



# Friends of Berwick & District Museum and Archives Newsletter



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am- 4pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 11am-4pm

Bygone Borderlands: Local History and Family History Displays and series of talks at the Guildhall, Berwick.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

The Impact of Computers on Archive Research: 7pm-9pm at the William Elder Building

## **OTHER SOCIETIES' LECTURES**

### **AYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Ayton Community Hall**

**Time:7.30 p.m.**

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

### **BELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Postal History: Mike Mapleton

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

Visit to Norham Station

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Visit to Museum at North Charlton: Sylvia  
Armstrong

### **BERWICK HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick.**

**Time:7.30 p.m.**

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

### **BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011

The Excavations at Flodden : Dr Chris  
Burgess

### **BORDERS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Corn Exchange, Melrose**

**Time: 2.30pm**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011

AGM: followed by talk: Granny's  
Bawbees and Other Coins: Peter Munro

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Eildon Centre, Coldstream.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Field Trip:** visit to Guns Greenhouse  
**Field Trip:** visit to Ford and Ladyford  
Hall

**DUNSE HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**GLENDALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**NORHAM HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Norham Village Hall**

**Time : 7.30 pm**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

A visit to Longridge Towers: Stuart Bankier

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**NORTH SUNDERLAND & SEAHOUSES LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: St Paul's Church Hall, North Sunderland**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011

The Regeneration of Cragside: Andrew Sawyer

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**  
**NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND BRANCH**

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

**Time: 10.00am**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011

AGM

**Lectures Resume in the Autumn**

**BRO 30 EVENTS**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am- 4pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 11am-4pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June , 7 – 9pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Bygone Borderlands: Local History and Family History Displays and series of talks at the Guildhall, Berwick.

The Impact of Computers on Archive Research : Linda Bankier at the William Elder Building, Berwick

Whaling in Berwick: Dr Tony Barrow at the Parish Centre

A History of Berwick in 10 Objects and Archives : Anne Moore and Linda Bankier  
Berwick Record Office : The Last 30 years and the Future – exhibition in the Guildhall, Berwick

As part of the Bygone Borderlands event this weekend, there are a series of talks in the Council Chamber. All are welcome to attend.

**TALKS AT BYGONE**

## BORDERLANDS

**SATURDAY 14 MAY 2011**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>11.00</b>	Tracing my Family History – <i>Celtic Origins and what price DNA? A “rare” surname &amp; a few costly mistakes !</i> : Donald McIlhagga
<b>12.00</b>	Brewing in Ford in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century : Peter Maule
<b>1.00</b>	Murky Mires – <i>an investigation of Spades Mire and the medieval defensive ditches of Berwick</i> : Jim Herbert
<b>2.00</b>	Detective Research – <i>the Heritage Hub and its resources for Scottish Borders Local and Family History</i> : Rachel Hosker
<b>3.00</b>	The Bondagers – What did they wear ? : Dinah Iredale

**SUNDAY 15 MAY 2011**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
<b>12.00</b>	Eleanor Weatherly’s Diary- <i>a recently discovered diary written by a Belford farmer’s daughter, giving a glimpse into everyday life in North Northumberland in 1804</i> : : Joan Wright
<b>1.00</b>	Flodden – a brief archaeological history : Chris Burgess
<b>2.00</b>	Following in Henry’s footsteps - <i>Dr Henry Richardson in Australia</i> : Jane Bowen
<b>3.00</b>	The Trials and Tribulations of Berwick as a Border Poor Law Union : Linda Bankier

## ARCHIVE NEWS

It's newsletter time again and I feel as if it is only yesterday since I wrote something for the last one. The last couple of months have been a bit frantic in the Record Office for various reasons. We have been involved in a number of projects.

For the past year or so, we have been trying to locate old cine film of the area and still are! The culmination of the project was an Archive Film Night held in the Maltings in the middle of March. Most of the films had not been seen before, including a film taken in Berwick in 1911 – it was fascinating. It was a wonderful evening which had an audience of over 200. Being on stage I couldn't see people's reactions but there was a constant hum of people with people recognising people or remembering events. If anyone was there and can identify people in the films, please do get in touch. We need to gather this information.

