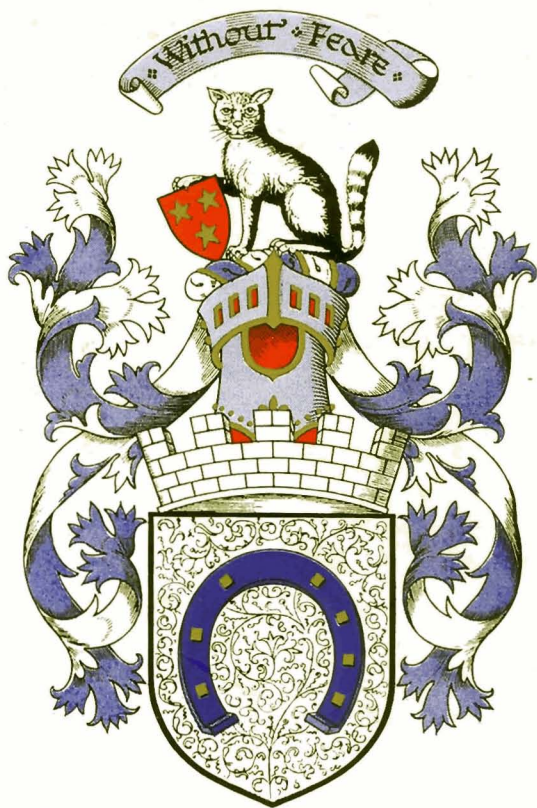


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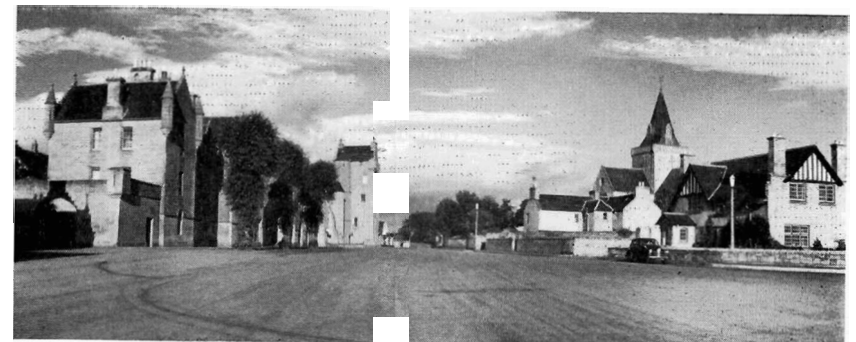
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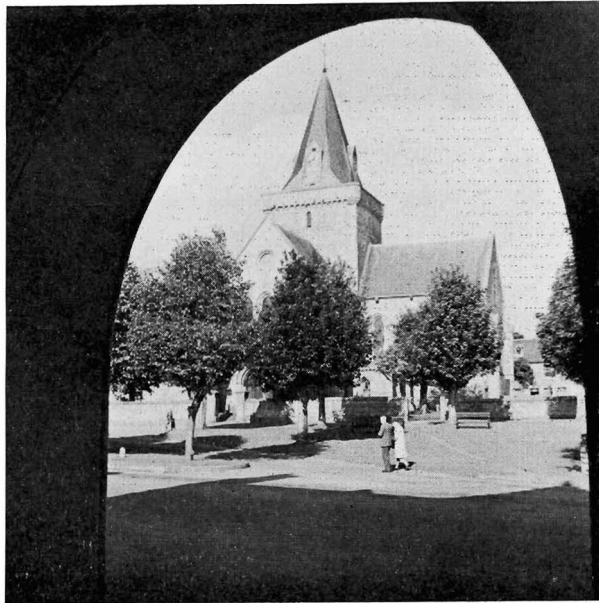
THE preparation of an Official Guide Book poses many problems: but the most important of these are, first, the scope of the Guide and, second, what must be included and what may be left out.

The aim in preparing this edition has been the provision of information not only about Dornoch of yesterday and today but also of the countryside round about. There are limits to the number of facts which can be condensed into a small Guide and this publication is not designed as a holiday-maker's 'bible' nor as a substitute for the Burgh's Information Centre. But it is hoped that it will prove to be more than a mere list of what can be seen and done in Dornoch. It is meant to be a work of reference guiding the visitor to those places and pastimes which appeal and quoting sources of further information.

