

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

HISTORYLINKS REOPENS ON 1st APRIL

The Museum will re-open to visitors on Friday 1st April with the scheduled closure for winter on Monday 31st October. Normal opening hours will be 10:30 - 4:00 seven days a week.

However, the Museum will also be open over Fibre Fest on the 12th & 13th March when we will be running a 'Doors Open' weekend to give everyone, local residents and visitors alike, a chance to see the Museum for **FREE**.

COSTUME EXHIBITION

Over the Fibre Fest weekend the Museum will be welcoming everyone to a fascinating fashion journey through the ages in the foyer of the Dornoch Hub on Argyll Street. The exhibition is **free of charge** with any donations going towards our Extension Project Fund.

On loan from Grantown Museum, we invite you to come and see period costumes inspired by film and TV. From the 18th Century red silk gown and Highland Dress worn by Claire and Jamie in *Outlander* to a gown fit for the young Queen Victoria, the stunning Georgian style of *Pride and Prejudice* and on to the elegant Edwardian fashion of *Downton Abbey*.

The costumes have been created by Suzi, a volunteer at Grantown Museum for their 'Adventures in Costume' Project. She has lovingly reproduced costume from different periods in History and it is not only the outer garment that Suzi has made but all the undergarments are exact replicas of underwear worn at the time.

These costumes and more are available to try on at Grantown Museum and we are grateful for their loan for this exhibition.



HISTORYLINKS SUMMER EXHIBITION

This year's temporary exhibition is about local artist and photographer Miss Kathleen Lyon, a member of the Gilchrist family of Ospisdale who was born in 1885. She studied photography and was a keen social historian. We are proud to have many of the photographs she took in our collection.

At the beginning of the 20th Century, Kathleen left Ospisdale to attend Paris School of Art. As well as attracting creative people from all over the world, Paris was an exciting and experimental city.

This remarkable woman crossed boundaries both literal and symbolic and the exhibition will be a fascinating insight into her life.

We are grateful to members of the DHS who have loaned paintings and sketches for the exhibition.

Thank you for your continued support.



YOUNG CURATORS CLUB

On 4th December the Young Curators donned Victorian dress and brought some cheer in the form of Christmas Carols to the St Andrews Fair. Accompanied by members of Dornoch Cathedral choir they entertained shoppers on the Cathedral Green and **raised £60** for the Museum Extension fund.

In October the YCC began preparations for their 1940s themed Christmas Fair. All of the food produce on sale was made with the vegetables and fruit grown or collected by the youngsters during the Dig for Dornoch project. They spent sessions at the club making preserves, chutneys and crumbles for the Fair.

At the beginning of November, Tim Palmer gave workshops on willow weaving and the Young Curators spent hours in concentration to produce wonderful bird feeders to be sold alongside other crafts at the Fair. Despite the pandemic, the Fair finally took place on the Cathedral Green on 18th December, **raising an incredible £630 for the museum extension fund.**



These activities were all part of the *Our Environment, Our Heritage* project, which continues with the input of Trish Matthews, Sutherland Adult Learning Coordinator (Literacies). This term the children are continuing to use their new found knowledge of trees to create new stories and myths that will be recorded in the handmade books they are working on.

The books and other exhibits from the project will be on display in a fantastic tree themed temporary exhibition curated by Caroline and the youngsters!

EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

Thu Mar 10	Talk	Telford's Highland Churches <i>Last in the season of Winter talks - by Alastair Armistead. Free entry.</i>	Royal Dornoch Golf Club	7.30 pm
Sun Mar 20	Heritage Society Social Event	Sunday Lunch <i>Join us for a two course Sunday Lunch in the dining room at the Royal Golf Hotel. Tickets £25 in advance from Peter Wild - all proceeds to the Extension fund.</i>	Royal Golf Hotel	12.30 pm
Sat Mar 26	Fund Raiser	Car Wash <i>Get your car hand-washed by the YCC. £5 per car - all proceeds to the Extension fund.</i>	Historylinks Museum	10.00 am - 3.00 pm
Fri Apr 01	Heritage Society Social Event	Film Evening <i>Our ever-popular Film Night rearranged from December. Join us for some films from the archives, a quiz and refreshments. Entry £5 on the door.</i>	Dornoch Social Club	7.00 pm
Fri Apr 22	Fund Raiser	Quiz Night <i>Come and test your brains on a quiz set by our own Curator. £10 per team - bring your own or join one when you arrive!</i>	Royal Dornoch Golf Club	7.30 pm
Sat May 07	Social Event	Coffee Morning <i>The usual mix of tea, coffee, chat & produce. Entry £2 on the door.</i>	Dornoch Social Club	10.30 am
Sat Jun 25	Fund Raiser	Variety Performance <i>More details coming soon</i>	Carnegie Hall, Clashmore	TBC