As part of the BRO 30 celebrations, we ran a couple of competitions for schools – Who Do You Think They Are for older pupils and a Collage Competition for the younger ones. The entries were judged in March and were shown at the Education weekend that we held in the Maltings at the beginning of April to celebrate the work which the Record Office has done with schools. The standard of all the entries was very high and it was great to see so many of the schools and the individual winners represented at the Prize Giving on the Saturday afternoon. Over the weekend about 250 people attended the exhibition, some of them staying a long time to look at the displays and the archive material.

For some reason, this has been a busy time for giving talks. I've spoken to Coldstream Local History Society about the Ford Estate at the time of the Waterfords; Spittal Railway and Local History Society Group on Holidays at Spittal and on International Women's Day, I spoke in the Maltings about Women in Berwick. In addition, at the beginning of May, I went to London to speak on behalf of our Workhouse Group at a Conference organised by the British Association for Local History on the Poor Law. There were about 70 people there, many from the other groups throughout the country and so, it was good to meet them. It was a long day going to London and back in a day but well worth it.

The Record Office and the Library have continued to do some joint work on the Turn Back Time project. All the photographs taken by the families have been developed and a display of some of them can be seen at the Library. It has been a fascinating project and it is interesting that some of the photographs that were taken at the

beginning of the year are already out of date – several of them took pictures of the shop, Birthdays, which has now become Bon Marche. This shows the importance of taking these photos.

That is just a very quick resume of what we have been doing here. At the moment, Carole and I are working very hard on sorting out everything for the Bygone Borderlands weekend – the logistics, as Barbara Herdman would call it!. There will be plenty for people to see as well as a series of talks. Please do come along, if you are free and support us. It's 7 years since we last did something like this for the Union of the Crowns – time flies.

### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Later on in the newsletter, you will find a short article by Bob Steward about a First World War project which Bob Balmer is carrying out in the Blyth area. Bob Balmer has collected an amazing amount of information from the newspapers about the deaths of local soldiers and also references to them being wounded or receiving honours. Now he would like to extend the project beyond there and so, I have said that I would be happy to co-ordinate the collecting of information for the Berwick area. This will involve going through the local newspapers to locate information but I am also aware that some of the Friends may already have done some work on this topic as part of their own research in the past. If you have any information which could be added to the database that I am going to create, please get in touch. It seems silly to duplicate work which has already been done and it would be a great start for our database. If you have any information or would like to be involved in the project – I'm looking for volunteers to go through the newspapers – just contact me on (01289) 301865 or e-mail : [lbankier@woodhorn.org.uk](mailto:lbankier@woodhorn.org.uk) . Also, have a look at Bob's article to see some of the information collected about individuals.

**FIRST WORLD WAR NEWSPAPERS**

## **BERWICK ADVERTISER, 14 JANUARY 1916**

To give you a flavour of the type of information that can be found in the local newspapers about those killed or injured in the First World War, I have included some extracts from the Berwick Advertiser:

### **The Late Lieut. J.A. Tower Robertson**

Lieut. J.A. Tower Robertson, 3rd Ghurkas, we regret to state, is now posted as lost at sea from the Persia. He was the only son of Major Tower Robertson, D.L., Tweedmouth House, Berwick and was educated at Uppingham. After holding a commission in the Berwick Royal; Garrison Artillery Volunteers, he went to Calcutta as a solicitor. His services to the Scout movement in India were recognised by a special decoration from General Baden- Powell, Chief Scout. He served in Flanders with the Indian Expeditionary Force, and was returning to India, after having been home on leave.

### **Wooler Soldier Wounded**

News has been received from the War Office by Mr and Mrs Hinson of West Weetwood that their son, Private Thomas Hinson, 14th Batt. (Service) Northumberland Fusiliers has been wounded. In a letter home Private Hinson says he was wounded on the 24th December during a bombing attack/ WE are glad to announce that his wounds, which are in the left shoulder and left hand are slight. He answered his country's call early after war was declared in September 1914. Before leaving home he was employed on the farm, of West Weetwood by Mr Barber. He comes of a family of six brothers, who have offered their services – James and John are on active service, the others are enlisted under Lord Derby's scheme. A photo of Private Hinson will be published in next week's issue.

