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• Home to over 25 million items
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Our collections include over 16 million printed items and 25,000 newspapers and magazines.
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Oldest printed item – 8th century Buddhist Prayer Scroll in a pagoda shaped case

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LOCHGELLY OLD AGE PENSIONERS DRIVE TO CROOK O' DEVON

Overall rating: ★★★★★

Title: LOCHGELLY OLD AGE PENSIONERS DRIVE TO CROOK O' DEVON
Reference number: 0960A
Date: 1920s
Sponsor: Tommy Timmons, Cinema de Luxe, LOCHGELLY
Sound: silent
Original format: 35mm
Colour: bw
Fiction: non-fiction
Running time: 6.00 mins

Description:
Crowds line the streets to see LOCHGELLY's old age pensioners leave on an outing to the Crook of Devon in a convoy of charabancs.

Commissioned by Tommy Timmons, proprietor of Cinema de Luxe, LOCHGELLY and member of organising committee for the outing. Timmons is supposedly in the film - at the rear of the party wearing a bowler (?)

Please note soundtrack has been added to this film for screening purposes (original film is silent), as well as introductory text prior to the film starting.
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• Join the Library - https://auth.nls.uk/join/

• Bring proof of identity and address on first visit

• Book one slot per week using eventbrite - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-library-of-scotland-booking-sessions-tickets-114401467870

• Open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday
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• Order by 11am the day before your visit to receive books in time for your visit
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