

## Ballone Castle Portmahomack, Tain IV20 1RD



**PORTMAHOMACK 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



This 16th century Z plan fortalice is perched on the cliff edge. The hall on the first floor is a fine apartment with its large ceiling joists and moulded stone corbels. Architect Lachie Stewart and his wife Annie have lovingly restored it as their family home from its ruinous state.

Guided tours throughout day - maximum 20 per tour.

## Cromarty Courthouse Museum Church Street, Cromarty IV11 8XA



**CROMARTY 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES : 12.00 - 16.00**



Built at the expense of George Ross of Pitkerrie and Cromarty in 1782, the former courthouse is now a museum in which the first floor courtroom contains furnishings of 1844. There are cells on the ground floor with further cells and an exercise yard to the rear built by Thomas Brown Junior in 1844.

Parking on street or Links car park. Limited disabled access – staff happy to assist.

## Cromarty House Cromarty IV11 8XS



**CROMARTY 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES  
GUIDED TOURS AT 11.00, 12.00, 14.00  
AND 15.00**



An imposing Georgian mansion, built for George Ross of Pitkerrie soon after he acquired the Cromarty Estate in 1772, and restored by the Nightingale family since the 1960's. The architect is unknown although Ross had close links with the Adam Brothers who visited Cromarty and produced unexecuted designs for a new parish church in the town. The fine u-shaped Stables, restored by the Cromarty Arts Trust, will also be open.

## Cromarty – The Stables

Cromarty House IV11 8XS



**CROMARTY 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 11.00 - 16.00**



Lying to the South East of Cromarty House are Cromarty House Stables of 1772. After lying derelict for many years, they were restored and are now used as artwork studios. Magnificent plaster vaulted ceiling especially noteworthy.

## Why not make a day of it, and visit several sites in one area. Here are some suggested itineraries;

- 1. Portmahomack** – take a day out on the peninsula, visit Ballone Castle and Tarbat Discovery Centre, and discover some fabulous landscapes and seascapes.
- 2. Cromarty** – several buildings will be open including Cromarty House and Stables, Cromarty Courthouse Museum and Hugh Miller Birthplace Cottage & Museum. Cromarty will also be having its monthly Community Market on 10 September at the Victoria Hall, with catering by the local primary school. There is a wedding taking place at the East Church Cromarty, but you can explore the graveyard.

## Daviot Church

Daviot, Inverness IV2 5XQ



**INVERNESS 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 – 16.00**



A landmark on the A9, 5 miles south of Inverness, with its distinctive cockerel weather vane, Daviot Church was built in 1826 and restored in 1991. However, there has been a place of worship on the site since early times, long before the Church of Daviot was granted its charter in the 13th Century. The surrounding graveyard tells of the changing history of this interesting parish.

Guided tours and refreshments available.

## Edderton Old Parish Church

Edderton, Tain, Ross-shire IV19 1JU



**EDDERTON 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES : 10.00 - 16.00**



Edderton Old Parish Church in Easter Ross, built in its present external form in 1743, is unique in being little changed both internally and externally since 1821. Recently re-appraised by Historic Scotland as "A-listed" of national or international importance. Within the graveyard stands the Edderton Cross Slab dating from 9th century. Also on display is the Edderton Ark – a portable prefabricated pulpit used in the remoter areas of the Highland in the 19th century.

Guided tours – information booklets available.

## Futureplans Architects – The Redhouse Studios

Tower Street, Tain Ross-shire IV19 1DY



**TAIN 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



This delightful Arts and Crafts period building was built in the late 19th century as offices for the renowned architectural practice of Andrew Maitland and Sons.

The decorative oak frame structure is complemented by etched, stained and painted glass windows. The interior spaces are light and lofty with camceiling and original joinery features.

The entire property was completely renovated and restored at the turn of this century and is owned, occupied and cherished by Futureplans, Architects and Planners.

## Glachbeg Croft Centre

Allanglach Wood, North Kessock IV1 3XD



**NORTH KESSOCK 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 – 16.00**



A small farm aiming to provide a variety of education and training opportunities with farming, countryside and the environment as contexts for learning. A simple building of Douglas fir, built using the principles of sustainable construction. Post and beam framed, turf roof.

Guided tour of croft and environmental games/demonstrations. Unassisted wheelchair access is available to the croft and surroundings. Refreshments available.

