

# Friends of Berwick & District Museum and Archives Newsletter



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Heritage Open Days in Northumberland.  
Various buildings open in Berwick & area.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Friends Autumn Lecture. "From Prussia with love": 18<sup>th</sup> century costume conserved at Paxton House and a glimpse into the Archives. Talk by Martha Andrews and Chris Pawson, 7pm at the Parish Centre, Berwick

1<sup>st</sup> September- 16<sup>th</sup> December

Burrell at the Granary in Dewars Lane.  
Open Wednesday to Sunday 11-5pm

## **OTHER SOCIETIES' LECTURES**

### **AYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Ayton Community Hall**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Songs of Robert Burns: Dr Fred Freeman

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

The RNLI: Michael Avril

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Eyemouth's World of Boats: Stephen Walters

### **BELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

AGM & Members Evening

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

"Pressed" The story of the press gangs, illustrated by contemporary ballads etc: Alan & Pauline Giles and Pete Cryer.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Fighting Flodden: Clive Hallam Baker

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Social- details to be confirmed

### **BERWICK CIVIC SOCIETY**

**Venue: Berwick Parish Centre.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

A Silent Auction and Quiz evening in the Parish Centre. Details to be announced.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Whose Heritage is it anyway: Doreen Grove. Joint meeting with Berwick History Society.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Sermons in Stone: Rev. Canon Christopher Smith

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

The Christmas Party. Details to be announced

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013

A talk given by a representative of one of the Councils.

### **BERWICK HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick.**

**Time:7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Whose Heritage is it anyway?: Doreen Grove. Joint meeting with Berwick Civic Society

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Berwick's Victorian Food Heritage: Derek Sharman

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Barmoor connections: John Ferguson

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The History of Freemasonry in Berwick: Steve Newman

### **BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Aspects of the archaeological appreciations of the Bowmount Valley, Roxburghshire: Professor Mercer

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Reading the soil record: the role of Geo-Archaeology in excavation and post-excavation analysis: Dr Clare Wilson

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The origins of Metallurgy in Europe: new insights from Italy: Dr Andrea Dolfini

### **BORDERS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Corn Exchange, Melrose**

**Time: 2.30pm**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Abbotsford: Dr Sandra McNeil

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October

A Family Life Revealed – the Stuarts of Traquair, 1491 – 1875.: Catherine Maxwell Stuart & Margaret Fox at

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Innerleithen Parish Church**  
The Black Death : Mary Craig

### **CHIRNSIDE HISTORY GROUP**

**Venue: Community Centre**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Business meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Border Reivers: Derek Stewart
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	History of the Lord Lieutenant of Berwickshire: Susan Swan
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Fast Castle on the contact of magic: Ronald Morrison

### **COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Eildon Centre, Coldstream.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bruce's Legacy: Isobel Gordon
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	The Lowland Clearances: Peter Aitchison and Andrew Cassell
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	Twizel Castle: Catherine Kent

### **DUNSE HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	The True Inventor of Television: Paul Marshall and Alan Archibald Campbell Swinton
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Showing of films and slides of the late Douglas Hugonin on Berwickshire and its history.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Improvement and clearance in the Lowland Countryside 1750-1850: David Mclean

### **GLENDALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30pm**

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	The battle of Homildon Hill-The Percys' Neglected Victory : Michael Thomson
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Anglo-Saxon Northumbria and

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Europe: The meeting of two worlds in the seventh and eighth centuries” : Professor Richard Bailey The Early History of Heraldry: Development of Crests and Coats of Arms: John Fletcher
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	A History of Bee-keeping & Tales from Chain Bridge Honey Farm, with samples of honey products: William Robson
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	Aspects of Border History, featuring Bastles, Bastions and Battles: John Almond

