



**BYE BYE, CLIFF & JEAN
THE REDDINS HAVE GONE!
WHA CAN TAK THEIR PLACES?**

To wish them on their way a number of members gathered at Historylinks after the morning service on Sunday 23 October and thanked them for all they had done for Dornoch Heritage over the many years they have lived in the parish. Cliff and Jean received a large signed card with pictures of their various contributions (Cliff in tartan apron serving up Burns grub for example), a digital camera, now that they have finally agreed to join the age of computers, and a specially commissioned painting of Dornoch by Sally Wild.

Well, Sutherland's loss is Lancashire's gain.
We wish them well and haste ye back to see us soon!



THE NEW ORGANISATION

On 10 November 2011 Dornoch Heritage Society held its last AGM and officially dissolved itself. At the same time the Dornoch Heritage Society Trust, aka Historylinks Trust, was disbanded. The Dornoch Heritage SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) No. 08747 was then formed. The old organisation arose again as two sub-committees with predominantly the same duties. The following sub-committee members were elected:

Dornoch Heritage Society: Robin Ashby, Rick Bramley, Jean Birkett, Ursula Dawson, David Maclean, Jimmy Melville, George Munro. Fiona Macdonald has since been co-opted onto the sub-committee.

Historylinks Museum: John Barnes, Peter Fairgrieve, John Muir, Christine Murray, Tony Rundle, William Sutherland.

NOVEMBER COFFEE MORNING

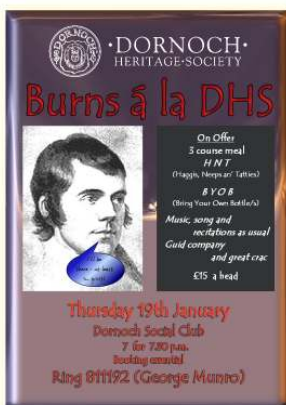
We held a very successful Autumn Coffee Morning and raised over £650. This will be used mainly to bolster a contingency fund for when the grant-funding of Historylinks is cut. The money will also be used to support other Historylinks projects (see overleaf). Thank you to everyone who contributed.

MEMBERSHIP

Most members have paid their subs for 2011/12. Thank you! Those of you who haven't are getting a separate reminder. Although you are officially a member of Dornoch Heritage SCIO we have not changed any of our banking facilities and you can continue making cheques payable to Dornoch Heritage Society.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Thank you to those of you who have supplied Dornoch Heritage Society an email address which we could use for this mailshot. If you have received it by Royal Mail, we do not have a correct email address for you and the Society has had costs of 50p per envelope. Please email Rick at rick.bramley7@btopenworld.com if you wish us to email you in future. Being able to contact as many members as possible by email allows the Society to be more efficient and to diminish its costs.



Burns à la DHS

Our special take on a Burns Supper is on Thursday
19 January at the Social Club, 7 for 7.30. BYOB.
Booking essential - George Munro on 01862 811192.
£15 a head of which a fiver at least goes to support our
museum and its work.



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

OPENING TIMES

From Jan 25th 2012 every Wed and Thurs
 From April 2nd - May 26th Mon – Fri
 From May 28th Every day
 All times 10 am to 4pm
 Best to check before visiting (01862 811275).

VOLUNTEERS

Apart from the usual duties of manning Historylinks Museum, we need people for maintenance, archive work and spreading brochures to accommodation providers amongst many other jobs. We are also looking for an editor for a new edition of the DHS cook book.
 Contact Peter Wild to offer your services – be they big or small.



NEW ACQUISITIONS AND PROJECTS

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14TH OCTOBER, 1919.

PRESENTATION OF VICTORY LOAN FLAG:

“The Provost reported that, in obedience to a Royal Command, he accompanied by the Town Clerk, had on 9th inst. proceeded to Aberdeen. When on board the Royal Yacht “Alexandra”, H.R.H. Princess Mary had, on the King’s behalf, presented to him, on behalf of the Burgh, the Victory Loan Flag awarded by His Majesty to the town which had subscribed the largest sum, per head of the population to the Victory Loan: and he now laid the Flag on the Council table.

Resolved that the Flag be exhibited in the Provost’s shop for a week and that thereafter it be hung in the Council Chamber ad perpetuam Memoriam; Also that the cordial thanks of the Council be tendered to the Provost and Town Clerk in the matter.”



Vellum document bought on eBay. Dated 1731 and concerning a James MacBeath of Dornoch. It is in the process of being transcribed.

A **police diary** from 1870s has now been fully transcribed and Historylinks hopes to add illustrations with a view to publishing it in 2012.

There are plans for a **booklet**, *The Evelix Trail*, describing ten locations accessible by car to trace the course of the river from its source to the sea.

NEW SCHOOL PROJECT

Following the success of last year’s outreach project with Dornoch Primary 5, “GAMES WE PLAYED AND SONGS WE SANG”, which resulted in a 20 minute DVD, Historylinks is planning a similar project. The subject for 2012 will be **The History and Stories of Embo**.

This year’s P5 will explore, collect, document and re-enact the history and tales of the old village of Embo from Norse times and to the thriving fishing community in the 19th and early 20th centuries, its embracing of the tourist industry and its native Gaelic language. All these themes and more will be included in the new filmed dramatization. .

EVENTS 2011-12

January 19	Thu 7.30 pm	Burns Celebration DHS style Our traditional entertainment with a full meal.	Social Club
February 16	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Eleanor Garty, Woodland Trust ‘Spinningdale Wood’	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
March 15	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Alistair Jupp, Tain. ‘Brochs and their excavation’	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
April 19	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk cum workshop: Ian Leith ‘The Man Who Went to Farr’ Patrick Sellar and the Clearances	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
May 12	Sat 10.30 am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
Summer		A members' excursion Details to be decided later. Suggestions welcomed	
With reservation for possible changes			
Please check your email address for updates or keep an eye on the Northern Times and flyers in Dornoch.			