

# Do more in...

## September 2023

### **Dornoch Visitor Centre**

Monday–Friday: 11am–2pm

Dornoch Visitor Centre, Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street, Dornoch

For all your tourism needs come and visit us for information, brochures and a friendly chat about your trip.

You will also find our Visitor Information Point on Shore Road where you can find information in the centre of town.

For more information: [dornochvca@outlook.com](mailto:dornochvca@outlook.com)

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

Open Daily: 10:30am–4pm

Enjoy our Summer exhibition which includes a display about the life and work of local man Chris Murray QGM. The exhibition follows his career with the Royal Navy and as a Winchman with HM Coastguard Search and Rescue, Stornoway. Featuring footage of the rescue of 9 men from the fishing vessel The Hansa for which Chris was awarded The Queens Medal for Gallantry. Outside of the exhibition, the museum showcases the history of Dornoch from Vikings, witches, and the Clearances to golf, Skibo, the railway and everything in between.

Entry: Adults: £4.50 (Gift Aid £4.95) Concessions: £3.50 (Gift Aid £3.85) Children: Free.

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

### **Soft Play @ the Hub**

Mon-Thu: 9:30am to 5:30pm Fri-Sat: 9:30am-4pm Sun: 10:30am-3pm

Kyle of Sutherland Hub, IV24 3AQ

The Hub has a bespoke three-level indoor soft play centre for children aged 0-12 and a café serving baguettes/sandwiches with a variety of fillings, home baking, smoothies and milkshakes.

Café opening times: Monday – Saturday 9.30am – 4pm. Sunday 10.30am – 3pm. Drinks & snacks served until 6pm – Monday – Thursday.

Entry: £5 per child.

For more information: 01863 769 170

### **Davochfin Farm**

Daily 10am -10pm Daily - Last admission for rod hire at 7:45pm

One mile from the town centre, IV25 3RW

Fly & bait trout fishing, golf driving range, bug hunting (kits available from the cabin). All equipment can be hired.

Driving range £2 (2 x £1 coins), bug kits £2.50

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



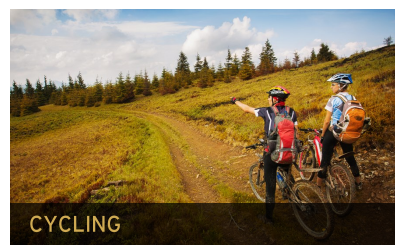
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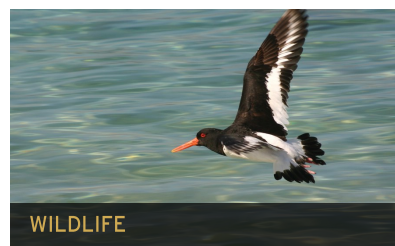
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## **Dornoch Pipe Band**

Saturday Nights until 9th September: 8pm

Dornoch Square, Dornoch

The sound of bagpipes fill the streets of Dornoch as the Dornoch Pipe Band showcases their traditional Scottish music to locals and visitors alike. You can witness the captivating sound of bagpipes and drums as the band performs throughout the summer months. Don't miss the last performance of the year (9th September) when the lone piper plays on the floodlit battlements of the Castle Hotel.

Entry: Free

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

## **Dornoch Cathedral Welcome Sales Table**

Monday–Friday 10am - 3pm

Dornoch Cathedral, Dornoch

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

## **Whist Group**

Fortnightly on Tuesdays: 7:30pm

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Golf Road, Dornoch

Join us fortnightly to play the great game of Whist – the simple trick taking game.

For more information: 01862 810219

## **East & Central Sutherland Citizens Advice Bureau**

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm

The Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Phone for an appointment: 01408 600 000

## **The Tuesday Club**

Tuesdays: 10am–12pm

Community Room Hall, Dornoch Hub

Join us at the Hub for weekly catch ups. Some weeks it will just be a blether over a cuppa of what we've been up to, what's happening in the town or what's in the news. Other weeks we may have a theme, a quiz, a group visit or a speaker. The main thing we offer at our Tuesday Club is a bit of social contact and a chance to make new friends - something all of us who have been coming along over the last few months have thoroughly enjoyed.

Entry: Free

For more information: [manager@dornochhub.co.uk](mailto:manager@dornochhub.co.uk)

## **Youth Craft Workshop 11-15years**

Tuesdays: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dornoch Hub, Argyle Street

Weekly youth craft workshops for 11 – 15-year-olds. Lots of crafting and a tonne of laughs!

