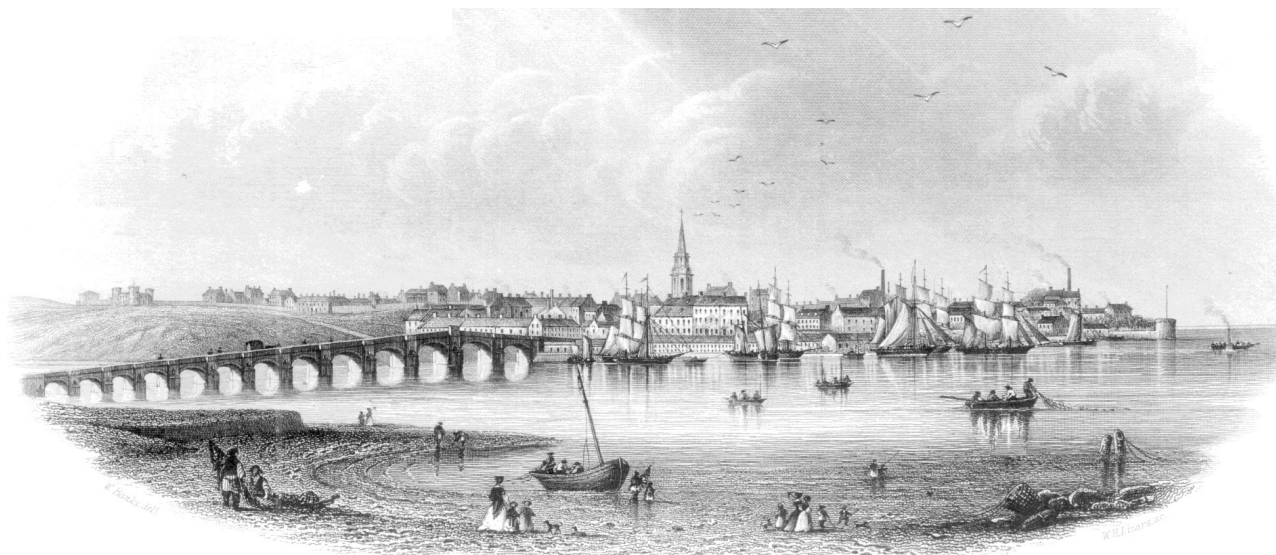


# Friends of Berwick & District Museum and Archives Newsletter



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

March 2009

Annual General Meeting -  
details to be announced in  
the next newsletter.

## **BERWICK MUSEUM & ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS 2009**

### **OPENING TIMES**

**1<sup>st</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
Including Bank Holidays**

**Wednesdays – Sundays, 10am – 5pm**

1<sup>st</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May

Northumberland-A Heritage Revealed (a joint exhibition with other major Northumberland Museums): The History of the ancient county as revealed in maps, pictures and objects.

17<sup>th</sup> June - 31<sup>st</sup> August

Beside the Seaside: An interactive exhibition celebrating the seaside and coast for holidays and artistic inspiration.

9<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September

Icon of the Steam Age: A detailed look at depictions of the Royal Border Bridge since 1850, staged as one of the local events marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Robert Stephenson.

## **OTHER SOCIETIES' LECTURES**

### **AYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Ayton Bowling Clubhouse**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Roman Frontier Policies in Scotland: Ian Goldsack

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

A Topic from Chinese History: Jan Conway

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

John Knox in Berwick and Newcastle: Michael Cook

### **BELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Meeting Room, Belford Community Centre.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	More Minor Railways: Roger Jermy
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lindisfarne Castle: Catherine Atkinson
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Belford's Trafalgar Hero: Tony Barrow

### **BERWICK HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2009	The Life and Times of Dr. Henry Richardson: Jane Bowen
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	England's Rough Wooing: Isabel Gordon
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	The Prehistoric Archaeology of The Cheviots and Milfield Basin: Roger Miket

### **BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick upon Tweed.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

#### **No Lectures in January**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2009	Members Evening. The Northern Walls of Berwick-Further Research: Jim Herbert
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Joint Meeting with Berwick Civic Society and Jeremy Paterson: Title to be announced

