



Autumn 2016

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The first event of the season will be our miscellany of old and new films with possibly another magic lantern show along with mince pies and refreshments and a chance to do our 'Guess the object' competition.



Our last DHS Burns Celebration had great style with a tremendous range of entertainment from young and old. Book early for 2017 to avoid disappointment.

Heritage members get priority booking for some events as well as the free lecture series and free museum admission.



If you are not a member why not consider joining? At only £10 pa it represents tremendous value and helps support your local museum in maintaining it's 5* reputation and community involvement.

For more details call in at the museum or get in touch with Fiona Macdonald on 810275 or email : femmacdonald@btinternet.com

Fund raising to support the work of the museum is one of the Heritage Society's primary objectives. We are always pleased to receive any pre-loved items for our Coffee Mornings...and nearer the time, plants and produce. If you would like to help see Peter.



HISTORYLINKS MUSEUM



Follow our Blog at www.Historylinks.org.uk. Written by Dr. Elizabeth Ritchie of UHI, the Blog details fascinating stories, including 'The Ceilidh House at Gruids' and 'A Coastal Route' which traces the steps of Bishop John Geddes on his journey North.

2016 started with important work carried out in the museum to up-date and renew display boards. This maintenance is time consuming but crucial to ensure a fantastic visitor experience. After an inspection by Visit Scotland the hard work was rewarded with the continuation of the 5* attraction award. The museum has also been awarded a Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence.

The season got underway with visitors to the museum enjoying the new exhibition of Treasure Trove items and a temporary exhibition by local school children to mark 400 years of Golf in Dornoch. More of these topics later!



In June Historylinks welcomed a visit from Tom and Sue Clark and their car, a 1957 Mark 6A Humber Hawke Estate named 'Harriet'. After buying Harriet on eBay, Tom and Sue discovered that the car had once belonged to Margaret Carnegie Miller. The car had been kept at Skibo Castle and was latterly used as a shooting brake. Here at the museum we were thrilled to be able to help Tom and Sue with some background on the Carnegie family. The couple then contacted membership administrator Katy Renwick at Skibo who invited them for tea and shortbread.

Dornoch Festival Week saw the museum hosting a workshop for children making time capsules. The museum was buzzing with 29 eager children who all went away with their own capsule to hide or bury and rediscover sometime in the future!



During the street party celebrating 400 years of Golf, Alan Fleming and Wade Cormack ran golf games in the car park at the museum.

Peter, Fiona and Val manned the Historylinks Stall on the Cathedral Green and all had a good time!

We are currently planning a community project for the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology in 2017. Entitled 'Stories, Stones and Bones', the museum intends to work with local people to celebrate Dornoch's heritage.

Over the winter months collaboration between Historylinks, Oversteps and The Meadows Nursing Home will see completion of a project about the working lives of some of the residents.

We will be involved in a joint project with High Life Highland called 'Coming Home'. Marking the centenary of the end of WW1, the project is currently in its infancy and will come to fruition in 2018.

Also, we are working on a smaller project to update our website and make it more user friendly.

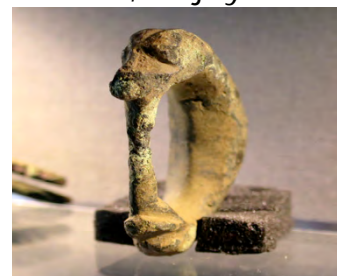


Funding was secured for the purchase of two new display cabinets. The exhibits now on show include exciting archaeological finds from Ospisdale and a selection of the museum's coin collection from the reign of Elizabeth I to the Victorian era.



To celebrate, the museum invited Pete Webber, who discovered the objects, and Margaret Thomson of Ospisdale, to view the finds in their stunning new location. Margaret and Pete, along with his wife Andrea, enjoyed a tour of the museum before viewing the wonderful new exhibition.

