



Friends of Berwick & District Museum and Archives Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8th October 2004

Film Night in the Maltings – showing of Blackhill Campaign film (see article on The Blackhill Campaign) – afternoon and evening shows

Friday 29th October 2004

Autumn Lecture : Emma Leighton, Chinese Curator at the Burrell Museum. Guildhall, 7pm

BELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Venue: Meeting Room, Belford Community Centre.

Time:7.30p.m.

Wed.24th June.

Evening visit to Middleton Hall.

Wed. 28th July.

Evening visit to Hulne Park, Alnwick.

BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Time: 7.30 pm

Mon. 5th July.

The Colonisation of North America:
Kristian Pederson.

Mon. 6th Sept.

Aspects of Pre-history: Prof G. Bailey.

Northumberland and Durham Family History Society (North Northumberland Group)

Venue: Black Bull, Lowick.

Time 10.00 a.m.

Sat. 19th June.

Border Murders : Norrie McLeish.

Sat 18th September

Family History Resources in the Berwick Record
Office and tracing local families.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

It only seems like yesterday that I last sat down to write something for the newsletter but it's that time again.

The last couple of months have been extremely busy in the Record Office, mainly because of the Union of the Crowns and the Life on the Borderline Project. I have been heavily involved in both project doing parts which didn't necessarily have a high public profile but were very archive focused.

As part of the Union of the Crowns project, we have produced a Freeman Roll for the period 1800 – 1899. This has been a major undertaking as it involved going through all the Freeman Guild and admission books for the period and working out the date of the father's admission for each entry. This was a challenge in itself as it was not always easy to work out, particularly if it was a common Freeman surname or a son was admitted when he was much older than normal! However, the work was completed in time with the help of some of the Friends and now we have a list of admissions from, 1800 to 2000 – about 3,500 entries in total which will enable people to trace a Freeman lineage back to the late 1700s very quickly.

My involvement with the Charter 400 weekend was very Freeman based as one of my other contributions was an exhibition on the Freeman which was put up in the old Gaol of the Town Hall. Over the weekend more than 600 people came to see it. In addition, I helped the Freeman contact non-resident Freeman who were invited to return to Berwick for the weekend. About 50 of them and their families (including one from New Zealand) came back for a packed weekend of events,

In addition to the Union of the Crowns, the Friends have also been running a Local Heritage Initiative project - Life on the Borderline . In April, we had our Bygone Borderlands event which was very successful with groups from both sides of the border mounting exhibitions and the Museum re-enacting a Court Trial up in the Gaol. There will not be a Bygone Borderlands weekend next year but I would hope that we can hold another one in 2006. As part of the same project, we also held a Family History weekend at the beginning of May. Unfortunately, this was the worst weekend weather wise but on the Sunday over 200 people came to the exhibitions in the Guildhall to find out about Family History and how to get started.

The past couple of months have been busy educationally in the Office. In March, I paid my annual visit to Holy Island to spend a morning with the boys from the Royal Grammar Junior School and in May, all of Year 5 of Berwick Middle School came to the office to find out about the coming of the Railways to Berwick.

That apart, I seem to spend my time trying to catch up !

FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES

The Record Office has acquired the following Family History resources over the past couple of months :

ENGLISH SOURCES

St Catherine's House indexes of births, marriages and deaths, 1941 – 1945 inclusive

1891 census CD Roms for Northumberland, Durham and Yorkshire

1871 Census indexes for the Tyneside area

SCOTTISH SOURCES

1851 census for Berwickshire

Pre 1855 Old Parish Registers for Hutton, Yetholm and Sprouston

If you wish to look at any of these, please phone to make an appointment (01289 301865)

PUBLICATIONS

The Record Office has helped to produce the following two publications which can be purchased from the Record Office :

BERWICK FREEMEN ROLL 1800 – 1899

See information above. The volume includes the names of those admitted, occupation, place of residence, name of father and father's admission date. Price : £5.00 plus postage

IRREGULAR MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE BERWICK ADVERTISER AND OTHER BORDER PAPERS 1808 – 1864

The Record Office has been working on this project with the Northumberland and Durham Family History Society for a number of years and we have finally produced this book. Irregular Marriages are always the most difficult to trace and often an entry in the marriage section of the newspaper is the only proof left for Family Historians of these events. We have gone through the newspapers and extracted over 2000 entries of marriages at Lamberton Toll, Coldstream Bridge and other places between 1808 and 1864, many of which are not recorded elsewhere.

