

The Peel of Drumry

This is a notecard of mine from 1973-74 (now in the National Library of Scotland). I was attempting to earn some dough by writing on Drumchapel's local history:

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mentioned in 1329 "ye ladge of Drumry" paying the Chamberlain of Scotland one chaldre of flour
"farina pro libertate sue terre. In 1391 Robert Livingstone, laird of Drumry is witness to a charter by
"William Galbraith, laird of Kirkenual (Gartconnell). Piscotie records the execution at Edinburgh in 1447
of "Sir Robert Livingstone of Drumry, Lord Treasurer of Scotland" Sir R. L. fell at Fradderfield ~~at~~ the estate
"passed wi' a lass" and in 1529 Lawrence Crawford of Kilburnie father Captain Thomas Crawford who captured
Dumbarton Castle and afterwards acquired Jordahill. IN 1910 the name "Laurence Crawford" carved in
Saxon characters still seen in a stone built into the barn of the farm (then a bothy for workes)

The charter referred to above was in the time of Robert the Bruce. This barn was situated near the roundabout at the junction of Kinfauns Drive and Drumry Road, about a 100 yards from Drumchapel Swimming Pool. The farmer used to rent out a field here for a traveling fairground. It came for a month every summer and was the highlight of the year for Drumchapel teenagers. This was the late 1950s through the early 1960s. There was nothing better than listening to lassies shriek to Del Shannon's Runaway on the track of the Waltzer.

I passed the site six days a week on my trek to Halgreen Avenue, from my home in Glenkirk Drive, via Garscadden Road where I collected my newspapers. I did this evening paper-run for years, and my big brother before me.

Who knows what happened to the stone inlaid in the barn wall with the name of "Laurence Crawford carved in Saxon characters." Glasgow Council purchased the farm, demolished the barn and built a carpark for the old shopping centre.