



JOHN O' GROATS DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Information Meeting 8th March 2018 @ 7pm

We have an amazing opportunity to come together as a community and create a place that provides great local services while catering to visitors as well.

We want to be a destination to be remembered and returned to by visitors and locals alike. We have come some considerable way from our Carbuncle award in 2010 but we can do so much more.

We have many new plans and ideas for the area but need you to support us and help make this happen. You can help in many ways and don't have to be hugely involved to contribute something great.

Come to our information meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th March in Seaview Hotel to find out what our plans are, how you can get involved, how you can become a voting member and how we plan to work towards what our community wants and needs.

Helen Houston from Kyle of Sutherland Trust has kindly agreed to come along and do a short presentation on the projects they have delivered over the last 5 years. To date £5.5 Million has been brought into their community by their trust.

If you would like to become a voting member please send your nomination along with a short biography to info@jogdt.org

John O' Groats Development Trust

Come along and find out how you can get involved to see what can be achieved in our community

Without you and your ideas our community cannot thrive

Hear from Kyle of Sutherland Trust about the £5.5 Million they have obtained.

John O' Groats Development Trust

NEEDS YOU!

John O' Groats Development Trust

01955 611 220

info@jogdt.org

We are a Development Trust striving to make our community great, by pulling together and supporting each other.

John O'Groats Development Trust

The aims of the Trust shall be to promote the John O'Groats area in terms of improving amenities and opportunities for the benefit of businesses, inhabitants and visitors.

The committee consists of a chair, secretary, treasurer, and 7 other denominated voting members. John O'Groats Development Trust also have 5 additional voting members who have 1 year terms to fulfil specialist expertise needs.

Having participating members from the community ensures the trust understands the views and needs required to create a sustainable, forward thinking, nurturing community that values everyone and their unique needs.

The trust is successful because the community contributes and are involved in making projects come to fruition.









Love Local.
Love Groats



LOVE LOCAL, LOVE GROATS PRESENTS HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Come and Join us in Groats Sunday 29th Oct
from 2 - 6pm

Treats for those in Halloween costume

Wickcraft's Robbie
will be creating
magic at the forge

Various Halloween deals in the shops
and check out Puffin Croft's page for
details of their Halloween offers

Join in our Letter
Hunt, pick up
details in Groats
Gifts

The Seaview Hotel
will have a
Halloween themed
8 menu



The Brewery will
be selling a spooky
Halloween Beer

Groats Gifts will have
a 13% discount of
Childrens items

8 Doors will have a
Halloween themed
cocktail



Flavours will serving
Ice Screams and
Pumpkin Spice Lattes

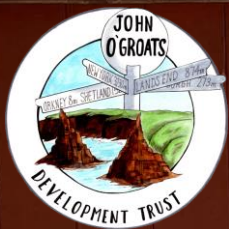


Cafe Groats will
have toffee apples
and other pumpkin
foodie delights

10% discount in
First & last and
Groatie Buckie Gift
Shop

Spooky Stories round
the forge, with our fab
story tellers, Ian and
Walter







8 DOORS DISTILLERY

OPEN
←



Coffee House & Deli



Stacks Garden
Seats



Groats Gifts





FLAVOURS

Ice Cream and Confectionery

Menu board on the stone wall:

- Served in 12 oz cup £2.50
- Black Americano
- Cappuccino
- Cafe Latte
- Mocha
- Served in 20 oz cup £3.38
- Flat White
- Latte Macchiato
- Espresso £2.00
- Double Espresso £3.00
- Misto £3.00
- Tea £2.00
- English Breakfast, EA Grey Dessert £2.00

Lavazza Coffee
Freshly Ground from Bean to Cup

Window display with menu boards:

- Whispy** menu board
- Seasonal Flavours** menu board
- Various notices and signs on the door and windows

Signage on the right wall:

- Whiteboard
- ICE CREAM sign with an arrow pointing right
- Queue for Ice Cream sign