### **BORDERS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Corn Exchange, Melrose**

**Time: 2.30pm**

#### **No Lectures in December & January**

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2009	Robert Gibson-Champion Lawn Bowler:
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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Kenneth Nichol  
Grandpaw's Bawbees and other Scottish  
Coins: Peter Munro

**COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Eildon Centre, Coldstream.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Wizard Earl of Northumberland:

Professor D Batho

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Memories of Old Norham: Mr J M Gibson

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

AGM 7pm prompt followed by Jim Clark

Champion: Andrew Tulloch

**DUNSE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Duns Social Club, 41 Newton St, Duns.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009

The Rise and Decline of Scottish Textiles:

Mr Peter Johnson

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Research on Gravestones : Mrs Kathleen

Tansley

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

The Burrell Collection and its Connection  
with Berwick-upon-Tweed: Mr Chris Green

**GLENDALÉ LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: The Cheviot Centre, Padgepool Place, Wooler.**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Doctor in the House-Life in the House of

Lords: Lord Walton of Detchant

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Society Annual Dinner at Tankerville

Arms, Wooler

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	St Cuthbert and Northumbrian Identity : John Field
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Guided Tour of Coupland Castle ( 10.30am, £7 per person)

### **LOWICK HERITAGE GROUP**

**Venue: Lowick Village Hall** **Time: 7.30pm**

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Fishing Communities: Katrina Porteous
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Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Newspapers of Berwick: Tony Langmack
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### **NORTH SUNDERLAND & SEAHOUSES LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: St Paul's Church Hall, North Sunderland** **Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Fishing photos plus party night
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Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	St Oswald and St Oswald's Way: Peter Carter
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Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Henry Richardson from Opium Wars to Convict Ships: Jane Bowen
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### **NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

#### **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND BRANCH**

**Venue: Bell View Resource Centre, 33 West Street, Belford** **Time: 10.00am**

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Bondagers: Dinah Iredale
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Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Members Forum
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Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Costume: Mary Pinder
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## ARCHIVE NEWS

It's hard to believe that Christmas has come around again. This year has gone even faster than most, probably because we have been so busy.

Over the past couple of months, the Record Office has been involved with various activities, most of them centred on education and working with young people. Work on the Primary Sources literacy and numeracy project with Berwick and Glendale Middle Schools was finally completed this term. We held a very successful teachers' workshop in the Record Office at the beginning of December to promote the project and the website has now been launched. If you want to look at some of the local sources which are on the site, go to [www.primarysources.org.uk](http://www.primarysources.org.uk) which even includes lesson plans for teachers!

Throughout this term and over the next 6 months, I am working on a project with Berwick Library and Tweedmouth Middle School which is trying to find out about the Home Front in Berwick and creating links with our twin town in Poland, Trzcinica to find out what life was like there as well. To start off the project, all the children from Year 5 in Tweedmouth Middle School visited the Record Office to find out about the history of Berwick. We also held two events in the Library to publicise the project. On Remembrance Day we set up a Second World War display and some of the children came across to look at it and people who were in the Library shared their wartime memories with them. Then, at the end of November, there was an official visit from Trzcinica and the party came across to the Library where they met some of the Tweedmouth Middle children who were able to ask them about their town. The project is going very well so far but we are interested in getting in contact with people who have war experiences in Berwick and the surrounding area so that we can record their memories. If anyone knows anyone who could help us, please let me know.

Staying with the theme of the Second World War, thanks to MLA NE (Museums, Libraries and Archives), I have been working on a Learning Links project with Berwick Middle School whose Year 5 pupils have been studying the topic this term. Thanks to a grant, two of the teachers have been able to spend time in the Archives and together we have gathered a range of local Archive material which they can use for the topic. We've created lesson plans for the whole topic which the teachers can use every year which includes a visit to the Archive office, former evacuees visiting the classroom and the children finding out about the bombings in the area. One of the classes has already visited the Archive office and the rest of them are coming after Christmas.

