

DORNOCH HERITAGE SOCIETY

August 2007



Basil Helliger's
postcards

Slideshow at
AGM
6 Sept.



AGM

Thursday 6 September at 7.30 pm at Royal Dornoch Golf Club

We expect five vacancies on the committee for next year and new members are most welcome.

If you are prepared to serve, do not be embarrassed to put your name forward to any Committee member or Historylinks trustee if you wish to make a small contribution of your time.

The present committee of the Society is:

Chair: Ken Bromage **Vice-chair:** John Barnes

Sec & Tr: Robin Ashby

Membership: Ullabritt Ashby

Members: Jean Birkett, George Munro, Rena Oman, Ian Ross-Harper

MEMBERSHIP

Paid-up members of the Society may attend lectures free of charge. Free admission to Historylinks is also included in membership. Non-members are required to pay for both activities. Please have your membership-card with you when attending lectures

NB Those members who have already signed a Standing Order for membership fees will receive their membership card for 2007/2008 with this newsletter. All other members will find a renewal reminder enclosed if they have not already paid by other means.

FUND-RAISING

As usual, our traditional activities have both drawn attention to the Society and raised satisfactory funds. We held our Spring Coffee Morning and had a stall at the Sutherland County Show.



Dornoch Light Railway DVD

October 13



HISTORYLINKS

Latest news can always be found on our website: www.historylinks.org.uk.

OPENING TIMES

The museum is currently open 10am to 4pm daily until September 29, then Mondays to Fridays until 31 October. Thereafter it will be open two days a week, usually Wednesdays and Thursdays, but it is best to check before visiting (01862 811275).

WORKING WITH CHILDREN



Photo: Clive Grewcock

Fishy tales

The last of a series of series of summer events for Allsorts After School Club saw storyteller Bob Pegg working with children to produce a musical performance using some of the many new costumes made for a whole range of activities. Over the summer these included art, dance and music workshops with Viking, crofting and fishing themes. The project was a collaboration between Allsorts and Historylinks Museum and was supported by Highland 2007. Special thanks go to Sheila Kennard for making such a wide range of fantastic costumes.

Potty about the Past at Dornoch

The first of two summer workshops took place on Tuesday 17 July entitled *Mock Archaeology Dig*.

A large sand pit measuring 2m by 1m was constructed on the green outside the museum. The rectangular pit was made to resemble a trench on a real excavation site. The 32 youngsters dug up artefacts and then identified them.

Jacquie Aitken, Education and Outreach Officer explains one of the artefacts "found".



Dornoch Detectives Investigate the Past

The second summer workshop took place on Tuesday 7 August and involved using different methods to investigate the past. The children studied maps from different periods, changes in fashion through the centuries and learnt the technique of weaving by making their own mats out of paper strips.

ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Historylinks has a small group consisting of people interested in recording the rich seam of memories 'out there' that needs to be collected and preserved for future generations.

After a satisfactory start last year, the group's activity has diminished. However a new start is to be made this autumn, partly during the walk on October 7 when it is hoped that the participants' spontaneous commentary of the places visited will be recorded. So if you are interested in having your recollections recorded for the archive or in making recordings, do please call 01862 811275 for more information.

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EVENTS 2007-8

September 6	Thu 7.30 pm	AGM - slide show of postcards of Dornoch 1900 - 1970	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
September 23	Sun 1.30 pm	There will be a preliminary survey in association with the Dornoch Firth Archaeology Group of a shell midden and the anti-invasion feature on the northern shore of the Dornoch Firth	Dornoch Airstrip car park
October		Highland Archaeology Fortnight (Sep 29 - Oct 15) <i>'Changing times in Dornoch'</i> A temporary display in Historylinks highlighting the findings from the dig on the site of the old Sutherland Alms Hotel sponsored by Highland Archaeology services.	Historylinks
October 7	Sun 2 pm	Highland Archaeology Fortnight <i>'If walls could talk'</i> - an informal walk around buildings of interest in the centre of Dornoch with information and stories. Afternoon tea to follow in Historylinks.	Meet at the Court House.
October 13	Sat 2.15 pm	Dornoch Light Railway DVD premiere A presentation of Historylinks' first DVD package featuring the new documentary on the history of the line. Refreshments. NB The number of places is limited. In order to attend please apply for seats to Peter or Sue at Historylinks not later than 30 September . If there are more applications than seats, a ballot will be held. If interest is great enough, a second showing will be arranged later.	West Church Hall
October 18	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: John Wood "Digging Dornoch" In connection with the display about the dig.	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
November 10	Sat 10.30 am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
November 15	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Tony Mainwood "Birds in Sutherland"	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
December 13	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Dr Michael Simpson "The Sutherland Volunteers"	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
January 17	Thu 7.30 pm	A Taste of Burns Our traditional fare - both cultural and culinary	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
February 21	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Janine Donald "Am Baile - The Gaelic Village"	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
March 20	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Jennifer Maxwell "Victorian Strathpeffer"	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
April		Annual Lunch Details to be decided at AGM	

With reservation for possible changes