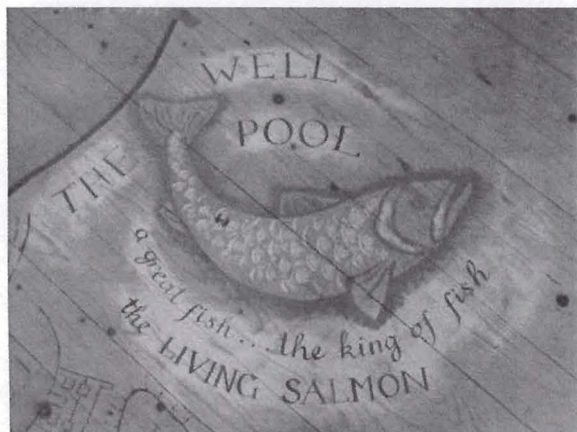




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SEPTEMBER 2010

JULY 2010 EXCURSION



Dunbeath harbour which are also part of the Heritage Centre but not open to the general public.

If you haven't visited Dunbeath Heritage centre before, put it on your list of things to do.

On a very rainy 9th of July a small, intrepid group of members visited Dunbeath Heritage Centre. For those who are unfamiliar with the Centre, it is largely devoted to novelist Neil Gunn. The building is the school where he was a pupil and his novel *Highland River* is celebrated in the special floor (left) and quotations inscribed in the windows (below right).

The rain was a blessing in disguise. Admittedly it meant that the scheduled visit to the excavation by Dunbeath Water was cancelled, but it meant that Nan and George Bethune could regale their visitors with their erudition and story-telling skills. It also meant that George could guide his visitors around the historic buildings at



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 30 September at 7.30 pm
Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)

Robin Ashby, Rick Bramley, Steve Dallman and Gerard Fitzpatrick will resign at the AGM: all are seeking re-election. So we will have five vacancies on the Committee and new members are welcome: in fact, the Committee is running the risk of no longer functioning efficiently.

The Committee will propose the following officers: George Munro (Chair), Rick Bramley (Vice Ch. & Members Sec.), Jean Birkett (Minutes Sec.), Robin Ashby (Programme Sec.) and Gerard Fitzpatrick (Treasurer) while Jimmy Melville continues as ordinary member.

There will be a slide-show and film as well as the official unveiling of the newly carved copy of the Embo amorial stone

FUND-RAISING

We held a very successful Spring Coffee Morning and had a stall at the Sutherland County Show. The money we raised will be used mainly to bolster a contingency fund for when the grant-funding of Historylinks is cut. The extent of the expected cuts is not yet known. The money will also be used to support other Historylinks projects. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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 2010/2011 with this newsletter. All other members will find a renewal reminder enclosed if they have not already paid by other means.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The more email addresses DHS has, the quicker and cheaper members can learn of changes in the Society's programme and other events. And there will no doubt be changes. Flyers and ads in The Raggie do not reach enough members. The more email addresses we have, the more effectively we can inform members of changes.

So if you have an e-mail address that DHS can use, please confirm this in a message so that the membership list can be updated. Write to Rick Bramley, who has taken over as membership secretary, at rick.bramley7@btopenworld.com.





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 October 1st, then Mondays to Fridays until 29 October. Thereafter it will be open until the end of March two days a week, usually Wednesdays and Thursdays, but it is best to check before visiting (01862 811275).

AGM

The DHS AGM on 30 September will have a slide show of some of the activities the museum has been engaged in during the last year. There will also be a short film made in 1986 'Out and About in Dornoch'.

THEIR PAST YOUR FUTURE

Interviews and a film of Andrew Mackenzie (Bomber Command) and Bill Grant were completed and formed part of the project launch in Inverness Museum. The banners produced will be passed to us in the near future and will be shown in Historylinks.



HIGHLAND ARCHAEOLOGY FESTIVAL (OCT 2 - OCT 17)

CHANGING LANDSCAPE PROJECT

A field-walking survey was organised by Jacquie Aitken of Historylinks Museum in collaboration with members of the Dornoch Heritage Society and Dornoch Primary Six pupils.

This was followed up by a workshop in the classroom led by artist Sally Wild, who showed the children how to draw their finds, both broken and complete.

The drawings, together with a selection of some of the more interesting finds, will form part of part of an exhibition in the museum starting in October for Highland Archaeology Fortnight.

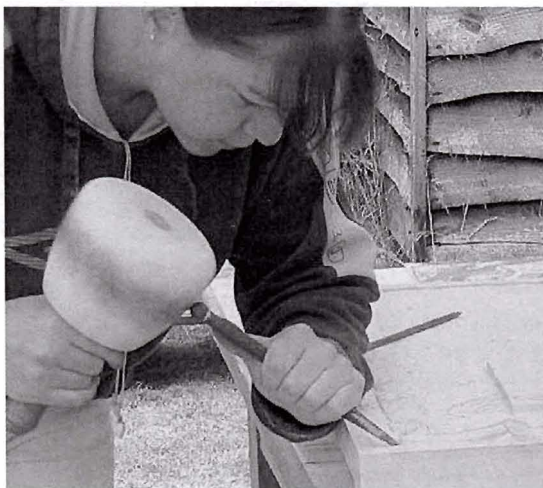
The picture shows the neck and rim of a dark green wine bottle, the rim can be dated from the mid to late 18th century.



EMBO ARMORIAL STONE

Dornoch stone mason Joanne Coombs was commissioned by Historylinks Museum in Dornoch to carve a copy a beautiful rare armorial 'marriage' stone.

The results of the children's workshop based on this are currently on display in the Cathedral. The official unveiling of the new stone will take place at the DHS AGM on 30 September.





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EVENTS 2010-11

September 30	Thu 7.30 pm	AGM slide-show and short film	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
October	Weekdays	Highland Archaeology Festival (2nd -17th) Changing Landscape Project A display of a selection of the more interesting finds from a field-walking survey organised for Dornoch Primary 6 pupils by Jacquie Aitken of Historylinks and drawings from a classroom workshop led by artist Sally Wild.	Historylinks
October 21	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Iain McInnes UHI "To Subject the North of the Country to his Rule": Edward III and the Lochindorb Chevauchee of 1336	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
November 13	Sat 10.30 am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
November 18	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Rev Graeme Muckart 'Heraldry in Dornoch Cathedral'	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
December 15	Wed 7.30 pm	End of year Heritage Bash: Unseen films from Historylinks' archive, a chance for the audience to reminisce and seasonal refreshments. Public meeting.	West Church Hall
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January 20	Thu 7.30 pm	Burns Celebration DHS style Our traditional entertainment with a full meal, but with a new caterer in a new venue.	Details to be decided later
February 17	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: ARCH Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands A presentation of their work locally	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
March 17	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: David Ross, author of 'The Highland Railway' and other Scottish history books. 'The Railway in the Community'	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
April 21	Thu 7.30 pm	Talk: Jacquie Aitken 'Kildonan Gold'	Council Chambers (Carnegie Building)
May 7	Sat 10.30 am	Coffee Morning	West Church Hall
Summer		A members' excursion Details to be decided later	

With reservation for possible changes
Please supply your email address for updates
or keep an eye on the Northern Times and flyers in Dornoch.