



The oldest swinger

Siùdan sean

Pronounced: Shoodan shen



This swing-bridge *drochaid-shiùdain* is the only surviving original bridge over the canal. It was built to provide access to the fields of Moy Farm and is for use by the farmer only.

Unlike the more modern bridges along the canal, Moy Bridge *Drochaid Mhuaigh* is operated by hand. The lock-keeper has to turn a capstan to open the south side of the bridge first, then row across the canal in a small boat to open the other side.

The lock-keeper's cottage nearby still shows windows in each gable which let the lock-keeper see up and down the canal. Upstairs there is a tiny window which allowed the lock-keeper to watch out for boats even when he was in bed!

Did you know...?

In 1837 the *Inverness Journal* reported that the captain of the *Ben Lomond* steam boat had been fined £5 (about £220 in today's money) for having "after regular hours... opened or caused to be opened, the Swing Bridge of Moy, passed his vessel through, and left the bridge standing wide open, without any notice being previously given to the person in charge of same".