### **Death of a Wooler Man**

Died from wounds received at the Dardanelles on the 1st January, Sergeant J.T. Knox, West Yorks, aged 30 years, youngest son of the late Thomas and Ellen Knox, of Wooler, Northumberland.



### **Wooler Man Wounded**

News has been received by his parents, at Wooler that Private Marcus Brodie, 1-7th N.F. was wounded in France on New Year's Day. A bullet seems to have grazed his cheek and lodged in the shoulder. He is now in hospital at Sheffield and is going on all right. Marcus is of a cheery disposition, and will be much missed by his comrades in the trenches.

### **Seahouses Skipper Lost**

Mr and Mrs John Clark have received sad tidings of the death of their son-in-law, Skipper R.Norvell, H.M.S Spelton". The vessel struck a mine on 31st December and went down with all hands. Mr and Mrs Clark have two sons at the Front and two sons-in-law engaged in mine sweeping. Much sympathy is felt for them and the young widow and her children.

### **Tweedmouth Lad Wounded**

The above is a photograph of Private Richard Swan, 7th N.F. who was wounded on New Year's Day in France. He is a Tweedmouth lad, who worked in Messers Allan Bros, Saw Mills before the war. He is now in hospital "somewhere in England".

*Linda Bankier*

The Clock Block reopened for the new season on 1<sup>st</sup> April, and helped in no small measure by the fine weather and the late Easter we recorded bumper numbers of visitors in the first month. We have now, Monday to Friday opening - at the request

of the other partners on site - but we have made a special effort to open on those weekends where it seemed wise to do so.

We recorded 142 visitors on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we opened specially for the families of Tweedmouth Middle School pupils. The pupils (and teachers) had spent an extra curricular day producing music, poetry and art inspired by the Quintet to display as part of our opening exhibition.

The Easter weekend was sunny and warm, and we saw 482 visitors. Counting the legs and dividing by six gave us a figure of 251 extras on 1<sup>st</sup> May, when the Riding of the Bounds set off from the Barracks Square!

The opening exhibition, a celebration of the paintings and drawings of James & Andrew Wallace, has been very well received. The interest shown in the work of James by the Barber Institute Gallery of Birmingham University has increased, as more tennis related pages of the "Quintet" volumes have been found. The Barber's tennis-themed exhibition "Court on Canvas" opens in May, though it has had an avalanche of publicity already – many of you will have seen articles in the newspapers about the Athena girl, whose poster features in the exhibition. Paintings by Sir John Lavery, Stanley Spencer & David Hockney will feature also. The Barber's Director, Professor Ann Sumner, visited Berwick in March, when we showed her an additional drawing and a letter from JW describing a tennis match. She pronounced it the best description of tennis by an artist she has yet seen, and was quite thrilled to be able to borrow the item for exhibition.

We are still doing our best to identify many of the locations shown in Andrew Wallace's watercolours; to this end we have produced a file of photographs for

visitors to the gallery to look through and we are hoping that some more of the locations can be identified.

We have had a special exhibition of Royal Memorabilia in the Burrell Gallery in honour of the Royal Wedding, which showed a very small but wonderful selection of items from a private collection owned locally. We have carried over the theme into the small display case in the public library, where we have placed a small collection of items which were recently donated to the museum by Mr & Mrs Kennington.

We are hoping to stage another small exhibition in time for the Food Festival, when another local collector aims to show some of his collection of tea drinking accessories. On a related subject, we have been helping Harrogate Museum with a query about a tea block which was loaned to them recently. Berwick Museum owns one of these items – a very decorative black tablet with a Chinese design stamped on it, and not immediately identifiable as tea. The blocks were greatly prized and used as currency by trading caravans working between China and neighbouring countries, especially Russia.

The Bowes Museum is exhibiting three of Berwick's still life paintings in *Fantin-Latour and the Impressionists: Still Life Painting in the Nineteenth Century*, which opened last month and will continue until 9th October 2011. It is well worth a visit.