The volume costs £6.50 plus postage (75 pence) and is available from the Record Office.

COURSES

In conjunction with Northumberland College, I am running two Family History courses in the Autumn Term :

FAMILY HISTORY AND THE INTERNET - a 5 week course held at the College's Annexe beside the High School to show people what family history sources are available on the Internet. FREE COURSE held on Tuesdays, 1 – 3 pm starting 21 September.

FAMILY HISTORY FOR BEGINNERS - a 5 week course held in the Record Office to show people how to get started in family history and what basic sources are available. FREE COURSE held on Tuesdays, 6.30 – 8.30 pm starting 21 September.

If anyone would like to take part in either of these courses (numbers are limited), please contact Northumberland College on (01289) 302446

THE BLACKHILL CAMPAIGN – FILM NIGHT 8 OCTOBER 2004

Some of you may remember at our Film Night a couple of years ago, the Northern Region Film and Television Archive asked for local help to locate a film which was made in the 1960s about the Blackhill Campaign involving the Scremerston miners. There are a number of video copies of the film in the area but we were looking for the original film . Well, two years, on Dr Leo Enticknap has located the original film and the gentleman who made it – Jack Parsons who is

now in his 80s . We are having the film copied and will show it at the Maltings on Friday 8 October. Further details about the evening will be available nearer the time but if you are interested, put the date in your diary now !

Linda Bankier

PRESERVATION OF FOXES

Collingwood Thompson brought in the following letter which was written by George Grey of Milfield to one of his ancestors, Collingwood Forster James Thompson in 1898 about the preservation of foxes on the Tweedside and Ancroft estates :

*Milfield
Kirknewton
Northumberland
April 28th 1898*

Dear Sir,

Lord Grey desires me to communicate with all his tenants upon the Tweedside and Ancroft Estates and to ask them for their cooperation with him in the preservation of foxes.

His Lordship desires that foxes should be most carefully and strictly preserved and in his efforts to secure this result, he hopes that his tenants will yield him all the assistance in their power.

One great difficulty with which Fox Preservers have to contend, is met with in connection with rabbit killing.

As you know Lord Grey does not exercise any of the rights given him by the Ground Game Act but allows his tenants to have the sole killing of rabbits.

This is done by men who are usually not resident upon the farm and who are to a great extent irresponsible and over whom little control can be exercised by anyone.

There are of course, rabbit catchers who can be trusted not to disturb or kill foxes but undoubtedly some of them do so wilfully, while others again are careless in setting traps and snares, and many foxes are destroyed in consequence.

This makes it in Lord Grey's opinion desirable that some sort of supervision should be exercised so that men who are careless or who are known to be fox killers may be prevented from setting foot upon the Estate.

Lord Grey thinks that this need can be attained if his tenants will at the beginning of each season, and before concluding arrangements for the ensuing seasons rabbit killing, submit to me as his agent the name of the person to whom they propose letting their rabbits or whom they propose getting to kill them.

If such person is satisfactory, good and well, but if not, I would exercise a right of Veto and debar him from being employed on any part of the Howick Estate.

Lord Grey feels confident that you will fall in with this arrangement as he believes your wishes in the matter of fox preservation are similar to his own.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience. At the same time you might please state whom you propose getting to kill next season.

Yours truly,

George Grey

To

*C.F.J. Thompson, Esq.
Downham
Cornhill on Tweed*

Linda Bankier

ASPECTS OF BERWICK'S CULTURAL HISTORY

17th.CENTURY EYEWITNESSES

It is always the way when a big research effort has been completed, and the results have gone to press, that new sources turn up which you wish you had known about at the time. Fortunately, for my book *Berwick under the Stuarts* (2003) the new sources I recount here do not greatly change the picture, just add details.