Finally, on the education front, MLA NE gave me some money to try some experimental archive education work with Early Years children (5 and under). Normally, this group would not be considered as a group to introduce to Archives. However, as I have a 3 year old myself, I thought I would try. After some discussion with Surestart staff, I put together an Archive lesson about the seaside and the beach using old and modern photographs of Spittal. I then tried it out with children at the Surestart Nursery; St Cuthbert's Early Years Unit; Spittal First School and Longridge Towers. I was pleasantly surprised at how much the children enjoyed it and how much they learnt from the pictures. I'm hoping to do it again as it was so successful.

As well as working on these projects, I have also done some other education work – Chirnside Primary School came to the Office to find out about medieval Berwick and with the help of Jean Watts, I led a group from Longridge Towers Junior Department on an historical walk around Berwick.

There hasn't been much chance to fit other things in but the Record Office is also involved in another project which will come to fruition in the summer. 2009 is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Stephenson's death and because of his connection with the Royal Border Bridge, there will be a number of events held in Berwick connected with him and the Railways. I'll provide more information in the next newsletter, so watch this space.

Finally, Carole Pringle and I would like to thank you all for the support you have given us and the Record Office this year. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2009. Let's hope it doesn't go as fast as 2008!

*Linda Bankier*

## **WALTER WRIGHT, COACH DRIVER**

As part of the Primary Sources project, Berwick Middle School looked at the methods of travel before the coming of the Railways. Whilst looking through the old Berwick Advertisers, we found the following account about Walter Wright, a mail coach driver travelling between Belford and Dunbar and how some of the people in the area showed their gratitude for the service he provided :

### **BERWICK ADVERTISER**

**10 JANUARY 1824**

WE hope our readers will not think a small part of our paper improperly occupied, in recording the merits of a worthy individual, who, although moving in a humble sphere of life, has, for a long course of years fulfilled the duties of his station with credit to himself, advantage to his employers, and with general satisfaction to the public, whose servant he may very properly be termed. Walter Wright has been mail coach driver between this town and Belford from the commencement of that establishment which took place about the year 1786, and is still in the same employment; and it is no satisfactory proof of the fidelity and skill with which he has performed his duty, that the proprietors of that stage have been changed six or seven times during the long period of Walter's driving. Those who have been accustomed to travel by this conveyance cannot but have noticed Walter's unaffected and modest civility and attentiveness to his passengers; and also, what is of most essential importance in a coach driver's character, his habitual sobriety. To his temperate habits indeed, we think must be mainly attributed that, though for about thirty five years he drove the coach, at the rate of thirty miles a day, in the night time; viz from seven o'clock in the evening till two o'clock in the morning, he is now at an advanced age, still a hale man, and may, in all probability, be able to do the duties of his situation for many years to come. During the two last years Walter has driven the coach between Belford and Dunbar, a distance of forty five miles. An easy calculation, therefore, will show, that he has travelled on the whole with the mail coach upwards of four hundred thousand miles; or more than sixteen times the



circumference of the earth. On Wednesday last, a superfine scarlet frock coat, ? with blue, a blue waistcoat, and a fine black hat, with a gold lace band, and a black cockade , were presented to Walter by several gentleman of this town and neighbourhood, who wished to distinguish him by this mark of their good will and respect, for the exemplary propriety of his conduct during so many years' service in his useful though humble calling.