JOHN O' GROATS BOOKSHOP

John O' Groats Tourist Information

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OPEN

CRUMMET
Ice Cream
Sold here

CRUISE







ENTRANCE

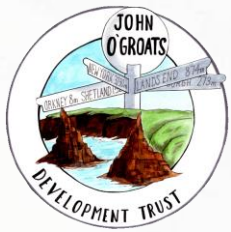


JOHN O'GROATS BREWERY
VISITOR EXPERIENCE
SHOP • TOUR • BREWERY



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VISITOR EXPERIENCE
• SHOP
• TOUR
• BREWERY









The Press and Journal
...because every day is different
JOHN O' GROATS
POST OFFICE
GENERAL STORE

Daily Record
JOHN O' GROATS
POST OFFICE
Daily Record



Special blend
for all
plants
the best available
& being sold fresh
throughout the island

THE POTTING SHED





TO THE IMMORTAL MEMORY OF OUR

1914

COMRADES WHO WERE HEROES

1919

GEORGE ROSS

RNR. DIED 11TH MARCH 1915 AGED 30.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

SEF-HRS DIED 11TH APRIL 1916 AGED 27.

DAVID BANKS

SEF-HRS DIED 13TH NOV 1916 AGED 21.

WILLIAM J. L. MANSON

SEF-HRS DIED 13TH DEC 1916 AGED 23.

JOHN G. MATHIESON

SEF-HRS DIED 17TH DEC 1916 AGED 24.

WALTER STEVEN

RNR. DIED 27TH JAN 1917 AGED 19.

JOSEPH MATHIESON

SEF-HRS DIED 11TH MARCH 1917 AGED 32.

ALEXANDER G. MANSON

RNR. DIED 17TH JULY 1918 AGED 26.

JOHN MACKAY

SEF-HRS DIED 13TH OCT 1918 AGED 37.

WILLIAM BAIN

RNR. DIED 27TH DEC 1918 AGED 20.





JOHN O'GROATS Story Walks



Thursdays 3pm
Meet at the signpost

Either
West to the Old Meal Mill

or
East to the Ness of Duncansby

Various Story Tellers
Suitable footwear advisable and
suitable clothing for outdoor walking

Contact
John O'Groats
Tourist Office
for details on
01955 611373

Donations if desired for John O'Groats Development Trust





Welcome to John O'Groats

Please remember to pay your £3 parking towards the John O'Groats Development Fund

£3.50 Per vehicle, per day. You can stay all day.

No overnight camping or Motorhome parking.

1. Coaches are free
2. All funds are used to enhance the John O'Groats destination. This is a non-profit project
3. Operated by JOG 2 Limited
4. Management accept no liability for any damage, accidents or losses incurred
5. Users of this car park, do so at their own risk
6. "£3 per day" relates to one calendar day. Subsequent days require a further £3"





John O'Groats

JustGiving™

Book festival set for finale

By Alan Hendry
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BESTSELLING romantic comedy author Jenny Colgan will be part of the line-up at the concluding weekend of the fourth John O'Groats Book Festival.

Other prominent writers taking part in a series of activities from October 28-30 include Barbara Henderson, Margaret Bennett and Jennifer Morag Henderson.

The festival has seen a change of format this year, with a programme that began in March. Events over the closing weekend will be held at a number of venues within Groats along with a session at Lyth.



Barbara Henderson is the author of six historical novels for children.

"I hope everyone has a great book festival weekend."

The weekend will begin in Lyth Arts Centre on Friday 28th with a film featuring two of Scotland's most respected storytellers, Tom Muir and Bob Pegg. Earlier this year they recorded a session in which they shared traditional stories while also discussing the art of storytelling.

Saturday morning (October 29) will see readings and activities at the Inn at John O'Groats based on

the recently published children's book *Finn and Friends*.

The Saturday afternoon brings together three diverse writers - Jenny Colgan, Jennifer Morag Henderson and Barbara Henderson - who will talk about their work before joining together in a discussion. The venue is the Together Travel corporate lodge.

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Jenny Colgan, a major force in romantic comedy, is one of three diverse writers who will be taking part in a book festival session on October 29.

Sunday Times bestselling novels and has won various awards for her writing, including the Melissa Nathan Award for Comedy Romance, the Romantic Novelists' Association (RNA) Romantic Novel of the Year and the RNA Romantic Comedy Novel of the Year.