### LOWICK HISTORY SOCIETY

**Venue: Lowick Village Hall**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	AGM and Lowick Across the Ages, story of the village of Lowick as represented by objects: John Daniels
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Chaos and Confusion, Lowick and North Northumberland in the early 14 <sup>th</sup> Century: Derek Sharman
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	The Scots Presbyterian Church in Lowick: Bob Highman
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	The Poor Law and Lowick: Linda Bankier
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	The Border Reivers: Michael Thomson

### NORHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

**Venue: Norham Village Hall**

**Time : 7.30 pm**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	“Gunsgreen, Robert Lambe & Legends” : Dereck James
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Border Heraldry: John Malden
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Heatherslaw Mill: Julia Nolan
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Social evening and quiz

**NORTH SUNDERLAND & SEAHOUSES LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October                      AGM followed by Seafield Murder: David  
Donaldson  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November                The work of an Archivist: Linda Bankier

**NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY**

**NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND BRANCH**

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

**Time: 10.00am**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September                      Farming in the Cheviots: Margaret Brown &  
Anna Turnbull  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October                        Member's Forum  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November                      Ford at the time of Lady Waterford : Lind  
Bankier  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2013                Members' Forum

**SPITTAL. ST JOHN'S RAILWAY AND LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Spittal Bowling Club**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October                            "Berwick Castle" : Jim Herbert  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November                        The Saints of Lindisfarne ( Holy Island) :  
Scott Weightman

**TILL VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Venue: Crookham Village Hall**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October                        AGM followed by Excavations at Bamburgh  
Castle: Graeme Young  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November                      The discovery and excavation of a medieval  
fulling mill at Barrowburn in Coquetdale:  
David Jones  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December                      Proposed Christmas event

## OTHER EVENTS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

“The Bondagers” - screening of the film followed by a Question & Answer session with Dinah Iredale (script writer and author), 7.30pm at Paxton House. Tickets £5.00

## **ARCHIVE NEWS**

It's newsletter time again and the summer is almost over. We have had a lot of visitors in the Record Office in the last couple of months – if it's wet and you're on holiday, we're an obvious venue for Family Historians!

Over the past couple of months, Carole and I have been doing the following which has kept us busy. I have continued to do research for the Flodden Project which has been fascinating – an Archivist's dream being able to actually have the time to read documents in detail ! The bid is now in and we're keeping our fingers crossed. If it is successful, members of the Friends will have the opportunity to be involved in various ways – see later .

As well as Flodden, I have continued to work with the Holy Island Group. In July, some children from an Academy in Middlesbrough came to the Island and interviewed some of the residents as part of a short film. This film will be placed in the Archive when it is completed.

Although the official Workhouse project with the National Archives was completed a couple of years ago, we are still in touch with Paul Carter, our contact there. Paul invited the volunteer cataloguers to a meeting at Southwell Workhouse in Nottinghamshire in June to meet members of some of the other groups and discuss another possible project. We're waiting to hear what will happen with that but because of the meeting, our group are now in contact with the Llanfyllin group who are interested in the cataloguing work we have done on the Berwick Guardians minutes. One of them is coming up to meet John Speirs and myself in September to discuss it and so it is great to see that our work is helping others.

The Sheep Tales Project continues to go from strength to strength. We now have a collection of 41 recordings and many images – Carole has digitised over 1100 items. In mid July, we held a preview evening for our exhibition to which we invited all those who have helped us. It was lovely to meet everyone and put faces to names. It was also great to see how much they enjoyed looking at all the photos and talking to each other. We have subsequently taken the exhibition to Kirknewton and on Monday, we were at Glendale Show where it was seen by over 700 people. The project will soon be finished but it will have a wonderful legacy in the material it has placed in the Record Office.

You may recall that as part of the BRO 30 season of lectures, Anne Moore and myself gave a talk on the “History of Berwick in Ten Objects”. We have now turned it into an online exhibition – A History of Berwick in Ten Subjects” which can be viewed on <http://www.woodhornexhibitions.com/> . Do have a look at what has been created.