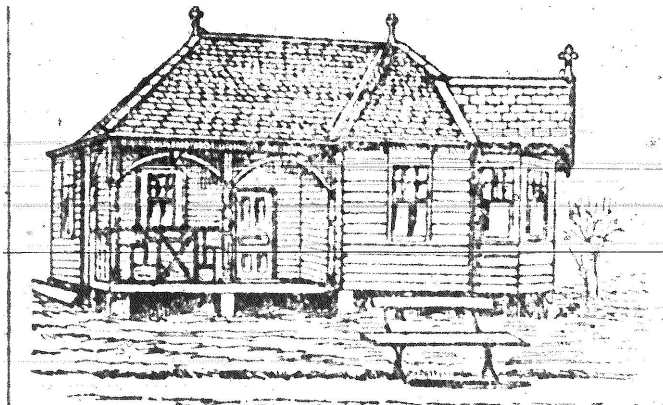
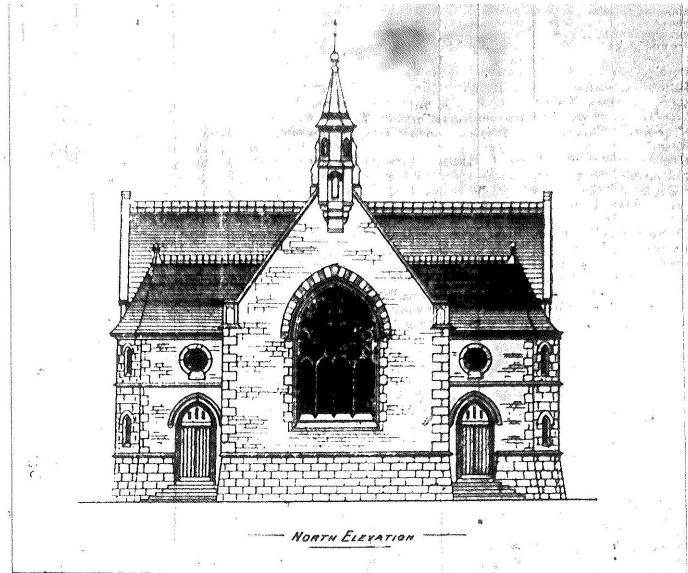
*Linda Bankier*

## **THE WORKHOUSE PROJECT GETS STARTED**

I'm really pleased to report that after almost 18 months of preparation, the Workhouse Project in conjunction with the National Archives has finally started. Paul Carter came up in October and ran a Workshop for the 13 volunteers and has set them off on listing a series of documents relating to the Southampton Union as a practise run. Some of the group have finished this and our first member has received his Berwick allocation which is very exciting. We will be working on the project for about 18 months and so we hope to include snippets that we find in forthcoming newsletters. This is a very exciting project which has thrown up some interesting questions already – John Spiers has been allocated the Commissioners correspondence with the Union for 1843. We checked out our Board of Guardians minutes for that period and discovered that a lot of the entries which are at the back of a volume have been cut out !. We don't know why but maybe we will find out!

*Linda Bankier*

## **CAN YOU GUESS WHAT AND WHERE THESE BUILDINGS WERE IN BERWICK ?**



Answers in the next Newsletter

*Lars Rose*

## HENRY AND MARGARET RICHARDSON

### VISIT LONDON JUNE 1885

*In the last **Friends' Newsletter**, I gave extracts from Henry Richardson's diary of his visit to Staffordshire in 1885. From there, he and his wife continued south to stay with her older sister, Mary. Mary had married a London solicitor, Alfred Tatham, and they lived in Surbiton with their daughter Winifred, aged 12.*

#### 27 SATURDAY

Left Longcrofts for Surbiton. Mrs. Alexander accompanied us in carriage to Barton - fine day very warm beautiful scenery of a rural character, meadows and water with most beautiful trees - no hills - Hay cut in many fields - in some being carried. - Railway not so smooth as Great Northern. Got easily from Euston to Waterloo and thence to Surbiton.

#### 28 SUNDAY

Fine sunny day not too warm. Attended S Marks a.m. and p.m. very nice service. Still have troublesome cough particularly in morning. ....

#### 29 MONDAY

Wife & I to London - called on Sir. Wm Gull\*, but he was unable to see me - made an appointment for next day. Wife saw Mary Jackson. Went to the Academy (*The Royal Academy Summer Show*) & saw the paintings - met Mrs. Lowrey there from Berwick. Afterwards attended a concert, very good singing but too long. Called & had tea with Mrs Dasent who is very lively.

