

Do more in...

February

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 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 throughout Sutherland.

For more information and to pre-book: 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

Scottish Snowdrop Festival: Dunrobin Castle

Until 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* 'Melvillei' 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



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**February 1–7
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Embo Community coffee morning

Saturday 1st February: 10am - 1pm

The Old School School Street, IV25 3PZ Embo

Come along to our coffee morning and enjoy a cuppa and a cake. All funds raised go to the Embo trust. All welcome.

For more information: www.facebook.com/events/225883815086667

Digging For Dinosaurs Saturday

Saturday 1st February: 10:30am - 12pm

Highland Museum Of Childhood, The Old Station, Strathpeffer

Due to overwhelming demand, our Digging for Dinosaurs children's workshop will return this February! Come along and take part in arts and crafts activities, quizzes and sand-play - all themed on dinosaurs and fossils. At the end of the workshop you'll receive your very own personalised certificate!

Suitable for ages 3+. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Cost: £3.50 per child. Pre booking is essential

For more information & to book: curator@highlandmuseumofchildhood.org.uk

Burns Night

Saturday 1st February: 6pm - 11pm

Ardrross Community Hall, Ardrross, IV17 0XW

Music by Dagger & Amy, Supper by Auntie Fi and Special performances by Ardrross Primary Children (Starting @ 6.30pm sharp).

Tickets £10. Children age 12 & under free

For more information: ardrossparentcouncil@btinternet.com

Sutherland Longhouse Project: Wool Work

Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 11th February: 2pm - 4pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Work on wool with Sally Wild & Anne Coombs. Workshop 1: Gardening & Spinning. Workshop 2: Dyeing & Weaving/knitting.

For more information: www.historylinks.org.uk

Cookery Demo and Taster

Tuesday 4th February: 6pm - 9pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Impress your loved one by making a surprise home cooked romantic meal for Valentines! At this fun session, our chef tutor James, from The Pier Cafe in Lairg will demonstrate how to make a three course valentines meal that can easily be cooked at home. You may even get a taste too!

Tickets: £5 Pre booking essential

For more information: admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

Tom Walker 'Home Run' Acoustic Tour

Friday 7th February: 7pm - 10:30pm

Strathpeffer Pavilion, The Square, IV14 9DL Strathpeffer

Tom Walker, the Scottish born, Manchester-bred singer-songwriter broke through with his international hit single "Leave A Light On" which became one of the biggest songs of 2018 as well as featuring on the global Sony Bravia TV campaign.

Tickets & for more information: <https://tomwalker.tnstor.es>

Visit Dornoch Do-More Experiences.

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**February 8–15
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Dornoch Cinema Monthly Film Showing: Downtown Abbey (12)

Saturday 8th February: Doors: 7 pm. 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

Poems and Stories of the Cattachs and Gollachs

Saturday 8th February: 8pm - 10pm

Ardrross Community Hall, Ardrross, IV17 0XW

"Poems and Stories of the Cattachs and Gollachs" - "Gallaibh agus Cataibh" - Andy Thorburn, Gordon Gunn and George Gunn. An evening of poetry and music inspired by the Grey Coast of Caithness and Sutherland. This is a celebration of 30 years of collaboration between three of the Highlands most productive and highly respected artists whose work is fashioned by the legends of the far north of Scotland. Come with them and smell the salt air and the waft of the hills, listen to the sound of the sea and the stories of the people. You will hear nothing else quite like it.

Tickets: Adult: £10 Concessions: £8 Student: £4

For more information: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ardrosscommunityhall/cattachs-and-gollachs-of-the-grey-coast-with-andy-thorburn-gordon-gunn-and-george-gunn/e-mxykzb

Lumberjacks in Wartime Scotland

Thursday 13th February: 7:30pm

Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Dornoch

Talk by Alasdair Cameron. Organised by Dornoch Heritage Society.

For more information: www.historylinks.org.uk/dh-society

Whisky & Gin Tasting

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February

Are you a whisky or gin lover? If so, celebrate Valentines Day with a tasting at the Carnegie Whisky Cellars. Vouchers are also available for the perfect gift for the whisky/gin lover in your life.