The Curator has been working on a programme funded by the Museums, Libraries & Archives Council called "Effective Collections", which aims to improve access to collections. The finished report has now been delivered by Christine Stevens, formerly the Head of Collections at Beamish, and it gives lots of useful advice and suggestions for the better use of the collections, such as improving storage areas as well as enhancing the displays in the "Window on Berwick" room, and making more of the archaeological artefacts in the museum. The next part of the programme will entail working on the recommendations of the report, and we have already started on this. We are working hard to reopen a room in the museum which has been used as storage for quite some time now. It is quite a small space but we hope to display some of our more interesting archaeology and geology specimens – for example, there is a fabulous example of an ichthyosaur, which has been hidden

under a pile of bubble wrap for years, and an enormous coral as well as a fine collection of shells...we will, however, be leaving the uranium sample where it is, in store in a lead lined box!



*Anne Moore - Museums Officer, North Northumberland.*

## **FIRST WORLD WAR PROJECT VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT**

For some years now, Bob Balmer O.B.E. of Blyth, a noted local historian of South East Northumberland, has been compiling a detailed listing of all persons reported in the local ( Blyth and Morpeth ) newspapers ,who served in the forces in the First World War . The lists are arranged alphabetically by name of the person, and include casualties, both wounded and killed, as well as recipients of medals and military honours. The details for each entry vary, according to the extent of the 'write

up' in the newspaper, but invariably include address and names of parents, where the injury or death occurred and an account of the circumstances where military honours were awarded. Bob Balmer is hoping to extend research on the men who

served in the First World War to the whole of Northumberland , using the information in local newspapers. He is therefore seeking volunteers to go through the Berwick newspapers for 1914-1919 to identify and list the men recorded in the said papers.

Bob's work in listing thousands of names for the Blyth and Morpeth area provides information not readily found elsewhere and has become an invaluable resource for family and local historians. It is hoped that similar benefits will come from work done on the Berwick newspapers. See below a sample extract from Bob's list.

**ABSOLAM:** Robert; born at Blyth in 1888; of 75 Gladstone Street, Cowpen Quay, Blyth; enlisted at Blyth in August 1915, aged 27 years; Pte. 3772, 1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Territorials, Northumberland Fusiliers; died of wounds in France, on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1916; buried in Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne, Pas de Calais, France;

**ABSOLOM:** Matthew; born at Bedlington; of East Hartford; enlisted at Cramlington; Pte. 21/1182, 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers (3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Tyneside Irish); killed in action during the first day of the battle of the Somme, on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916; listed on both Cramlington and East Hartford War Memorials;

#### **TIME LINE OF MEN LOST IN THE GREAT WAR FROM SOUTH-EAST NORTHUMBERLAND.**

##### **August 1914**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> John Tweedy, of Cowpen, listed on Blyth & Cowpen war memorials

##### **September 1914**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Ernest H. Turner, aged 28 years, of 6 Howard Terrace, Bedlington Bank Top

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Matthew Arthur Storey, aged 29, enlisted at North Shields  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> John Alexander Hamilton, of Hartford Colliery  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> John Harney, aged 27 years, of 13 Stanley Street, Blyth

Please contact Linda if you are interested in undertaking this voluntary work.

*Bob Steward*

## **ORDNANCE SURVEY NAME BOOKS 1856-1858**

A recent accession into the Berwick Archives is a microfilm copy of the Ordnance Survey Name Books for the Berwickshire Parishes of Abbey St Bathan's, Ayton, Bunkle, Channelkirk, Chirnside, Cocksburnpath plus the Liberties of Berwick upon Tweed.

These Name Books were compiled by the surveyors responsible for the naming of geographical features, places, properties and historic sites, which were to be recorded on the first edition of the Ordnance Survey for Scotland between 1845 and 1878. The originals are held in the National Archives of

Scotland in Edinburgh ( ref. OS1 ) where public access is allowed by consulting microfilm copies ( ref RH4/23 ). Berwick, north of the Tweed , was included in the first edition Berwickshire County OS Map, hence its inclusion in the County's Name Books . These particular Berwickshire Name Books were put together in 1856-1858.