Entry: Free

For more information: [youthcrafts@dornochhub.co.uk](mailto:youthcrafts@dornochhub.co.uk)

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## **IT sessions, (Hosted by Red Chair Highlands)**

Every Monday: 1pm - 3pm

Dornoch Hub

Join us in the reception area of the Hub from 1-3pm to learn how to make the most of your tablets, phones etc.

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## **Make A Saw Horse**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 10am - 4pm

Lairg & District Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Join our woodworking tutor, Graham Rennie, as he teaches you how to make a saw horse. This will be using recycled and reclaimed wood. You will use a variety of tools including a drill, sander, and jigsaw. This class is for those with all levels of woodworking skills, from beginner to intermediate. All materials and equipment will be supplied.

Tickets: £40 (reduced rate tickets available)

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808)

## **Clothes Swish**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 11am - 2pm

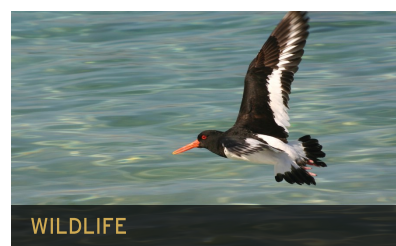
Rogart Mart, Pittentrail, Rogart, IV28 3XA

Join us for our Clothes Swish! For a £5 entry you receive 10 free tokens each redeemable against an item of clothing! Additional tokens are 50p each. Refreshments & Raffle available.

Entry: £5

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

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## **Foraging Workshop - Balblair Woods**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 10am - 12:30pm & 2pm - 4:30pm

Balblair Wood, Parking Area, Golspie, KW10 6TD

Join our tutor, Emma Armstrong, for a foraging walk through Balblair Woods where we will be picking blaberries and wild raspberries, identifying fungi and bird song and taking time to immerse ourselves in the sights, smells and sounds of the woods. During the walk we will discuss how to use and preserve foraged berries.

This class is for all ages! There is a nice gravel path but there will be a fair amount of walking with some steep sections. Emma will bring strong paper bags for collecting berries but participants should bring midge repellent and basket or tub plus any ID books they may have if they would like.

Tickets: £10 (reduced rate tickets available)

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808)

## **Tarbat Ness Gorse Clearance**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 10am - 12pm

Tarbetness Carpark, Tain IV20 1RD

Join the High Life Highland Countryside Rangers for a couple hours of conservation work at Tarbat Ness SSSI. We will be clearing by hand some of the gorse from the important Maritime Heath habitat at the headland. All equipment and hot drinks will be provided, although you may wish to bring your own gloves. No booking is required just join us at 10am at the car park at Tarbat Ness.

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

## **Sutherland Caledonian Pipeband Street Parade**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 7pm

Main Street, Golspie

Join the Sutherland Caledonian Pipeband at their Street Parade in Golspie with an evening full of traditional pipeband music! The band will begin their march outside the Stag's Head Hotel on Golspie Main St at 7pm.

Entry: Free

For more information: <https://www.venture-north.co.uk/events>

## **Fungi Foray - Balblair Woods**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 10am - 12pm

Balblair Wood, Parking Area, Golspie, KW10 6TD

This will not be a foraging session to collect mushrooms to eat but a workshop on how to identify mushrooms to tell which are safe and which may not be.

Tickets: By Donation - We suggest a minimum donation of £5 per person to cover our costs or £10 per person to further support our work.

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665)

## **Something Corny - Straw Workshop**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: 10am - 3pm

Lochview Rural Training Centre, 19 Achfrish Shinness, Lairg, IV27 4DN

This is a perfect workshop to start off your straw working journey with. We will look at the different materials used and the preparation of them, and the tools needed for the craft. Most of the class time will be hands on and we are aiming to make 3 pieces during the day using different traditional straw working techniques. This is a perfect way to celebrate harvest and to make some lovely natural items to hang in your home or for gifts.

Tickets: £55 (reduced rate tickets available)

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lochview-rural-training-56587739653](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lochview-rural-training-56587739653)



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### **Make Your Own Peg Looms**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September: 10:30am - 3:30pm**

Lairg & District Learning Centre, Main Street, Lairg, IV27 4DD

Come along and make your own Peg Loom with our fantastic woodwork tutor Graham, then in the afternoon, Jo will show you how to set it up and use it and to use up recycled materials. Please take along your own lunch, but hot and cold drinks will be available all day. We were at Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival this year where over 400 people from all over the Highlands, the rest of Scotland, England and Ireland stopped by our Pop-Up learning centre in The Walled Garden to take part in eco-friendly activities helping to reduce textile waste. Several large boxes of textile waste were turned into peg loom weaving creations (seat pads, table mats, pet beds, doll & teddy mattresses and cleaning cloths)

Tickets: £20

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/lairg-district-learning-centre-30464311808)

### **St Duthac Book and Arts Festival**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Tain

The St Duthac Book & Arts Festival is thrilled to be back for another year, and to bring an exciting range of literature, art, music, and workshops to our beautiful corner of the Highlands. Experience a Book and Arts Lovers take on what a cultural festival can be with a focus on local talent in the book world, the arts and heritage. The St Duthac Book and Arts Festival is based on the Easter Ross Peninsula in the Highlands, and delivers a wide range of free and affordable events to capture the imagination of everyone, regardless of age or stage in life.