## Hugh Miller Birthplace Cottage & Museum

Church Street, Cromarty IV11 8XA



**CROMARTY 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 12.00 – 17.00**



Hugh Miller was born in 1802 in the thatched cottage built by his great-great-grandfather John Feddes c1700. His story is told in Miller House where he lived with his wife Lydia. This elegant Georgian house was built by his father about 1800. Beautiful small gardens lie behind both properties. The buildings are in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

Note: Wheelchair access limited to ground floor of cottage.  
Parking nearby.

Photograph by Andrew Dowsett

## Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Centre

Ardgay, Sutherland IV24



**ARDGAY 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



The former Kincardine Parish Church is now the HQ of the Kyle of Sutherland Heritage Society. It contains the unique Pictish grave marker stone, an exhibition relating to local history, as well as temporary exhibitions of local photographs and history.

## MacDonald Monument

Dingwall, Ross-shire



**DINGWALL 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES : 10.00 - 16.00**



The MacDonald Memorial by architect, James Sandford Kay, Glasgow, and dated 1907 is a tall Scottish Baronial tower erected to the memory of Sir Hector MacDonald, the son of a Black Isle crofter and a much respected man who had a brilliant and distinguished military career. This imposing monument, built by public subscription and situated on Mitchell Hill, offers the visitor magnificent panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Mitchell Hill was named after John Mitchell, who was appointed Provost of Dingwall in 1870.

Parking available at Mitchell Hill Burial Ground. Short walk to Tower. Groups of 12 at half hourly intervals from 10.00. Last group at 15.30. Children must be accompanied.

## RNLI Kessock Station

Craigton Point, North Kessock, Inverness IV1 3YQ



**NORTH KESSOCK: 10th September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



The Kessock Station, which was designed by local architect Campbell Ross, was officially opened in June 2002, when a naming ceremony was held for the new inshore B class Atlantic 75 lifeboat, Moray Dolphin. As well as the boat, the Station houses facilities for repair and maintenance, and a general purpose crew room which has a panoramic view from its balcony to the Firth and the Kessock Bridge.

*Station Open Day - attractions and life boat demonstrations.*

*Please note that disabled facilities are available to the ground floor only— where the lifeboat is housed. Tours of the boat will be dependent on operational requirements. If there is a 'shout', the boat will be launched.*

## St. Clement's Parish Church

Church Street, Dingwall IV15 9SB



**DINGWALL 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



St Clement's Old Parish Church of Dingwall. Built 1800-03. A listed. Architect and contractor, George Burn of Haddington. Sits in historic kirkyard in which is ruinous St Clement's Aisle, built in 1529 on north wall of medieval kirk demolished in 1800. Interior re-modelled 1875 by W C Joass. Jacobean style pulpit with sounding board and interesting stained glass windows.

Leaflet /Booklet available.

## Strathpeffer Upper Pump Room

Strathpeffer IV14 9DL



**STRATHPEFFER 10 September 2011**

**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



The Upper Pump Room was begun in 1860, and was later extended in 1890 and again in 1901 when the interior was covered in green and white tiles and a fireplace installed. After lying derelict for several years, it was acquired by the Council and restored – funded by the Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and The Highland Council. It now functions as a visitor centre, where water from the sulphur wells can still be sampled. Includes information video (11 minutes).

Refreshments available at Red Poppy in the Pavilion, at Maya Chocolate shop or at Old Station Coffee Shop.

Parking and toilets in the Square.



## Why not make a day of it, and visit several sites in one area. Here are some suggested itineraries;

- 1. Dingwall** – open buildings in Dingwall include the MacDonald Monument and St. Clement's Parish Church. Dingwall Conservation Week launches on 10th September with exhibitions at Dingwall Town Hall. There will be a programme of events running from the launch to the 17th September – see local press for details.
- 2. Museums, churches and visitor centres of Caithness** – take a day out in the far north on 17th September, and discover a wide range of fascinating buildings and stories.

### Tarbat Discovery Centre

Tarbatness Road, Portmahomack, Tain IV20 1YA



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**OPENING TIMES 10.00 - 16.00**



Tarbat Discovery Centre sits on the site of one of the most exciting recent finds in Scotland, a Pictish monastic settlement dating from the 7th century. Nothing like it has been found elsewhere and archaeology has revealed an array of workshops devoted to the manufacture of precious metal objects, glasswork and the process of producing vellum from calfskins and then into the finest illuminated manuscripts.

Many of the tools used in the manufacture of these rare objects can be seen on display in the Museum along with interpretations that show the Picts, far from being simply a warlike people, were indeed among the finest craftsmen in the known world.