Berwick Bombarded, 1648

On 28th April 1648, just when everyone thought the Royalists were beaten a band of 800 horse and 1000 foot under Marmaduke Langdale and Charles Lucas seized Berwick. We know now that the Parliamentary reaction was more immediate and decisive than I believed when writing the book. A letter survives from Captain Andrew Ball of the Parliament ship *Adventure* to Sir Arthur Heselrige, Governor of Newcastle:-

“After my humble duty presented unto to you, these few lines are to certify you of my coming before the town of Berwick, being the 2nd of this instant May, betwixt the hours of eight and nine in the forenoon: I stood so near the shore, that I fired ninety-four pieces of ordnance into the town; that is to say, fourteen whole culverins, sixty-four demi-culverins, and fourteen sakers: and we saw many horse along the hills, riding to the town. And the last night, I, being in Holy Island Road, having sent my boat ashore to Captain Batten, to the castle, to know how all things stood with him, he writ me a letter to this effect. That the cavaliers in the country go into the town hourly and that they make the townsmen take up arms, and those that refuse they turn out of the gates; and on Saturday, they had from Leith thirty barrels of powder and three loads of match. Sir, as yet, I believe there are no great guns come hither, for I have not heard the action of any; and with God’s assistance, I shall do my best endeavour, to the utmost of my power, to

prevent any from coming by water, or any other provision whatsoever. The last night, Captain Batten sent me a prisoner aboard, whose name is Mr Peter Jones, one of that island; and he certified me, that my lord of Newcastle is there, with Sir Marmaduke Langdale, Sir William Fleming, Sir Charles Lucas, and my Lord Witherington; and he reports that all these are present in Berwick. I desire that your honour may be please to let me hear from you by the first opportunity, whether any forces are determined hitherto or no; for I am confident, if they come in any short time, that this route will fly. Thus, waiting your honour's pleasure, I take my leave for the present; and rest, as I am, your honour's true and faithful servant, to the uttermost of my power, for the good of the public,

Andrew Ball

From Berwick Road, May 2,

At the hour of twelve, 1648

I desire your honour to certify the Parliament of these passages, and my being here: and to send away this packet with all the speed that may be." (Powell etc, no.325)

Hesilrige did as Ball requested and wrote to the Speaker on 9th. May outlining the general situation and recounting that Captain Ball was said to have seized a big Irish frigate, "but as yet I hear it not from himself, which makes me doubt it". Three smaller vessels had been seized with corn and coal and lay at Holy Island where their owners were to be allowed to collect them. Hesilrige concludes:-

"Captain Ball doth very great service at Berwick: they are not yet armed. It is necessary to send him, with all speed, some ships to assist him: for the enemy threatens to bring six ships against him: and a great part of the wall of Berwick being fallen down towards the sea, ships will be of great use to prevent the sudden making of it up." (Powell etc, no.327)

A Parliamentary newsletter from York on 12th.May recounted that "the late surprise of Berwick" had depressed Parliament's forces while the cavaliers were greatly encouraged:-

"They are so high, that they cry out in every place "hey for King Charles again", (and satirically) "what will become of the saints now?" Indulgence, I fear, hath whetted this knife to cut our own throats; a hundred or six score score of the well affected are fled out of Cumberland for fear of the enemy. All our forces are marched northward to endeavour all they can to prevent the enemy multiplying, and dissipate their tender bodies before they grow too corpulent". (Firth, p.8)

The Royalist hope was dashed with defeat at Preston in August and on 30th.September the town was handed over to Cromwell's forces.

Berwick reacts to the death of Charles II, 1685

The second anecdote comes from the diary of James Nimmo:-

"About the beginning Feb 1685, King Charles dying upon the 7th of the month without any knowledge of his sickness to us, about the tenth at night the gates of Berwick, where we were, were shut and proclamation made by tuke of drum, that none after such an hour should be out of their own houses, under pain of death, which begot a great suprising consternation in most of the town, and many apprehended a massacre, for the Governor and several officers were popish, Ammunition taken onto the streets and whole garrison in arms all night; when at supper some came in, we desired them to take some meat, they insinuated they would never eat more, however my wife and I took supper, and watched at the windows att night by turns and the next day King James was proclaimed and told Charles was dead, and so the fear of that was over for a time, but sad things feared." (Scott-Moncrieff, p.75)

What the Guild of Berwick feared did indeed come to pass, the new king James II imposed a new charter and threw out the old families putting 'foreigners' in charge. But the flight of James II set this innovation at nought and the Charter of 1604 was reestablished along with the old cronies of the Guild.

