starts from Balblair Forest Car Park at 10.00

For more information: Jon Jenkins on 01862 810382

## **Scottish Tree Festival: Dunrobin Castle Apple Day**

Saturday 26th October: 10:30am–4:30pm

Dunrobin Castle, Duke Street, Golspie, KW10 6RR

Come to Dunrobin Castle on the last Saturday of our 2019 visitor season. On this day only, as well as the Castle, garden, museum, gift shop, tearoom and falconry, your entry ticket will include our first annual apple event. You will be able to pick and press apples in the garden and drink the fresh juice. There will be bottles of our apple juice available to buy and bags of apples of old Scottish varieties. Guided walks will visit apple orchards not normally open to visitors stopping to feed apple pulp from the press to our resident pig.

Tickets: £3.

For more information: [gardens@dunrobincastle.net](mailto:gardens@dunrobincastle.net)

## **Dornoch Whisky Festival Community Market**

Sunday 27th October: 11am–3pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel Marquee, Dornoch

Held in the marquee in the Dornoch Castle Hotel grounds, the community market will give you a great chance to pick up some Highland goodies! With a range of products from homemade bakery items, to photography and crafts, there's something for everyone here.

Entry: Free.

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

## **Gnoss**

Tuesday 29 October: 8pm

Carnegie Hall, Portmahomack, IV20 1YD

Glasgow based folk band Gnoss bring the tour of their new album 'Drawn From Deep Water' to Portmahomack

Ticket from: £11.29.

For more information: <https://gnossmusic.com>