Tickets: Varies by event

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

### **Childrens Outdoor Basecamp: Aldie Burn**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September: 10am - 4pm**

Big Burn, Backies Road, Golspie

The return of Basecamps at the Big Burn. Bushcraft, woodland crafts, nature activities, free play and exploring for the over 8's to coincide with the school in-service days.

Tickets: £32

For more information: 01549 402698



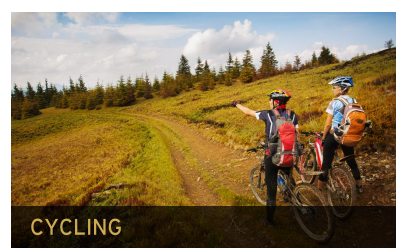
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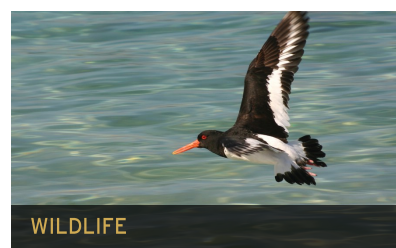
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### **Pond Dipping - Gearchoille Woods**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September: 1pm - 2:30pm

Gearchoille Wood, Ardgay, IV24 3DJ

Join the Ranger to have a look out for frogs, toads, newts, dragonflies and lots of other creepy crawlies hiding beneath the water! Wellies are essential. This is a family event suitable for ages 6yrs and up, all children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Tickets: By donation (We suggest a minimum donation of £2.50 per child to cover our costs or £5 per child to further support our work.)

For more information: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/high-life-highland-countryside-rangers-33097164665)

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Tickets: £32

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### **Dornoch Community Market**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30am - 1pm

Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Come and browse up to 30 stalls with homegrown produce, plants, arts & crafts, baking, charcuterie, butcher meat, artisan bread, cheese, jewellery, gifts & clothing. Bacon rolls, tea & coffee.

For more information or to book a stand telephone 01408 641469 or email [whalinghq@gmail.com](mailto:whalinghq@gmail.com)

### **Fungi Foray - Gearchoille, Ardgay**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: 1pm - 3pm

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### **A Gathering of Artists In Portmahomack for a Highland Pro Loco Event**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

The Carnegie Hall and Tarbat Church of Scotland, Portmahomack

All artists, from the professional to the amateur, are being invited to take part in a Highland Pro Loco Art Event in Portmahomack. Pro Loco means of the place. A Pro Loco Event is one that invites artists away from their usually solitary studios to a particular location where alongside other artists they create a piece of work inspired by that particular environment, be it the people, history, labour, landscape, or seascape. The idea is to create an atmosphere of inspiration, encouragement, camaraderie, and education.

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### Monthly Quiz Night

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September: 7:30pm (7pm Doors)

A fun evening for all with Cash prizes & Spot prizes. You don't need to be Brain of Britain for this (although it could help), just be up for a good night out! Max team size - 4. We will make up teams if you are fewer or alone. Refreshments included (BYOB).

Entry: £5—Profits go to support local good causes

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

### Tain Community Market Day

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September: 10am - 2pm

Rose Gardens, Tain, IV19 1AA

An open-air Community Market Day in the Rose Garden in Tain. One of Scotland's oldest market towns. Stallholders will be selling local food products, arts & crafts. Join in the fun!

Entry: Free

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

### Hidden Hearing Sessions

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 9am - 5pm

Dornoch Hub

Held every other week from the 18<sup>th</sup> September in the community room.