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Chris Green

LIFE ON THE BORDERLINE

Just when you thought the Union of the Crowns 400 project was over, along comes another one!

Earlier this year, the Friends were awarded a substantial grant from the Local Heritage Initiative to organise a series of local history activities under the title "Life on the Borderline".

Most of the ideas incorporated in the project were generated by groups in the local communities during the year of the Union of the Crowns commemoration.

The first element of the project to take place was the very successful Bygone Borderlands event staged in Berwick Town Hall over the weekend 17th/18th April.

The exhibition comprised 19 displays created by local and family history societies and individual researchers from both sides of the Border. The themes ranged from Belford's 19th century workhouse to aspects of life in the past in Bamburgh, Beadnell and Seahouses, from the archaeology of the medieval Bondington area of Berwick to the experiences of a schoolboy in the Borders during the Second World War.

Throughout the weekend, a programme of talks and lecturettes was presented by local speakers on a variety of history topics.

A very popular attraction was the series of re-enactments of an 18th century Berwick court case, played out in the appropriate surroundings of the Courtroom and restored Old Gaol on the first floor of the Town Hall. Key roles were played by local actors including Chris Green and Jim Herbert, with members of the audience invited to take the parts of the opposing barristers and to decide the case as the jury.

The event attracted over 1,000 visitors.

The weather was not kind to the family and community history events held on the wet and cold weekend of 8th/9th May.

On the Saturday, Linda Bankier gave a presentation at a Women's Day at Wooler and also prepared a small exhibition that was displayed in the Lady Waterford Hall in Ford.

The Old Parish of Bamburgh History Group braved the atrocious conditions to set up a small display in the Pavilion at Bamburgh, and the Off the Wall Theatre Ensemble attended gallantly to stage their version of the story of Grace Darling.

The focus in Berwick was life in the town during the Second World War, as the weekend coincided with the anniversary of VE Day. English Heritage allowed free entry into the Barracks complex during the weekend, so that visitors could see more than 20 military vehicles from all over North East England and southern Scotland.

“Berwick at War” was an exhibition of photographs, advertisements and extracts from local newspapers that stimulated memories among many older visitors. Also included was Philip Rowett’s display on the history of the vessels that have borne the name “HMS Berwick”. It is hoped that the exhibition will lead to a more ambitious presentation next year, associated with the 60th anniversary of the end of World War Two, and to the gathering of valuable recollections from local people who had first hand experience of life at the time.

On the Sunday, we also held a Family History Day in the Guildhall which was attended by over 200 people who came along to find out about how to trace your Family History and talk to people who had traced their own.

We were much more fortunate with the weather for our revival of the traditional Berwick May Fair, on Bank Holiday Monday 31st May.

Businesses and organisations from the various parts of the Borough came together under the banner of Coast Meets Countryside at Berwick May Fair. The purpose was to illustrate the variety of communities and their heritage within the present Borough.

The range of displays and activities represented included Chillingham Wild Cattle, Chain Bridge Honey Farm and Doddington Dairy, the Ford and Etal Estates, Northumberland National Park and the fishing heritage of the Coast and the River Tweed. Tweedmouth artist Cara Lockhart Smith was kept busy helping dozens of children make colourful paper fish, in keeping with the coastal theme of her stand. A puppet show staged by Robert Redhead of Kirknewton enchanted the youngsters and the Off the Wall Theatre Ensemble presented several performances of their Grace Darling drama, which appealed to all ages. More than a dozen traditional musicians, brought together by Jim Smith from throughout the Borough, provided entertainment that was much appreciated.

During the day, a large audience of local people and visitors enjoyed the atmosphere of the Fair in unexpected Bank Holiday sunshine.

Another element of the project is the designing and making of two stained glass windows based on images depicting the themes of the Union of the Crowns and Berwick’s Royal Charters. The idea from this came from a group of amateur artists in Berwick who have been working with this traditional art-form. It is planned that the panels will be displayed as a permanent feature in Berwick Library when they are completed later this year.