#### 30 TUESDAY

Another fine day. Wife & I to London saw Sir Wm Gull. He examined me very thoroughly, lungs, hear, liver, urine - and said circulation weak especially right side of heart but nothing very serious the matter with me. He said he did not want any fee but I persuaded him to take 2 guineas. Went to Inventions Exhibition - hot and uninteresting. Weighed in exhibition - London weight 10 st. (*Although Henry was unimpressed, the Inventions Exhibition was in its day very important ; it featured*

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*major developments in engineering, electricity and music; among other things it is said to have had the first public display of street lighting.)*

#### JULY: 1 WEDNESDAY

Another lovely day. Drove to Richmond in afternoon to see Jackson - most pleasant drive went through Park and returned by Ham Common. Trees everywhere splendid. deer not so numerous as I have seen, but very peaceful. Got home at 5.30. Saw a Mr. Jaffrey dead drunk in a cab - a frequent occurrence - he is a dyspsomaniac.

#### 2 THURSDAY

Another lovely day, not too sunny. Mrs Case invited us to luncheon and a drive today and we went accordingly. Had a very nice luncheon all ladies (eight in number) except myself - a very lively family, and Mrs. C the most lively of the lot. Delightful drive by Claremont and Hampton Court - very nice carriage and horses. Had tea on return. Mr. Case came along after dinner to see me - very kind of him.

#### 3 FRIDAY

Another beautiful day, but rather warm, grand weather for haymaking. Mrs Tatham took us for a beautiful drive by Esher, very hot when exposed to sun but very pleasant - the most extraordinary quantity of flowers in the gardens. Haymaking going on everywhere. Winifred was with us. She talks just like a grown up person.

#### 4 SATURDAY

Left Surbiton in cab at 8.30 caught 8.50 train to Waterloo. Cab to King's Cross (2/6) - Got to station at 9.45 - train very full - 5 in a compartment (1st Class). Very warm but not unpleasant, carriage went very smoothly all the way. Had sandwiches at York and a good walk which freshened me up. Found children all at station and had a hearty welcome.

*\* Sir William Gull was one of the foremost physicians of his day, serving both Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales. He had been knighted in 1872, after successfully treating the Prince of Wales. Later he was to come under suspicion in the Jack the Ripper murders.*

*Jane Bowen and Jan Ward*

## GRAND JAPANESE VILLAGE FAIR

**Grand Japanese Village Fair - 5.6.7 August 1885** (there is a lovely programme for the event in one of the Crossman scrapbook – NRO.683/25/61)

On the 5th a grand bazaar, entitled a Japanese village and feast of lanterns was opened in the Corn Exchange, Berwick by Sir E Grey, Bart of Falloden, in the absence of Sir Wm and Lady Crossman, who were to have performed the ceremony. The object was in aid of the fund for improving and enlarging the church. The scene was a quaint one, and very well arranged. All round the great hall were the stalls, principally made of bamboo, with Japanese signs over them, and their attendants beside them, attired in the garb of the country. At one end was the model of a mandarin's palace, which served as an exterior to the refreshment stall. Behind this towered a tall pagoda with bells at the points of the roof. The platform was arranged as a Japanese tea garden, entitled the "Chin Chin Chew -chew I Drinking Garden," with chairs and tables, a tea house in the background, and lanterns, fans, and Japanese Umbrellas round the walls. "No Indian tea sold" was written upon a label. The opening ceremony took place shortly after noon, the band playing "God save the Queen", and then Sir Edward Grey, Col. D Milne Home, M.P., the Rev. Mr. Rooke (the minister), Councillor Young, &c., made appropriate addresses, after which the whole party made the tour of the hall, and purchased at each stall. The stalls were named in the following manner: Yeddo, Yokohama, Satsuma, Tokio, Saga, Osaka, Kobe, Kioto, Nagasaki. At each, appropriate wares were sold the real places are famous for. A number of boys dressed as Japanese walked about, selling wares. A fish pond in one corner, called Lake Biwa, attracted much patronage, and was cleverly looked after by a gentleman. An old woman in her shoe, selling dolls was to be seen in Tokio. The bazaar continued open till the end of the week, and proved most attractive. The costumes worn by some of the stall holders were imported from the 'Flowery Land' ie the Japanese Empire, and were very effective.

