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What's On – Master Storyteller Recounts Victorian Folktales at Hugh Miller's Birthplace

Event: Folktales by the Fireside
Date: 2, 16, 30 August; 5, 13, 20, 27 September; 11 October
Time: Various, from 1pm-4.30pm
Venue: Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum, Church Street,
Cromarty, The Black Isle, IV11 8XA
Price: Adults £3; Children £1.50

Journey back in time with master storyteller Duncan Cook, for an afternoon of Folktales by the Fireside at Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum.

Pull up a chair in the cottage's atmospheric kitchen and – in the flickering candlelight – find yourself captivated by tales of Victorian life on the Black Isle. In full period costume, Duncan will tell ghostly stories of encounters with spirits in Cromarty and the Black Isle – many of which come straight from the collection of Hugh Miller himself.

Each storytelling session in the National Trust for Scotland property lasts for 30-40 minutes, and is suitable for all ages.

Hugh Miller was perhaps one of the most interesting characters of the 19th century: a fossil hunter, folklorist, Christian, stonemason, geologist, newspaper editor and social justice campaigner. The thatched cottage where Hugh was born in 1802 was built by Hugh's pirate great grandfather, while the Georgian villa next door – now an interactive museum – was built by his father.

Booking in advance for Folktales by the Fireside is highly recommended – call 01381 600245 or email duncan@timemasters.co.uk to secure your place. For more information, visit <https://nts.cloudvenue.co.uk/scenesandlegendsfolktalesbythefireside>

For more information about summer events at Hugh Miller's Birthplace Cottage and Museum – and other National Trust for Scotland properties – visit www.nts.org.uk

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