

Historylinks' display on shops proves a big seller



During Dornoch Festival Week, people enjoyed the display on local shops in the 1940s at Historylinks.

AS part of Dornoch's Festival Week, Historylinks Museum held an exhibition of vintage photos of Dornoch for this year's very popular community project - "Dornoch shops in the 1940s".

The photo exhibition, held in Dornoch Social Club, produced a wonderful response with nearly 50 people attending, some coming from as far as Inverness.

There was plenty of chat and happy memories. The Historylinks team were delighted that several people brought along their own photos to add to the museum's collection.

Historylinks has been able to fill in detail of the many

shops along Castle Street and High Street.

Fascinating stories emerged of such as Sam MacGregor's "hidden" fish and chip shop behind Castle Street.

Grants (now the Co-op) has been a central feature over the years, changing and expanding over time.

And Dornoch once boasted five grocers' shops.

Very few shops have changed to private dwellings, although some have had changes in use over the years.

The "1940s" project began at the Historylinks Open Day in May, where over 100 people went along to the museum.

There have also been sessions at Oversteps Care

Home and the Dornoch Heritage Society's Coffee Morning. Historylinks are planning further sessions later which will be advertised closer to the time, and the project will culminate in a display in the museum next year.

If you have any information about, or photographs of, Dornoch shops at this time, Historylinks would be delighted to hear from you. Staff will scan any photographs and return them, and your photos would become part of the photo archive of the town.

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