

SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

The Museum will open this year on April 1st. During April, May & October it will be open from Friday to Monday and from the beginning of June to the end of September it will be open 7 days a week. Opening times are unchanged from 10am to 4pm.

Admission charges for non-members will be £4, Concessions £3, with accompanied children still free of charge, however admissions will now allow for multiple re-entry for a week after purchase to give visitors to the town more chance to see all the exhibits.

MAN OF IRON

This year's seasonal exhibition is about Thomas Telford and his impact in the local area.



TREASURE TROVE

A new display of our recent acquisitions includes a selection of pins, brooches and buckles all found in the area.

FISH TALES AND OTHER STORIES

The museum has been awarded £6,800 by the Heritage Lottery Fund for a community project called **Fish Tales and Other Stories**. It's a project that anyone can get involved with, from small manual tasks to collecting stories and painting rocks. The **Working Lives** project see us recording, transcribing and archiving the memories of older people in the community. Our **Shops** project compares Dornoch's shop fronts then and now, the result of which will be on display in the museum this summer.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

It's a myth that helping out at the museum requires a knowledge of history or being good at computers. There are many ways which you can help, from working on reception to preparing new displays, assisting our outreach projects or even cutting the grass!

Our volunteer staff are vital to the running of the museum & helping us make ends meet in these challenging times. If you can offer even just a few hours a month then we would love to hear from you, and we run regular training sessions for all our volunteers.

Can you imagine Dornoch without Historylinks? No 5* attraction to visitors; No projects with Dornoch Schools; No taste of Burns; No Film evenings and No Talks!

We now have over 12,000 Dornoch related items saved and stored at the museum which you can check out via our new website at www.historylinks.org.uk.

So please don't ignore this - contact Lynne or Peter at the museum today to find out how YOU can help us keep the history of Dornoch alive and accessible.

ALL CHANGE

After many years at the helm, **John Barnes** vacated the chair of Historylinks Museum at the January meeting. His contribution to our website development, cataloguing, protocols, inspiration and leadership over the past 12 years is enormous and impossible to summarise in a few lines. Fortunately, he will carry on many of these activities but Jerry Bishop, who brings business skills and some fresh ideas to the table, has replaced him as chair.

In another change **Tony Rundle** is also stepping down as Treasurer of the Museum Committee, handing over to Brian Munro at the end of the financial year. Apart from being an exemplary Treasurer, Tony has done so much more over and above the call of duty in helping out and facilitating the smooth running of the museum over many years.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS





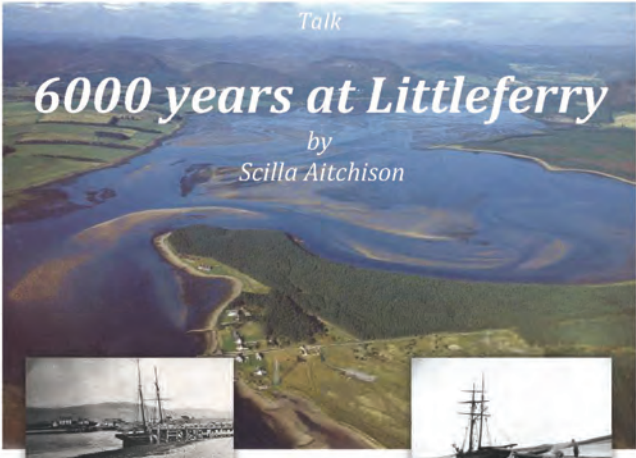
There will be an **Easter Egg** hunt and Easter crafts workshop at the Museum on Saturday 15th April 2pm.

Bring all the family for a day of FUN!

Talk

6000 years at Littleferry

by
Scilla Aitchison



Royal Dornoch Golf Club

March 16th 7.30 pm

Open to all....£2 entry to non-members



DORNOCH
HERITAGE SOCIETY

Coffee Morning & Sales

Coffee, tea & the usual refreshments
Baking, preserves, plants & bric-a-brac

Sat 6th May
West Church Hall
10.30am

'Highland Omnibuses'

by
Dr John Sinclair



Royal Dornoch Golf Club



April 20th 7.30 pm

Open to all....£2 entry to non-members

'John Sutherland'

By
Todd Warnock

Todd Warnock will be providing a updated summary of his ongoing research into the life and times of Dornoch's Founding Father and is hoping this will encourage anyone with information of Sutherland's life to share documents, stories, photos and any other information.



Serving 58 years as Secretary to the RD Golf Club at the turn of the 19th century, John Sutherland's contribution to put Dornoch on the map is unparalleled.

Royal Dornoch Golf Club

May 18th 7.30 pm

Open to all....£2 entry to non-members