The Name Books have an alphabetical index of all the places referred to within them , and the entries are arranged in columns, giving detailed descriptions of the geographical features or buildings named on the Ordnance Survey maps, together with variations of spelling and quoting the

authority used for the naming, usually a local land agent or surveyor, church minister or schoolmaster. Quite often, when known, the date of the building is provided and a detailed description given of the building.

The Name Book of the Liberties of Berwick contains 90 separate entries, starting with Black Gut Stell and finishing with Whitesand Shiel. There are roughly equal numbers of geographical features and buildings named, with occasional curiosities such as The Yellow Gowan Tree and the recording of historic sites such as the Battle of Halidon Hill or St Leonards Nunnery. The entry on the River Tweed runs to 9 pages and traces the route of the river from its source to the sea. Two Inns are mentioned: the Meadowhouse and the Corporation Arms, and three mills: Gainslaw, Lethard and New Mills, the first being a bone mill, the latter two, flour mills, plus a Brick and Tile works.

Examples of the descriptions given in the Liberties of Berwick Name Book:

**Unionhall** : A neat row of cottages with carpenter workshop and smithy, also a small garden attached, situated about 2 miles north west of Berwick, the property of the Corporation of Berwick upon Tweed, tenanted by Alexander Renton.

**Burgess Cove** : A natural cavern in the precipice bounding the sea coast. tradition says that this cave extends to Berwick Castle.

**North Bells Shiel** : A small square built house occupied by the Berwick Salmon Company, there are six men employed at this station; it is the property of the Misses Ogel (sic)

**Ladies Skerr** : A portion of the sea beach immediately east of the Fishermen's Haven, a general place of resort of females for bathing.

**Corporations Arms Inn** : A very neat 2 storey built house to which are attached a small garden and outhouse. It obtains its name from the Corporation of Berwick to which it belongs. It was built in the year 1831.

**The Grand Loaning** : A name well known in the vicinity and traditionally said to be the road by which Cromwell marched his grand Army from Berwick northwards.

It is unfortunate that the name book for the Liberties of Berwick does not include the town of Berwick itself, although it does include observations on the origins of the town's name, followed by a 12 page history of the Borough which is taken from Sheldon's History of Berwick upon Tweed , published 1849

*Bob Steward*

## **MIDDLETON HALL PICTURES**

The Belford History Society has recently been given, by Colin Evans of Chester, a



series of photographs from glass plates of Middleton Hall at the turn of last century which members we hope will enjoy. The gentleman in the greenhouse is Bill Gentles, but the one armed man is unidentified. If anyone can throw any light on who he was, please contact me on 01668 219653.

*Jane Bowen*



If you wish to view larger images of the above please contact the Record Office or Jane Bowen.

**BREAKTHROUGH  
STRADDLE OR NEITHER**

In a new report published this year regarding the future of Berwick one of the things suggested was that a bridge should be built over the Walls to connect the town with the Castlegate overflow car park. Even though the idea of building a bridge is new, the idea of connecting inside the Walls with the outside is not.

As far back as 1882 at a meeting of the Urban Sanitary Authority on 3 June, a report from the Works Committee, reported in *The Berwick Advertiser* on 9 June, 1882, was discussed. In it the Committee said 'The Committee took it into consideration the advisability of opening up a new street from Wallace Green through the Ramparts to the Greenses'. It further said that the Committee had unanimously agreed to recommend the Authorities to carry out the work. The estimated price would be about £800, to be borrowed from the Local Government Board. A lengthy debate took place with arguments for and against. Some people expressed the view that if people did not have to enter the town through Scotsgate, trade in the High Street might suffer; on the other hand, having the new access to town would mean that people living north of the Ramparts would not have to go through Walkergate on their way to church – the Walkergate area was at that time a slum that was later cleared in the 1930s. However, the discussion resulted in the fact that the report was adopted by the Urban Sanitary Authority, and passed on to the Town Council. At the Town Council Meeting, reported in *The Berwick Advertiser* on 1 September, 1882, it was decided, after yet another lengthy discussion, to forward the petition for borrowing the money to the Local Government Board.