For more information: [manager@dornochhub.co.uk](mailto:manager@dornochhub.co.uk)

### Histories, Communities and Feelings in the Centenary of the First World War

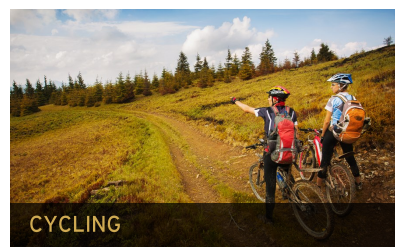
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 5pm

UHI, Burghfield House, Cnoc-an-Lobht, Dornoch, IV25 3HN

This is an RHS Sponsored Lecture held as part of the Society's visit to historians at the University of the Highlands and Islands with Professor Lucy Noakes (University of Essex). "'In memory of my Great Grandfather and his infant son": Histories, communities and feelings in the centenary of the First World War'. Taking this 'people's procession' as its starting point, this talk reflects on the continued emotional appeal of the First World War in British heritage and memory. Focusing on some of the many public history events and projects that were produced as a response to the war's centenary, it will consider the ways in which the conflict and its multiple legacies were remembered in families, in communities and in other social groupings and heritage sites. It will explore the centrality of an emotional connection to the past, and the ways that commemorative activities were often shaped by this connection. Finally, it will think about the ways that an emotional attachment to the past can shape the present and the future.

Tickets: Free

For more information: [www.eventbrite.com/o/the-royal-historical-society-17898307230](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/the-royal-historical-society-17898307230)



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## **Home-Start @ the Hub**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September: 10am - 2pm

Dornoch Hub

Come and find out what Home-Start can do for parents with young children or if you would like to be a volunteer.

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

## **Market at the Mart**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: 11am - 2pm

Rogart Mart, Pittentrail, Rogart, IV28 3XA

Here she comes!! Our quarterly Market in the Mart on the 23rd September and we're really excited about this one. We are already completely fully booked for stalls and will be full to bursting with local food, veg, jewellery, crafts, charcuterie, baking, bread, jams, art, tie dye, curios, plants, clothing, toys, knits AND SOME SURPRISES!! AND!!!! We will have live music!! We are also OVER THE MOON to announce the absolutely AMAZING The Angry Seagull Fish + Chips are coming!! Rogart Primary School PTA will be running a car wash in the car park during the market to raise money for our beautiful wee Primary school during market hours!! AND! We are having a special guest, Kevin Worrall of Re:circulate Sutherland giving a demonstration of his pilot project work on Croft plastic recycling!!

Entry: Free

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

## **Sutherland Walkers: Strathpeffer to Rogie Falls Return OS 26 473 576**

Sunday 24th September

Loch Kinellan Car Park, Strathpeffer (GPS Lat/Long 57.583 - 4.556)

10 miles, forest paths and tracks, semi-circular. Optional self-guided shorter walk, eg Contin to Rogie Falls and back, or a variation.

A car share is available at Home Bargains, Tain: 9am (£5 contribution for car share).

Cost: Annual Membership: £10 for adults (free for under 16's). No charge is made for the initial two walks.

For more information: Jon Jenkins: 01862 810382

## **Dornoch Community Market**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30am - 1pm

Cathedral Green, Dornoch

Make sure to come and browse up to 30 stalls as this is the last Dornoch Community Market of the season. We will have homegrown produce, plants, arts & crafts, baking, charcuterie, butcher meat, artisan bread, cheese, jewellery, gifts & clothing. Bacon rolls, tea & coffee.

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### **Dornoch Cinema Club**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: 7pm**

Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club), School Hill

The cinema club meets monthly at the Dornoch Community Centre. The rules of membership and licensing mean the film cannot be promoted but a poster is displayed on the Community Centre notice board. With raffle.

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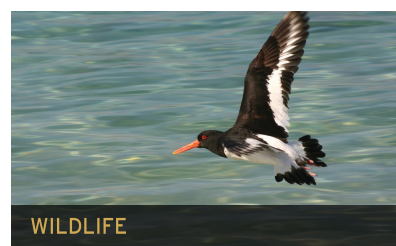
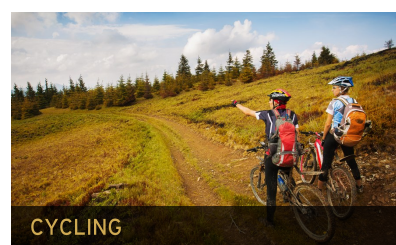
### **Carboot & Craft Sale**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30am - 12:30pm**

Dornoch Community Centre (Social Club), School Hill, Dornoch  
Throughout the summer months, we run our Tabletop & Craft Sale here at the Dornoch Community Centre. This is a great chance to get your hands on some great value items as well as some wonderful homemade goodies from arts and crafts, soaps, baking and some stunning photography. It's a great way to support local, reduce your carbon footprint and have a catch-up with your friends over a nice cuppa! We also have hot drinks, baked goods and bacon rolls to purchase.

Entry: Free

For more information: <https://www.dadca.org.uk/carbootsales.asp>



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