*Linda Bankier*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

As part of the Flodden Project, the Record Office will be looking for volunteers to help us with our contribution. There are various ways that you can help :

- **TRANSCRIPTION WORK** – as part of the project, we are going to create a databank of documents relating to the Battle of Flodden and also the Border area during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. As the documents are difficult to read, we need to transcribe them. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to do this. We will provide you with training in reading old documents and will support you. The actual transcription work will be carried out at home but we will get together as a group to discuss progress and problems at regular intervals. If you want to find out what actual source material survives for the battle and what happened next, this will interest you
- **DATABASE OF 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY NAMES** – we also would like to create a database of 16<sup>th</sup> century names connected to both sides of the Borders from these documents and also other source material for the time. This project will involve inputting information about individuals and the source of the



information – the bit usually left out ! – into a computer database. This project just requires an interest in this period of history and some computer skills

- **BYEGONE BORDERLANDS** – in the past, the Record Office has helped organise a weekend exhibition in the Guildhall in Berwick involving local and family history societies. We hope to hold a similar weekend on 18 and 19 May 2013 and I will be looking for stewards to help.

If you would like to volunteer in any way on the project or want to find out more, please do get in touch with me at the Record Office – (01289) 301865 or [lbankier@woodhorn.org.uk](mailto:lbankier@woodhorn.org.uk)

*Linda Bankier*

## **QUEEN VICTORIA AND THE ROYAL BORDER BRIDGE**

Queen Victoria came to Berwick on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1850 to open the Royal Border Bridge. We know that it was a big occasion in the town with lots of people from the surrounding area coming in for the day. The Record Office was recently given this printed song commemorating that event. I was very excited when I saw it because it was totally new to me. I've no idea what the tune is – an opportunity for a budding composer - but it's wonderful to have a copy in the archives.

### **A NEW SONG**

#### **THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO BERWICK**

You lads and young lasses come list for awhile  
?To [damaged] sing you a song which will cause to smile,  
Victoria our Queen and Prince Albert so gay,  
To the famed town of Berwick a visit will pay,  
Upon Thursday morning its true on my life,  
Both sides of the Tweed was all bustle and strife,  
The bells they did ring and the music did play  
To welcome the Queen and Price Albert the day

## CHORUS

The Queen has arrived in Berewick O dear,  
With true British heart we will welcome her here,  
**We** will all fill a bumper and drink with a cheer,  
Long life to the Queen and her family so dear,

In August Eighteen fifty the twenty nine day  
The Queen into Berwick arrived so gay  
From famed London City she travelled with speed  
And opened the grand Bridge that crosses the tweed  
Prince Albert was there as you may understand  
The young prince of Wales and the prices so grand  
Both Lords Dukes and Ladies did join in the throng  
And the rear was brought up by my little lord John

Our Mayor and Town council as we understand  
To wait on the Queen did receive a command  
And a loyal Address was presented that day  
And – the bellman did lead on the way  
The bold Eighty first too were there we are told  
All in battle array they looked valiant and bold  
When thousands of people in triumph did say  
The Queen she is coming get out of the way

From Tweedmouth and Spittal and country around  
From Coldstream, Norham and Eyemouth we'er told  
And the true Border lads with their lasses so fair  
Into Berwick to welcome the Queen they did repair  
There was bowlegged Mickey the tailor no dirt  
With his three farthing dickey instead of a shirt  
And billy the cobbler and tommy the sweep  
And lots of blind fiddlers went there for a peep

Tomtinker the barber he shut up his shop  
Old women on crutches were seen for to hop  
The fishwives were shouting how hinnies away  
The Queen into Berwick is coming today

So now my good fellows then let us be free  
Again fill your glasses and merry we'll be  
Let us hope an improvement in trade will be seen  
Drink long life and good health to Victoria our Queen

*Linda Bankier*

## MUSEUM NEWS

It's hard to believe that the 2012 season is drawing to a close, as it seems like only yesterday since we opened for free over the Easter weekend!

