

HARBOURING HERITAGE – A HISTORY OF FORTROSE HARBOUR



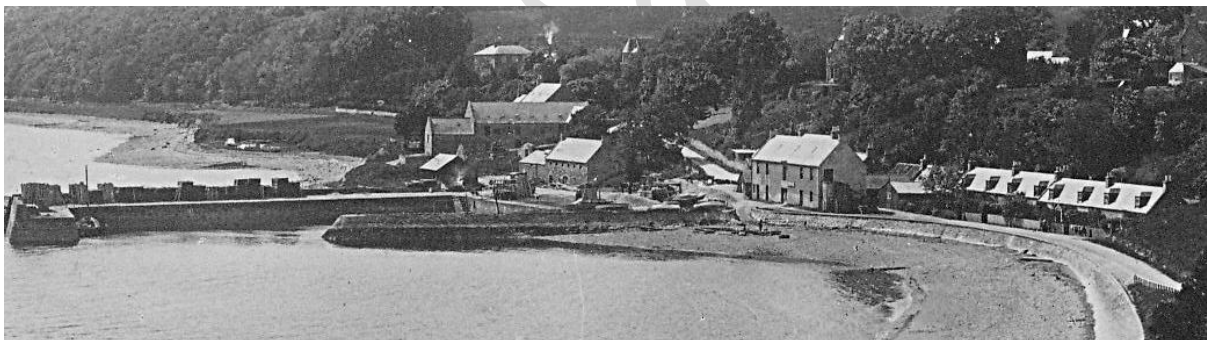
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INTRODUCTION

October 1817 in Fortrose heralded fundamental improvements in infrastructure that would have a lasting impact on the town. First, a proper road with the necessary bridges had been completed to link Fortrose with Conon Bridge and the newly built trunk road system; secondly, Fortrose harbour had been completed. The harbour became a successful commercial port and a hive of activity. The harbour has a secret too – during the Second World War it was a ‘hush hush’ combined operations base and had a direct role in the preparations for the D-Day landings in 1944. This is its story updated in 2021¹. This history is dedicated to the memory of George Taylor, one-time harbour master and founding member of Chanonry Sailing Club.



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COMMENTS OR FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you have comments or further information for the author about the harbour he would be pleased to receive these and can be contacted via info@chanonry.org.uk or by note in the mailbox at the Clubhouse.

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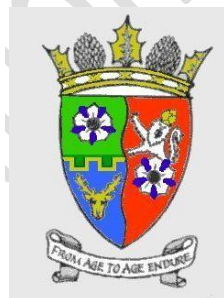
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