However, the public mood, as reflected in *The Berwick Advertiser* on 16 June 1882, in the column 'Local Gossip', seemed not to favour the plan. It said that ultimately the ratepayers, already stretched, would have to pay more money for something that only very few people would benefit from, except perhaps the building societies if houses were to be built along the new street. The £800 should rather be used to build proper accommodation for the 20-30 families in the Greenses who had moved

to Hartlepool due to lack of proper accommodation available to them, in spite of the fact that there were still open spaces in the Greenses that had not been built on.

Things went quiet, nothing was heard officially about the case until 1887, when at a Town Council Meeting in June the following appeared under the headline of

'Archway to the Greenses': 'Mr. Weatherstone said it appeared to him there was to be little or nothing done by way of voluntary subscription for the erection of an edifice in the shape of a permanent memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. He was therefore rather more anxious on that account to see the resolution that was carried by the U.S.A. in 1882 carried out.' Apparently nothing had happened since 1882! So basically it was back to square one. At the Town Council Meeting in October 1887, it appeared that there had been some inconclusive negotiations with the Corporation who owned the land where the new street would be built. At the same time a group of ratepayers had started a petition against breaking through the Ramparts. It was decided to postpone the project allegedly due to fact that the town was going through troubled financial times.

At the Town Council Meeting on 3 February 1888 a proposal from one of the members of the Council to call the proposed gate the Victoria Gate was voted down by the Council, and that seemed to be the end of breaking through the Ramparts, even though the idea seems to emerge on and off during the following years, and the last time, before the bridge project of this year, being about 40 years ago.

There is another royal jubilee coming up next year, so maybe the Victoria Gate, proposed more that hundred years ago, will end up as the Elizabeth Bridge. Out of the three options mentioned in the headline there is no doubt in my mind that the third would be the preferred one.

*Lars Rose*

## **SNIPPETS FROM THE BERWICK ADVERTISER**

**Berwick Advertiser, 1st April 1870**

### LET OF GRASS PARKS

At most of the lettings of grass parks in our neighbourhood this season there has been a decline in rent compared with last year. The parks at Chillingham were about

11s an acre down. The parks at Horncliff, Bankhead, and Marshall Meadows were down about ten percent. There was little change in the rents of the Tweedhill parks, but those of Broadmeadow were a little down. Mr R G Swan let the Kimmergame parks at a raise of six and a half per cent; the Swinton parks at a decline of nine and

a half percent; the Hirsell grass parks at 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent below last year's, one second year's grass field of about sixty acres being let at £100-one half of last year's rent.

**Berwick Advertiser, 15th April 1870**

MILITARY MOVEMENT

On Monday afternoon, three troops of Hussars arrived in this town from Alnwick, en route for Edinburgh. They consisted of a troop of the 15th Hussar, under the command of Lieut. Weatherhall, comprising one officer, nineteen men and twenty-two horses; and two troops of the 13th Hussars, under the command of Captain Stanley de A.C Clarke, comprising five officers, seventy-three men, and eighty-three horses, in all six officers, ninety-six men, and 109 horses. They were billeted upon the innkeepers, and left the town on Wednesday morning for their destination, the 13th via Dunbar and the 15th via Dunse. The head quarters of the first named gallant regiment, more generally known as the 13th Light Dragoons, arrived in the town on Wednesday afternoon, under the command of Major Fitzroy D Maclean. The band played as they entered the town, and their arrival was witnessed by a large concourse of people. Altogether there were 7 officers, 84 men, and 100 horses. They will not start on their road to Piershill till Saturday morning. The 13th Hussars bear on their Chaco's and appointments the motto "Viret in aeternum" and the words "Peninsula" and "Waterloo" to commemorate the services of the regiment in Portugal, Spain, and the South of France, from 1810 to 1814; and at the battle of

Waterloo on the 18th June 1815, under the Duke of Wellington. They also bear on their appointments "Alma, Balaklava, Inkerman, and Sevastopol".

*Carole Pringle*