Already, the Food Festival and Heritage Open Days are upon us – this is usually our busiest weekend of the year. This year, we have put on a small display of our still life paintings in honour of the occasion – no flowers, alas, but plenty of things to eat depicted thereon!

We put on a small display of silver trophies won by Berwick Amateur Rowing Club in time for the Olympics. The case has brightened up and added interest to the foyer of the museum, so we are planning to have a rolling programme of displays in this area from now on.

We had a special visitor earlier in the season, just as we were putting up the last few paintings in the revamped Burrell Gallery. Mr Peter Clark of Prestwick was, he informed us, formerly known as “the Butler's boy” when his father used to work for Sir William Burrell. He had a fund of stories about the great man, not all of which were necessarily complimentary, but interesting nevertheless!

The Burrell Gallery had been reopened for barely a month when we had another flood – not nearly as serious as last year's deluge, but it cost us lots of staff time clearing up and setting things to rights again. The gallery is now back to normal, with displays of portraits and selections of works by local artists Frank Wood and James Wallace as well as displays of the most interesting porcelain and bronze artefacts from China and Japan.

A great deal of our time has been spent in organising our special exhibition at the Granary Gallery, which opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September. The exhibition is the first in a series, in collaboration with the Maltings Visual Arts programme, which will show the collection in a new setting, as well as extending our season. It will be open at weekends and with free access to all. At last, Berwick people will again be able to

see the paintings given to their town whenever they like without charge, as will tourists visiting the town for weekend breaks. We are very pleased with how the exhibition has turned out, and we hope that Sir William would approve; we know that it is a very long time since so much of the collection has been on display at any one time – certainly not since the museum opened at the Barracks. If you couldn't come to the special view, please do come along – you will not be disappointed!

*Anne Moore - Museums Officer, North Northumberland.*

## **RIOTS AND GRAVE ROBBING IN BERWICK 1792**

Recently, searching for some genealogical information in Belford Parish registers, we found the following comments written by the Vicar, William Armstrong on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1792:

*Riots at Berwick for some Days past on account of several Surgeons & others stealing several Dead bodies out of the Church Yard One of the Surgeons was imprisoned, a second gave Bail, & a third ran off. Their Names were Nesbit, Miller & Yellowly. Several Dead bodies were found in Nesbit's house.*

It is possible that he had obtained his information from the *Newcastle Courant*, which carried a very similar account on the same day. Unfortunately the article is not entirely legible but it does add:

*This violent disposition of the populace, called [for the] utmost exertion of the [magistracy], the riot act was read without effect and to their aid they were under the necessity of calling forth the troops in garrison before the tumultuous mob could be induced to disperse – Mr Miller is lodged in prison, Mr Yelloley is out upon bail, and a reward of ten guineas is offered for apprehending Mr Nesbitt, who has absconded. Great praise is due to Mr Mayor, and the other magistrates, for the great activity and prudent methods put in practice on this occasion.*

A week later, the *Courant* carried a WANTED notice for Nesbitt:

*Berwick August 3d, 1792*

*Whereas, ROBERT NESBITT the younger of this Borough, Surgeon and Student of Physic, stands charged with having, at various times, been guilty of digging up, and carrying away dead Bodies from the Church-yard of this Parish.*

*A Rewards of TWENTY POUNDS is hereby offered, by the Vestry of the said Parish, to any Person or Persons, who shall apprehend the said Robert Nesbitt, provided he is not already in Custody, and bring him before any of his Majesty's Justices of this Borough, in order to his being dealt with according to Law.*

*The above named Robert Nesbitt is about 24 Years of Age, five feet seven or eight inches high, dark brown Hair tied behind, of a brown Complexion, very deaf, and has a custom of turning his Head to one side when he is spoke to, had on, when he absconded, a round Hat, a brown Coat, double breasted, and white metal buttons, a striped Waistcoat, nankeen breeches, white Stockings, square yellow Buckles, and Shirt ruffled at his Hands and Breast.*

The events were also covered in *The Universal Magazine* of 12<sup>th</sup> August 1792.