Her books have sold more than five million copies worldwide and in 2015 she was inducted into the Love Stories Hall of Fame.

Jennifer Morag Henderson will take the audience back to the times of the Caithness ealds and their frequent disputes with the House of Sutherland.

Jennifer, from Inverness, writes about history and biography. Her latest book is *Daughters of the North: Jean Gordon and Mary, Queen of Scots*.

A historical biography of Jean Gordon, and a re-examination

of the 16th-century north of Scotland, it has been acclaimed by reviewers as "deeply researched and detailed", "involving and satisfying" and "captivating".

Barbara Henderson is an award-winning children's author, interactive storyteller and drama teacher, although in the past she has earned her living as a puppeteer, relief librarian and receptionist among other roles.

Barbara is the author of six historical novels for children as well as the children's eco-thriller *Wilderness Wars*. In addition to winning two Young Quills Awards from the Historical Association for *The Chessmen Thief* (2022) and *The Siege of Caedlaverock* (2021), she has topped several national and international short story competitions and was shortlisted for the Kelpies Prize 2013.



Jennifer Morag Henderson will talk about crime writer Josephine Tey.

Inverness-based Barbara is German by birth but, as she says, "Scottish by inclination". Her adult non-fiction book of the same name investigates a number of others who feel the same way.

The Saturday evening will feature Margaret Bennett "Waulking the Tweed" (Seaview Hotel). She will demonstrate the traditional process of rhythmically beating newly woven tweed while singing waulking songs.

A former lecturer at the University of Edinburgh School of Scottish Studies, Margaret is a folklorist, singer, storyteller and award-winning author.

She is professor of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (Glasgow), honorary teaching fellow at the University of St Andrews and honorary professor of antiquities and folklore at the Royal

Scottish Academy (Edinburgh). She has been recording and documenting oral histories for nearly 50 years.

The Sunday morning will see Jennifer Morag Henderson talking about Inverness-born crime writer Josephine Tey. This event in the 8 Doors Distillery will be chaired by Keith Muir.

Jennifer's biography *Josephine Tey: A Life* was listed as a Book of the Year by the Observer, the Independent and the Telegraph.

The festival will close on Sunday afternoon with an interactive workshop on oral history (Together Travel corporate lodge). Margaret Bennett, along with Wick Voices, will be using a range of oral recordings with a focus on the history of mills and milling.

The festival has had funding from Foundation Scotland, the



From left: Gail Anthea Brown, Charlotte Platt, Andrea Wotherspoon and Ian Leith launching *Finn and Friends*.

SSE Community Fund and the Caithness and North Sutherland Fund as well as support from Lyth Arts Centre, Together Travel, Seaview Hotel, John O'Groats Book Shop and 8 Doors Distillery.

A weekend ticket, allowing entry to all events, costs £20 and can be purchased in advance from Lyth Arts Centre. Buying a weekend ticket will also allow access to buy a first-edition whisky from 8 Doors Distillery.

Caithness author James Miller will be on hand to chair events.

In his latest book, based on the papers of the Dunbar family, James provides a detailed picture of the social and economic life in Caithness over the past 300 years.

Entry to individual events will be charged at £5 (at the door). More details are on the John O'Groats Book Festival Facebook page.



Margaret Bennett is a folklorist, singer, storyteller and author.



Finn & Friends

at John O'Groats

A Collection of
Verse & Stories



**Launch of the Inaugural
Bill Mowat
Short Story Competition**



14th March 2024
Seaview Hotel
7pm



**THE JOHN O'GROATS
BOOK FESTIVAL**



**JOHN
O'
GROATS**



VISITOR APP



**ANDROID
DEVICE**



**APPLE
DEVICE**





JOHN O'GROATS DEVELOPMENT
TRUST

PRESENTS

KING CHARLES

CORONATION

COMMEMORATION EVENT



JOHN O'GROATS

MONDAY
8TH MAY
7PM @

JOHN O'GROATS SIGNPOST

HIGHLAND DANCING - PIPES

ACCORDIAN -

TORCHLIT PROCESSION

FREE EVENT - ALL WELCOME