*Jane Bowen and Jan Ward*

## **THE BLUE BELL IN 1909 AND A VISIT TO LINDISFARNE**

Extract from an article by a 'Peripatetic Parson' which appeared in the Church Times  
Sept 17 1909

Returning to the railway line at Christon Bank, Belford station was reached in the early evening of Wednesday. A mile and a quarter's walk along a rising high road brought us to the small unattractive, market-town of that name, with nothing to commend itself to the modern pilgrim save its convenient situation and the good accommodation of the old-fashioned Blue Bell Hotel, with its beautiful and extensive flower and vegetable garden at the back. The Church of Belford, chiefly rebuilt in 1827, is of almost repellent ugliness in its exterior, but contains within a Norman chancel arch. Owing to some confusion in arrangements,, we found ourselves unexpected at the "Blue Bell" till the morrow. By the aid of the telegraph wire, it was discovered that our visit to Holy Isle, could be anticipated, and at eight o'clock in the evening, Belford was left for a long five mile drive in a two wheeled trap, to gain the sacred spot by a most unusual route. Following roads for some distance due north, the trap turned aside at Elwick Farm at a sharp right angle, through a gate, and across several grass fields, where there was no manner of a track, until at last the edge of the bay opposite Lindisfarne was reached as the dusk began to settle down. Here our youthful but expert driver pointed out to us, in what seemed the remote dim distance, the Beacons, which are two great, lofty obelisks of brick, so arranged by the edge of the waters as to guide shipping into the shallow sand-girt harbour of Holy Island. Certain parts of the mingled mud and sand, pretty close at hand, were also pointed out to us, where the ground was so treacherous that horse and trap with its contents would be speedily sucked in. From this point a considerable arc of a wide circle was described to reach the Beacons, where there was not a single post or stake to guide us. It was somewhat weird and uncanny being thus driven in the dim light, with no sound in the mysterious silence but the occasional splash of the wheels as they dipped into a pool of tide-left water, or the musical tooting note of a disturbed sandpiper. But the wits of our driver and the steadiness of the strong horse, as we sometimes hugged the shore with many a jolt, and then (for apparently no reason) dashed out some distance on to the dripping yet firm sand, prevailed, and at last a boat was descried not far from the water's edge, lying off the nearest of

the gigantic and unsightly Beacons. Ere we had time to wonder how the boat could be gained on this flat sandy shore without not a little undressing, horse, trap, and all went calmly into the water, and out of the conveyance we stepped directly into the small boat manned by two bare-legged fishermen. The row across the mile of gently rippling intervening water was delightful, and by about half past nine we were stumbling over the rocky causeway that led us to the few lighted houses of the village of St. Mary's. It was difficult to realize that this was once sacred soil in the annals of England's Christianity as we blundered on; but shelter had to be gained, and ere long we reached the two or three steps, guarded by small, rather curious sets of low iron railings which gives the unique name of The Iron Rails to this modest, but comfortable little hostelry. Here our hostess provided some supper, but the beds were all occupied. However, the difficulty was solved by the sister of our hostess coming to the rescue, for she was able to find us sleeping quarters at her own modest hostelry, the equally comfortable and spotlessly clean "Crown and Anchor".

*Jane Bowen and Jan Ward*

## **PLANNING PROJECT**

Thanks to the volunteers' dedication and hard work we have been able to increase considerably the number of planning files which have been catalogued in detail. We have also broadened our area to include Belford, Beadnell, Seahouses and Holy Island which will enable us to compare Berwick Town's planning with the surrounding area.

### **Belford Rural District Council**

This part of the project has been very interesting and the Belford Rural District Council plans, in particular, have produced some "gems". These include four very detailed and colourful 1933 plans of an Art Deco house, known as "Fraggle Rock" located in Beadnell - it's still there with a few modern alterations – and a similar plan for another Art Deco house in Seahouses in 1934 which, to our knowledge was never built.

We have also discovered the original plans for the Grace Darling Museum dated March 1937. The plans are magnificent and include a detailed specification of works. The architects were L J Couves & Partners, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Four very detailed and colourful plans with no date also survive for proposed alterations to the Bamburgh Castle Hotel, in Seahouses

Belford had many applications for new builds of modern bungalows and houses in the early 1930's . Whether these were built would be a challenge for someone to investigate – any offers ?