William Burn, George Miller, Robert Nesbitt the Younger and Thomas Yellowly the Younger were all indicted:

*... that on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1792, about the hour of one in the morning with force and arms at the parish aforesaid (Berwick) in the Churchyard belonging to the same Parish unlawfully did enter and the dead body of Christian Ross, late the wife of one John Ross lately before laid in a coffin and buried... did then and there unlawfully dig up, take out of the said coffin and carry away to the evil example of others.*

The indictment continues that they also removed the body of another woman, at present unknown.

The evidence available to the court was

Information given under oath by John Ross, Spirit Dealer. He stated that on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, he had been informed that his late wife's grave had been opened, and on checking found that both the body and the grave clothes had been removed. These were subsequently found by the Constables in the outhouse of Robert Nesbitt, gardener. He added that he suspected Robert Nesbitt the Younger, Thomas Yellowly the Younger and George Miller, *surgeons and students in physic*, assisted by William Burn, ship's carpenter.

Information from John Mean, saddler, and Thomas Dixon, carpenter. John Mean reported that he had heard that, in addition to the body of Christian Ross being found in the outhouse, the body of a child and its coffin had been found in the outhouse. As his son had been buried the previous Saturday, he went to the

churchyard to check, and found that the grave had been opened, the coffin and child removed and the grave filled with two large stones. Thomas Dixon identified the child's coffin as one made by his master, William Pattison for Mean's child. Mean also suspected Nesbitt, Yellowly and Miller, and that they were assisted by John McQueen, gardener.

Information from John McQueen, gardener. He stated that on the Saturday evening Robert Nesbitt had come to him about midnight, and after buying him drink in a public house on the Parade, he persuaded him to help him take up a child's coffin from the graveyard and bring it to an outhouse belonging to Nesbitt's father. Nesbitt came for him again on the Monday evening and after drinking together they went again to the churchyard. Nesbitt dug up a grave, broke open the coffin and removed the body. Nesbitt and McQueen then went to get help from a ship's carpenter who slept in Nesbitt's father's house. All three returned to the churchyard, where Nesbitt put the body in a sack, and carried it to the wall where the other two helped him get the body over the wall and back to his father's outhouse.

Interestingly, when the case was heard, it referred to the robbing of the graves of Christian Ross and an unknown woman (about whom there is no evidence cited), and not the grave of Mean's child, for which there was clearly strong evidence. Presumably the court felt that it was unnecessary to add to the parents' suffering, by dragging their loss through the court.

Miller, Yellowly and Burn all denied involvement in the grave robberies, and all were found 'Not Guilty' by the Jury. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the younger Nesbitt, but he seems to have escaped totally.

Little is known about the suspects. Nesbitt may have been the Robert Nesbitt who studied medicine for one year at Edinburgh in 1788. Certainly in June 1790, William Hall of Berwick, wrote to Admiral Roddam seeking to obtain a place for him in the Navy. (NRO 00329/F/1/1/85)

*My Dear Sir*

*As there is likely to be a Bustle with Spain which will no doubt cause other Powers to join them, so bring on a War I again beg leave to mention the young man Rob<sup>t</sup> Nesbitt to you If in your Power to Push him forward in his Profession as a Surgeon your recommendation of him will I know be of infinite service to him, I acknowledge myself under great obligations to you for the many civilitys you have already done him, but as the time of War is the time to get forward Particularly in his*

*Profession so I hope you will be so good as Excuse my being so troublesome to you  
& am with my sincere & respectfull compl<sup>ts</sup> to Mrs Roddam my Dear Sir ever*

*Yours sincerely*

*Will<sup>m</sup> Hall*

*Berwick 2 June 1790*

A George Miller spent a year studying medicine in Edinburgh in 1791. Thomas Yellowly's father was a Berwick Bailiff. Certainly by the 1806 directory there is no trace of Miller, either of the Yellowlys or Robert Nesbitt Senior in Berwick. Was the scandal too much for them all?