A CD-Rom is being compiled, that will include material created for the Union of the Crowns 400 commemorations, Bygone Borderlands and other displays produced by groups in the local communities. We would like every local and family history group in the district to contribute towards this CD, copies of which will be distributed free of charge to local schools, libraries and the participating organisations.

Another major part of the “Life on the Borderline” programme is a series of three workshop sessions to stimulate effective and imaginative ways of mounting public displays or exhibitions.

Anyone who would like to develop their skills in setting up displays for their local history society, village hall, youth or community group, or to improve the presentation of projects of personal interest, is welcome to take part.

The workshops are free of charge to everyone attending.

The sessions will be informative, informal and practical, and are led by Keith Nevens, an experienced exhibition designer and former member of the Tyne and Wear Museums Department.

The venues and dates for the workshops are:

- Seahouses Resources Centre, Main Street, Seahouses
7pm-9pm, Monday 28th June
- The Maltings Arts Theatre, Berwick-upon-Tweed
7pm-9pm, Tuesday 29th June
- The Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place, Wooler
7pm-9pm, Wednesday 30th June

Anyone interested in taking part in one of the workshops can contact Derek Sharman on 01289 301861 or by email at timetoexplore@btinternet.com.

Derek Sharman

THE EVENTS COMMEMORATING 1603-1604. –AN APPRECIATION

It was early summer in 2002 when it was suggested to the Friends Committee that we might agree to being the umbrella charitable body for the Union of the Crowns 400 Project. Behind the scenes Berwick Borough Council Officers and members had been discussing the possibility of arranging some sort of commemoration of the events which had brought a much needed peace along the borders of England and Scotland from 1604 onwards.

Once agreed we had little time to organise events and we needed someone to spearhead the whole project. Interested parties applied and Derek Sharman was appointed. Derek had, in fact, been interested in the Union of the Crowns for some time and, once in post, came out with hundreds of exciting ideas. In no time, it appeared, he had funding lined up and groups, sub-groups and individuals organised ready for the first big weekend.

Berwick has never seen anything like the huge events taking place over that weekend-29th March 2003. Derek's enthusiasm had spread to all sorts of groups and societies. People who had never envisaged themselves even attending anything now found themselves writing, acting, painting, stewarding and volunteering for outlandish tasks. The statistics for the whole project would make very interesting reading- how many volunteers came forward to help?, how many groups?, how many events?, how many people attended?, how many letters and e-mails were sent?, from how far did expressions of interest come?, how many meetings were held?

One point which is interesting, is the number of people who hope that some aspects of the Union of the Crowns 400 will go on into the future. Apart from the sports competitions and many cross –border events hopefully continuing year on year the greatest request is for the return of the Civil War Society. No one seeing the enthusiasm of this group of people could fail to notice their attention to detail and their profound dedication to their hobby.

At all the events Derek was seen beavering away wearing one of his Union of the Crown 400 Purple jumpers. People tend to forget how much groundwork is put in before any event and how much volunteers are relied upon to help with the logistics. At most events the same faces appeared again and again. From the point of view of the Friends those who contributed much were Chris Green, Jim Herbert and Linda Bankier.

Chris was weighed down with the scripts for all the major and minor dramas; Jim's technical skills were much in demand. It's not everyone who is asked to design and produce a colour filled brochure and build a trebuchet! Then Linda would be asked about a particular point of Berwick's history and within a short time there would be a leaflet, a display, an exhibition. She didn't stop at the Archives aspect- she was regularly seen selling programmes, stewarding and serving tea! Well done all!

Derek, Linda, Chris and Jim must all be so thankful that the Union of the Crowns 400 Project is behind them, but we of the Steering Group and Friend's Committee owe them a huge dept of gratitude for all the intense work they have put into making sure that Berwick and its Border history was so well represented to the rest of the world

Barbara M. Herdman.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW : 31st May 2004

As the umbrella body of the whole Union of the Crowns 400 Project we, the Friends, had been able to access grants from a number of funding bodies- the Heritage Lottery Fund being the most generous. To prove our commitment to receiving and using these funds to the benefit of the community we had to do a little fund raising ourselves. The idea of a raffle was born.