The experience of the Dornoch Burgh Tourist Board in running the local Information Centre has helped considerably in assessing the scope and content of this Guide but, as there is no such thing as a perfect Guide, constructive criticism will be welcomed. It is realised that only the visitor can know what the visitor wants to know of Dornoch.



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Dornoch Cathedral



High Street

A PAGE OF FACTS ABOUT

DORNOCH

1. Dornoch is one of the fourteen ancient cities of Scotland.
2. Area of the Burgh is 1,200 acres.
3. Population at the 1961 census was 933; population of County 13,504.
4. It is the only burgh in the county of Sutherland: situated in its south-east corner.
5. Bounded on the east by the Moray Firth and on the south by the Dornoch Firth.
6. Annual rainfall averages about twenty-five inches.
7. Local stone for building — yellow sandstone.
8. Water supply taken from hill loch — Loch Laoigh (pronounced Lee).
9. Rateable value of Burgh in 1967/68 £23,935.
10. Burgh is built on the south of the ridges of Cnoc-an-Lhobt and Bishopfield and sheltered by woodlands at Earls Cross. The micro-climate is very temperate.
11. Dornoch was an ancient settlement of the Culdee Church dating from the 6th century A.D. Remains of kitchen middens at Earls Cross denote a history of settlement going back perhaps to 3,000 B.C.
12. The Cathedral of Dornoch founded in 1224 by Gilbert, Archdeacon of Moray and Bishop of Caithness has been a place of worship from consecration until the present day.
13. Prior to 1628, Dornoch was Burgh of Barony — one of three such Burghs in Sutherland (others being Brora and Tongue). Erected into a Royal Burgh by Charter of Charles I dated 14th July, 1628.
14. Royal Dornoch Golf Club — plays on the second oldest golf course in the world, reckoned to be among the world's twelve best courses.
15. Links are extensive and contain one of the country's trend-setting caravan and camping sites approved for International Signs.
16. Extensive sandy beaches are clean and border a shallow warm sea giving safe bathing for young and old.
17. Pastimes to be enjoyed are: golf, bowling, tennis, boating, sea-bathing, camping, caravanning, walking, cycling, motoring, climbing and hill-walking.
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THE Town Council of a Burgh with a population of under 1,000 — quadrupled in the peak holiday season — has many difficult problems to face in providing essential services such as water supplies, sewerage disposal, scavenging and the maintenance of roads and squares, links and beaches to meet the needs of a greatly increased population during an all too short summer season. The Town Council of Dornoch has succeeded in providing the essential services but requires constantly to plan further improvements which will be in keeping with the architecture and the tradition of an old Cathedral town.

The beaches at Dornoch lie northwards towards Embo, southwards towards the Dornoch Firth and along the Dornoch Firth and are extensive and clean. The best sea-bathing facilities are found immediately south of the rocks at the car park and beach shelter. The shore slopes gently and the bathing is safe.

The links are very extensive and contain part of the Royal Dornoch Golf Club's High course and the whole of the Struie Course. Part of the Links ground is utilised for the caravan site. The lower links are used for cattle grazing according to ancient custom. There are grass landing strips suitable for use by light private and charter aircraft.

Apart from golf there are facilities for tennis and bowls near the Golf Club House on Golf Road. Sea trout can be caught off the beach and fishing for sea trout in the Kyle of Sutherland and for brown trout in lochs in the neighbourhood can be arranged through the local angling club.

The Burgh is a very good centre for touring the County and for short excursions and walks. The countryside offers a variety of scenery from the beach to the high moorlands north-west of the town.

Sutherland is still unspoiled and archaeologists, geologists, ornithologists, botanists and zoologists can pursue their hobbies with profit and pleasure.

Dornoch Pipe Band, founded over 40 years ago, parades regularly in the Burgh. There is a thriving rockhound club and a boating club. All clubs in the Burgh offer facilities to visitors.



Dornoch Pipe Band

ROYAL BURGH OF DORNOCH

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Caravan Site

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Littleton

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Cathedral (Church of Scotland), Sunday 12 noon. Minister Rev. F. H. Fulton,
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Golf

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House 314.

Holidays

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