The display features a 12th Century copper buckle with a grotesque beast biting its tail. This particular object is going to be featured in the Highland Archaeological Festival which takes place from the 1st—16th October. Historylinks will form part of an Archaeological trail in the Highlands with visitors being issued with a 'passport' to be stamped when they have successfully viewed a featured object. Historylinks are also hosting a children's Halloween craft workshop and a guided walk on the railway line between Dornoch and Embo.



To celebrate 400 years of Golf, pupils at Dornoch Primary School produced seven wonderful pieces of artwork incorporating the history of Dornoch. The decorative panels feature stories ranging from the birth of Golf in Dornoch to the Suffrage movement in the area. The fantastic display is currently showing in the museum along with a fabulous collage entitled '400 years of Golf Fashion', a project put together by 1st year students at Dornoch Academy.



To further commemorate 400 years of Golf, Peter Wild, Robin Ashby and Hamish MacRae conducted and filmed interviews with members of the Golf Club. The project was started in 2014 and Dennis Bethune, Willie Skinner, Christine Murray, Cathy Sinclair, Donald Grant and Andrew MacLeod all gave fascinating recollections of their childhood and younger days on the Golf Course. Sadly, Cathy and Donald have both passed away and being able to hear their memories of RDGC is a real privilege.

You can see the interviews by searching for Royal Dornoch Golf Club on YouTube

In July we launched Object of the Month, a chance for Volunteers and members to let us know their favourite object or photograph in the collection. To kick us off, Anthea Bannatyne chose the Hand Held Foghorn because it reminded her of her Granny's fireside bellows. We look forward to hearing your favourites over the coming months.



THANK YOU !

Huge thanks go to our wonderful Volunteers. Elizabeth Oakes, Anthea Bannatyne and Elsa Cunningham were joined Front of House by our seasonal receptionist Jaen Rowland and new Volunteers Brian Munro and Nicole Foreman. Other new Volunteers are Alison and Gordon Davies, Heather Martin, Alec Watt and Willie Morrison. Your help is much appreciated; we simply couldn't do it without you!

If you would like to get involved we would be delighted to hear from you.



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH WHAT THE MUSEUM IS DOING BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER AND READING OUR BLOG. NEW ACQUISITIONS AND MOST OF THE COLLECTION CAN BE SEEN VIA THE IMAGE LIBRARY ON OUR WEBSITE.





EVENTS 2016			VENUE
September 15 th	Thursday 7.30pm	AGM—Dornoch Heritage SCIO Including AGM's of both sub- committees: Dornoch Heritage Society and Historylinks	Council Chambers
October 20 th	Thursday 7.30pm	Talk: Bruce Field 'Diary of an Engineer' This illustrated talk describes Bruce Field's life as a professional engineer culminating in Sutherland during the early 1970's.	RDGC
November 3rd	Thursday 7.30pm	Talk: Todd Warnock 'John Sutherland' Serving 58 years as Secretary to the RD Golf Club at the turn of the 19 th century, John Sutherland's contribution to put Dornoch on the map is unparalleled.	RDGC
November 5 th	Saturday 10.30am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
December 16th	Friday 7.30pm	Films, Mince pies and festive fun New unseen films from Historylinks, mysteries and a chance for the audience to reminisce enjoying seasonal refreshments.	Social Club
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January 20th	Friday 7.30pm	Burns Celebration DHS style Our traditional entertainment including a full meal	Social Club
February 23rd	Thursday 7.30pm	Talk: Dr Elizabeth Richie 'The cry of a young child' Pregnancy, Community and Infanticide in Early Nineteenth-Century Sutherland	RDGC
March 16 th	Thursday 7.30pm	Talk: Scilla Aitchison '6000 years at Littleferry'	RDGC
April 20 th	Thursday 7.30pm	Talk: Dr John Sinclair 'Highland Omnibuses'	RDGC
May 6th	Saturday 10.30am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
<p>All meetings are open to the public, although there is a small charge for non – members.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP STILL ONLY £10 per annum, which includes free admission to museum and all talks.</p> <p>With reservation for possible changes.</p> <p>Please check your email address for possible updates or keep an eye on The Northern Times</p>			