Fred Baxendale of How and Blackhall turned up trumps by using the Union of the Crowns 400 logo and printing the tickets in royal purple. Derek Sharman introduced us to Jane Warcup who found some amazing sponsors and some excellent prizes. Fred Stott and I had met half-way for the first prize-Fred to offer a prize and I to ask him for a prize. The result was a stunning limited edition print of Berwick, framed and signed –wonderful! Jane came up with two splendid gifts-first clas tickets from Virgin Trains and a round of golf at Slaley Hall –both very acceptable. Other smaller but much appreciated gifts appeared.

I managed to distribute a fair number of tickets throughout the Borough and noticed some very far-away places as I was folding them at a day's selling at Safeway and at our final push at the May Fair. Addresses from Canada, Austria and Spain were on some tickets –thank goodness they didn't win Fred's print!

At last, at the May Fair, the Mayoress, Mrs Lesley Stephenson drew the raffle. The prizes are now distributed and the Friends are almost £600 better off. Well done , everyone!

The winners are:

1. Fred Stott Print – Mrs Edgar, Ord.
2. Virgin Rail Tickets – Mrs Tindall, Spittal.
3. Slaley Hall Golf –Mr Anderson, Chirnside.
4. Ford and Etal Day Out – Mrs Barrett, Berwick.
5. Boots Gift –Mrs Stephenson, Berwick.
6. Halford's Gift –Mrs Stephenson, Berwick.

7. Wine – Mr. Wigdor, Berwick.
8. Wine – Mrs. Young, Spittal.
9. Wine – Mr Walton, Berwick.
10. Kitchen Utensils – Mrs Latheron, Chirnside.

Barbara M. Herdman

SNIPPETS FROM THE BERWICK ADVERTSIER

17 September 1842

PERSONAL BEAUTY - ROWLAND'S KALYDOR

A CREAMY odoriferous preparation from ORIENTAL EXOTICS is now universally known as the ONLY SAFE & EFFICIENT PROTECTOR & BEAUTIFIER of the SKIN & COMPLEXION. Its virtues are commonly displayed in thoroughly eradicating all PIMPLES, SPOTS, REDNESS, TAN, FRECKLES, and other unsightly CUTANEOUS DEFECTS, in healing SUNBURN, STINGS of INSECTS, and in rendering the most rough and uneven skin pleasantly soft and smooth. To the COMPLEXION, it imparts a juvenile roseate hue, and to the neck, hand and arm, a delicacy and fairness unrivalled.

It is invaluable as a renovating and refreshing wash during travelling or exposure to the sun, dust, or harsh winds, and often the heated atmosphere of crowded assemblies. GENTLEMEN will find it particularly grateful after shaving, in healing the smarting pains.

Price 1/6d per bottle and 8/6d duty included.

25 February 1843

TWEEDMOUTH COMMON QUARRY

WHEREAS great abuse has for a long time existed in the working of the Common Quarry in the Manor of Tweedmouth and Spittle, called the Kings Quarry, by persons not entitled to do so, whereby the Owners of Lands and Tenements have been greatly injured. Notice is hereby given that every Person who shall be hereafter found winning or working stones in the said Quarry, who shall have not given at least three days Notice in writing to the Steward or Bailiff of the said Manor of his intentions to do so on behalf of some persons entitled to win stones therefrom, will be deemed a TRESPASSER, and be prosecuted as such.

Dated this day 23rd of February 1843.

By Order T. GILCHRIST,
Town Clerk,
Steward of the said Manor.

22 April 1843

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Apply to JOHN & GEORGE CARR & CO.
Governer's House, Berwick.
20th April 1843.

Muriel Fraser

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

At the last committee meeting we discussed ways that the cost of producing and delivering the Newsletter could be reduced. It would be very helpful if volunteers could hand deliver as many as possible....please contact Linda if you are willing to do so. Another idea is to reduce the size of the Newsletter to A5, which would ultimately reduce the amount of paper and postage. Your ideas/comments would be much appreciated...if you have managed to read this far!

Don't forget any interesting stories, items, events, letters or queries for the newsletter will be most appreciated. You may give them to Linda or send them by e-mail to gallagher@ukonline.co.uk or by post c/o The Records Office, Wallace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1ED

Yvonne Gallagher
Hon. Editor