### **Holy Island**

At the moment, I am listing plans for Holy Island for the period 1949 to 1974. Amongst these files I have found :

Four plans for a proposed new Vicarage, dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1949

Construction of sewage Scheme in 1955

Plans of the conversion of a dwelling house in St Cuthbert's Square into two self contained flats. The plans are date February 1962 and the scheme was given an improvement grant of £2,400

Plans of the conversion of a disused Granary into a dwelling house, dated January 1964.

Conversion of the former Police House in Market Place from one to two dwellings, dated October 1966.

Improvements to Herring Houses, dated January 1968 which received an improvement grant of £1000.00.

Erection of the telephone exchange, July 1972.

### **Berwick Town Council**

Within the Berwick files we have come across a plan for a proposed pavilion at Tweedmouth Tennis Courts, dated June 1925. We were at a loss to where the



Tennis Courts were located but by talking to friends and relations Eileen Baxendale established that they were built on the Tweedmouth West School playing field. Entrance to the Tennis Courts had been from Osborne Road, past the school, opposite the cut to the Crescent, known locally as Chappells Cut. The two grass courts were well used and tournaments were held with light refreshments served in the pavilion.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and wish you all a HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. We are continuing with the project in the New Year every Tuesday 2-4pm in the Archives until March 2009. If anyone is interested and would like to join us please contact me on 01289 301882 or email [cap@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk](mailto:cap@berwick-upon-tweed.gov.uk).

*Carole Pringle*

## **“AT THE CROSS ROADS” - HEART OF BERWICK HERITAGE INITIATIVES**

In the post war years the built fabric of the Town Centre of Berwick-upon-Tweed deteriorated due to a combination of economic circumstances, associated with the decline in employment in the primary activities of farming and fishing, and in particular in the 1960's the impact of traffic. In the early 1970's a programme of public led grant schemes reversed the fortunes of buildings on Quay Walls and elsewhere within the Town Centre, repairing their fabric and restoring architectural features. Projects such as Town Schemes, Conservation Area Partnership Schemes and Heritage Economic Regeneration Schemes ran between 1974 and 2004. During this time the Berwick-upon-Tweed Preservation Trust also secured and safeguarded a number of significant properties, beginning with the Lion's House and most recently the Granary in Dewar's Lane.

Clearly some of the Town Centre fabric is therefore at the end of a thirty year cycle of repair and maintenance, an issue highlighted in the Berwick Master Plan and Regeneration Strategy. The need to protect and enhance the heritage asset across the Town Centre is an objective set out in both documents, not only to secure the buildings themselves but also to develop the Town further as a visitor destination.

Survey work undertaken recently has highlighted three areas of particular need. Two clusters of buildings in Marygate and at the foot of West Street and Bridge End, linked by properties in West Street are the subject of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund under its Townscape Heritage Initiative. The bid seeks almost £1,000,000 to repair and restore the fabric of up to 30 buildings and to rationalise and improve the appearance of the Eastern Lane Car Park. In addition Bridge Street, including The Bridge Street Car Park, and Castlegate, between the Scot's Gate and High Greens are the subject of bids to English Heritage under their Area Partnership Scheme; in these two areas the opportunity will be taken to not only repair and restore the fabric of individual buildings but also to repair, restore and improve Shop Fronts. The sum of £600,000 is sought for each area. Across each of the three schemes funding will also be provided by One Northeast. The Castlegate Area Residents Association and Traders have expressed support for both the submission of the bid for Castlegate and its implementation.

These bids are competitive and will be assessed against bids from other Towns and Cities, if successful funding will be available under the Area Partnership Schemes in 2009 and from the Townscape Heritage Initiative in 2010. This concentrated investment in the Town centre will see a significant uplift in the character and appearance of its historic fabric.