*Jane Bowen & Janet Ward*

## **SERIOUS CRINOLINE INCIDENT**

**BERWICK ADVERTISER 21 Nov 1863**

### ACCIDENT FROM CRINOLINE

On Tuesday a rather distressing accident occurred in Woolmarket . A girl, seven years of age, daughter of Mr John Walker, Woolmarket, while carrying a child scarcely 2 years old upon her back was met by 2 women passing up the street who, with distended skirts, pushed against the girl in passing . The girl was thrown to the ground and one of her thighs was fractured. Either unconscious of the nature of the accident or heedless of the consequence, the women rendered no assistance but proceeded in leaving the poor girl to the care of others who witnessed the accident. The unfortunate girl has since been under surgical treatment.

For even more serious crinoline incidents see "A Chronology of Crinoline Tragedies from 1861" [www.diarmidmogg.tumblr.com/](http://www.diarmidmogg.tumblr.com/) Fascinating reading!

*Val Glass*

## YOUNG'S, THE BELFORD BAKERS

Young's Bakery Business was situated at numbers 7 and 9 High Street, and succeeded an earlier baker. The first Young was

William, who in time was succeeded by his son James. On his death in 1940 the business passed to the Misses Young. (Were these James' daughters, or sisters, does anyone know?).



James Young  
1927

James Young was clearly a talented confectioner and baker as this photograph of one of his wedding cakes shows. He was also, however, a successful inventor. In 1923, he patented an improvement to Bakers' Ovens, designed to prevent the burning of bread or articles of confectionery in the process of being baked in the oven. This was achieved by putting a metal screen within the oven which protected the bread from the direct heat of the fire.



Dora Gordon's  
Wedding Cake  
made by  
J. Young, Belford

Although full details of the patent survive, sadly, as can be seen, the village archives have only poor photographs of both James Young and the Baker's premises. Does anyone know of better photographs of either the Bakery, James Young, or indeed William Young or the Misses Young?



James Young's shop is the first shop on the left.





[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale]

Fig. 1.