For more information:

Jason Porter as Michael Buble

Saturday 15th February: 7pm - 12:30pm

Royal Marine Hotel, Golf Rd, Brora, KW9 6QS

Awarded "Europe's Number One Michael Bubl  Tribute", Jason closely resembles Michael Bubl  in looks, performance and movement, but most importantly he sings and sounds just like Michael Bubl . His theatre show is based on a Bubl  concert, featuring a live band and performing over two hours of his hits and swing classics. Jason's concert and cabaret shows focus more on the big hits interspersed with the most popular Bubl  swing classics. Both concert and cabaret shows can be either self contained using top quality backing tracks, or with a live band.

Tickets: £29 pp

For more information: www.facebook.com/events/2318391691603703/

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**February 15–19
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Creative Writing Class

Saturday 15th February: 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Express it in words: Children's creative writing with award-winning author Janis Mackay

For more information

3 Course Valentine's Dinner

Saturday 15 February: 7:30pm

Royal Golf Hotel, Dornoch

Includes glass of house Prosecco on arrival.

Tickets: £35 pp - Booking Essential (01862 810283)

For more information: visitdornoch.com/whats-on-in-dornoch/event/dornoch-in-winter

Valentine's Dinner Menu

Saturday 15 February

Eagle Hotel, Dornoch

Join us at the Eagle Hotel for a special Valentine's Day menu

For more information: 01862 810 008

Live Music at the Eagle

Saturday 15th February: 9:30pm

Eagle Hotel, Dornoch

Join us at the Eagle for a night of live music.

For more information: 01862 810 008

Story Telling & Music

Sunday 16th February: 3pm - 5pm

Dornoch Castle Hotel, Dornoch

Gather round a blazing fire at Dornoch Castle Hotel for story telling & music with award winning author Janis Mackay & fiddle players Tricia & Heather. All welcome.

For more information: www.historylinks.org.uk

Saltfishforty

Sunday 16 February: 1pm - 3pm

The Old School School Street, IV25 3PZ, Embo

Back by popular demand, we welcome Orcadian duo Saltfishforty! Sutherland Sessions favourites, Saltfishforty return for a laid back Sunday afternoon concert. Their music blends Scottish folk styles with influences with jazz, blues and swing, to create a fresh and distinctive sound.

Tickets: Vary from free - £12.45

For more information: www.facebook.com/events/1282492508613041

Nature's Basecamp

Wednesday 19th February: 10am–4pm

Aldie Burn, Near Tain, IV19 1PL

Outdoor 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.

Cost: £30 per child. Booking limited & essential.

For more information contact Ian on 01549 402 698.

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**February 21–28
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Inspirational Quote - Hanging Pallet Sign

Friday 21st February: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Dornoch Social Club, Dornoch

Our tutor Jo will help you to print your favourite quote onto a hanging pallet wood sign to take home.

Cost £10. Pre booking essential.

For more information: 015 49 402050 or

admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

Reusable Tote Bag

Friday 21 February: 10am - 2pm

Kyle of Sutherland Hub, Bonar Bridge

Why spend money on carrier bags, when you can make a reusable one that can be used time and time again. Our tutor Ann will show you how to make one (or more if you are quick). Bring along your sewing machine, thread and sewing kit.

Cost £10. Pre booking essential.

For more information: 015 49 402050 or

admin@lairglearningcentre.org.uk

Sutherland Walkers Group - Beinn Mhealaich : 592m/1942ft. from Sletdale Bridge, Glen Loth.

Sunday 23rd February: 10am (Meet for car share at: Bonar Bridge PO, 8:40am, Golspie 9.15am or Brora Co-op 9.30am)

Start at OS 17 939 126 on the right, north-east side of the road, just before the bridge in Glen Loth at 10am. 13km / 8 miles approx., a mixture of deer tracks, rough hill and road, about 500m / 1640ft. climb. Visit Clach Mhic Mhios on return. There is an optional self-guided shorter walk up Sletdale along the river side.

For more information: Stan Holroyd on 01408 621 370/07890 352 804

The Coaltown Daises: Road Trip

Friday 28th February: 8pm - 11pm

Carnegie Hall Cafe, Well St, Portmahomack, IV20 1YD

The Coaltown Daises are a duo of singer-songwriters who write and perform dynamic folk, soul and americana music and who have tremendous experience as performers, recording artists and event managers. They are renowned for their highly engaging live performances and steady professionalism which has resulted in them performing at sought-after venues and festivals all over the country.

For more information: [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/events/393832147924815)

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