



The first passenger train leaves Dornoch Station, 2nd June, 1902.

The 'Coffee Pot' puffs towards its centenary

Now that Dornoch's Historylinks museum has closed for the winter, the committee members of the Heritage Society are already looking ahead to prepare an exciting exhibition next season.

In June 2002 it will be 100 years since the Dornoch Light Railway was officially opened. To celebrate this important

event in Dornoch's history, the society would like to stage an exhibition covering the years 1902-1960 when the railway was in operation.

The society has a small collection of photographs depicting various views of the track, station and the train, which to local people was affectionately known as "The Coffee Pot".

This little train ran up and

down the line from the Mound, along the south side of Loch Fleet, through stations at Skelbo and Embo, and arrived in Dornoch at its terminus. The station building has been retained and is now the Station Takeaway.

In order to make the exhibition really commemorative, the society is appealing to anybody who has photographs of

family and friends taken on the railway.

The society is particularly keen to have any memorabilia that it might borrow, and also to hear of any little incidents that may come to mind or have been passed down through families.

The society is very fortunate to have acquired the use of a short film taken of the last

train that ran to the Mound in July 1960. This has been loaned to the society by Norman Wright, whose father Bill Wright recorded the historic event. It is planned to extend this film into a longer audio-visual account of the railway's history.

In order to fulfil this ambitious plan, the society need your help. Raid your attic, look

in the bottom drawers, look in the outside shed. There must be lots of artifacts still around which would make this exhibition really memorable.

Contact any member of the Heritage Society committee, and in particular Helen and Peter Fairgrieve at Rearquhar Schoolhouse (tel: 01862 810377).

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