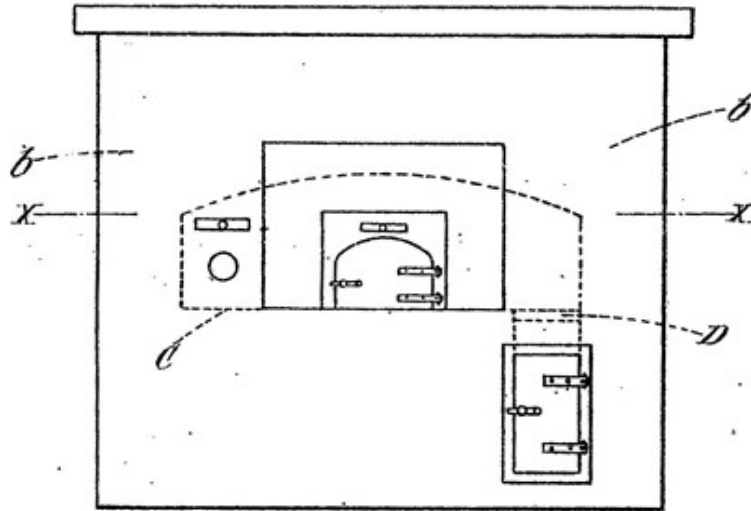


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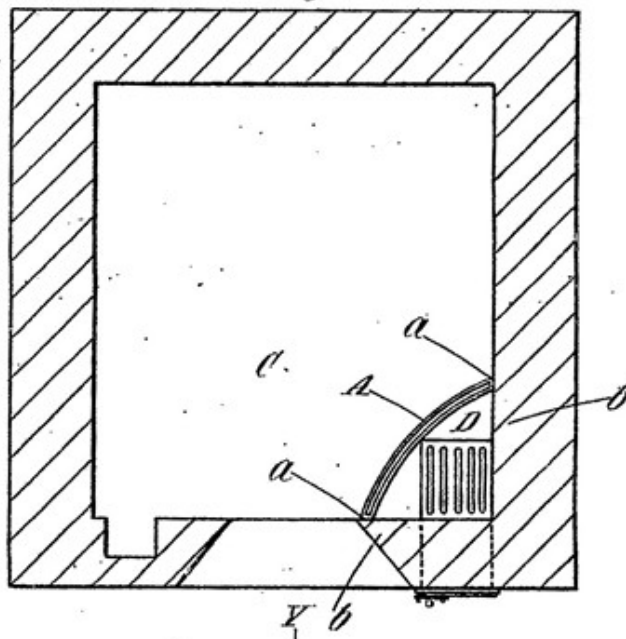


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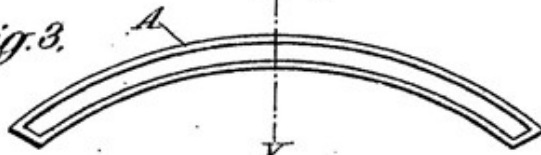
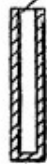


Fig. 4.



# SNIPPETS FROM THE BERWICK ADVERTISER

**Berwick Advertiser, 5th August 1870**

## THE HEALTH OF THE TOWN

The Clerk read the Medical Officer's quarterly reports as follows:-

### **To the local Board of Health for the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed**

GENTLEMEN-The deaths in the borough for the quarter ending 30th June 1870 amounts to 78 and the births 113. taking the average of the corresponding quarters for the last seven years the births are five above and the deaths two below the average.

Hooping cough has been somewhat prevalent during the quarter, but it is now happily on the decrease and not fatal.

At present the public health is in a very satisfactory state.

The various parts of the borough have been carefully inspected and found in a tolerable condition. The following table shows the mortality as to disease:-

Hooping cough,14; phthisis, 11; old age, 7; heart disease, 6; apoplexy, 6; bronchitis,3; fever,3; scarlatina,2; accidents,3; convulsions,3; hydrophobia,2; various diseases,19.

The next table shows mortality as to age:-

Under 1,16; 1 to 5,12; 5 to 10,2; 10 to 20,4; 20 to 40,11; 40 to 60,11; 60 to 80,16; above 80,6; total 78.

From the long continuance of dry weather and the very inefficient supply of water to the town the sewers are not in a good state. Foul gases are found emanating from every opening. I would recommend that a quantity of chloride of lime or carbolic acid should be daily poured down the gratings, followed by a barrel of water- I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, *T. Davidson, Physician, Officer of Health for the Borough.*

**Berwick Advertiser, 5th August 1870**

EXCURSION

An excursion party of 300, from Jarrow, visited this town on Saturday. There were no special train; the excursionists were conveyed in carriages attached to the mail train from Newcastle. The weather was favourable; the strangers enjoyed their holiday, and returned home in the evening.

**Berwick Advertiser, 5th August 1870**

DENSE FOG

A dense fog has prevailed on the coast for some days. It was so dense on Tuesday morning that at sea objects could not be observed at a distance of a few yards. The herring boats were unable to reach the harbour till the afternoon, and several had narrow escapes. On Tuesday, also, the S.S Thames struck the point at North Sunderland at low water, but the captain refused any assistance, and got off as the tide made. During the continuance of the fog here horns have been sounded on the pier to guide the herring boats entering the harbour. The bell of Spittal U.P. Church was also rung at intervals.

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