*Peter Rutherford-Head of Development Services*

## **SNIPPETS FROM THE BERWICK ADVERTISER**

**Berwick Advertiser May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1864**

### THE BARRACKS-THE NORTHUMBERLAND MILITIA

Wednesday last being the day appointed for the muster of the recruits of the Northumberland Artillery Militia, who have been enlisted since last training, out of 73, 63 answered to their names and it was remarked that seldom before had so many appeared on the day appointed, or such good condition and respectable looking recruits, as those who came up for their clothing on Wednesday. During the

fortnight that will lapse before the general muster (the 18<sup>th</sup>), the recruits will be kept at drill in order that they may be so far instructed as take their places in the ranks of the main body during training. We are glad to state that the operation have been begun to remove the well from the centre of the barrack square, and, with a view to which, pipes have been laid to the back of the barracks, on both sides, where large iron tanks are to be erected to contain a copious supply of water for the use of all within the gates. It is pleasing to observe, that, instead of disposing of venerable Barracks, the authorities of War Department are beginning to make improvements; and we are sure all will allow that the removal of the well, besides being convenience to those residing in the garrison, will give a better appearance to the Barrack Square, and be much more convenient is giving additions space for drill purposes. We may add that rarely have the Barracks been in better condition for the reception of soldiers than on the present occasion.

**Berwick Advertiser June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1864**

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

**BERWICK GENERAL HOLIDAY**

On Tuesday, June 28, 1864

CHEAP TRIP TO NEWCASTLE, fare THIRD CLASS, 2S 6D.

The train will leave Berwick at 7.30am and return from Newcastle at 6.15pm, the same day.

Cheap **TRIPs**,

From Kelso, Berwick, &c, each day. Fares- From Berwick:

First Class, 10s      Third Class, 6s. Available for return on any of the Three days

Third Class, 4s available for the Day only.

For full particulars see Bills. William Eglinton, Local Passenger Superintendent.

## **Berwick Advertiser July 16, 1864**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION

On Wednesday, the Sunday School children in connection with the Scotch Church, Tweedmouth ( Rev. E.B. Rodgers), had their annual excursion, this year to Dunse. The children, numbering 250, were marched in procession to the Berwick Railway station headed by the Tweedmouth Ironfounders Band, while a number of banners were borne in the line of procession. The children were accompanied by a number of their parents and friends. On reaching Dunse, they were again formed in procession and marched to Dunse Castle, where they were hospitably entertained by Colonel Hay, the proprietor, to a plentiful supply of milk. Colonel Hay also kindly granted permission to the teachers to sail upon the pond, and he otherwise treated the excursionists in a very liberal manner. Permission was also granted the teachers to visit the horticultural show in Dunse on that day. After spending a most pleasant day, the excursionists returned home in the evening all highly delighted.

## **Berwick Advertiser July 23, 1864**

### A COOLING LEAP OVER THE ROYAL BORDER BRIDGE

On Tuesday afternoon, as a number of sheep were being driven in to the town by its northern entrance, one of the flock bolted from its companions, and being pursued it made for the North British railway station. The chase was kept up, and the animal sought to make its escape along the railway bridge across the Tweed. Its course was a highly dangerous one from the frequency of engines passing to and from Tweedmouth, but to the fugitive sheep escape from its pursuers seemed its only object. After traversing about one-half the breadth of the river along the bridge, another obstacle presented itself to the animal's escape. A number of workmen were engaged repairing the railway upon the bridge, and the sheep finding its progress stopped, and the distance between it and its pursers decreasing, accepted the only alternative, and leapt over the parapet wall of the bridge into the Tweed beneath a height of about 112 feet. Fortunately the water was about its highest, or the sheep would have been killed. After swimming about the river for some time, it ultimately reached the shore on the south side, and almost immediately after betook itself to pasture close by, as if that was the goal for which it had been contending with its pursuers. We are glad to learn that no injury had been sustained by the sheep from its fearful leap and plunge, and the only result which marked its wild

career was that it had been considerably refreshed on a very warm day, and its wool was improved in whiteness by being bathed in the Tweed.

*Carole Pringle*



***MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THE  
FRIENDS.....***

..... *AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR*

