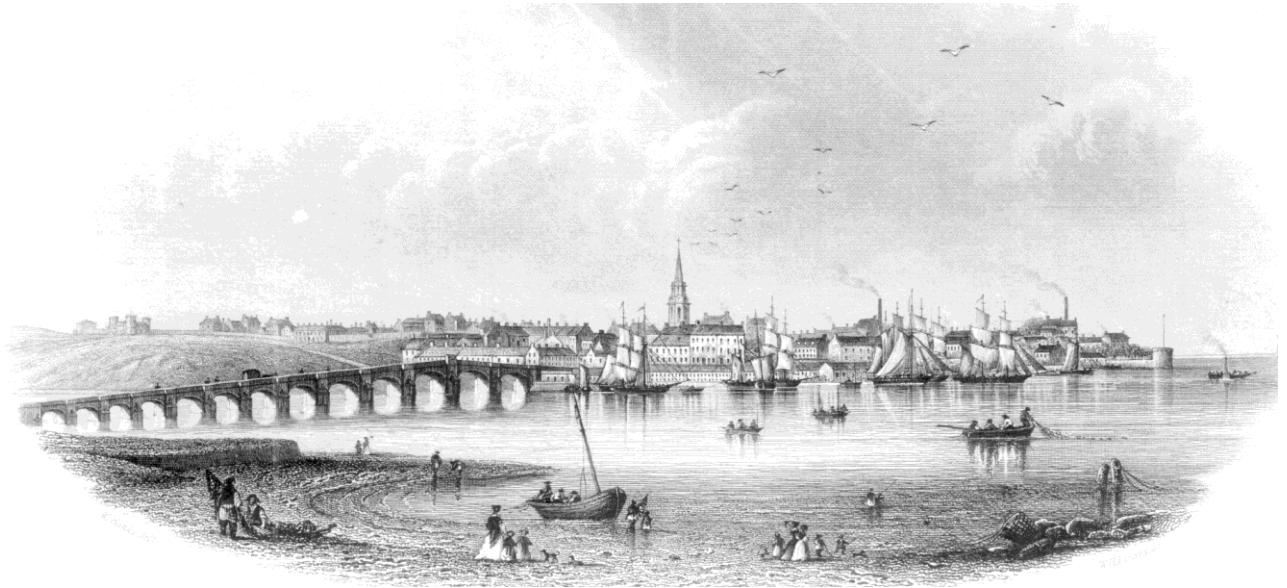


# Friends of Berwick & District Museum and Archives Newsletter



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 10th- Sunday 19th September 2021 Berwick Heritage Open Days – series of in person and online events celebrating our heritage – see enclosed timetable

Friday 12th November Friends Autumn Lecture: "The Voyages of the Paddle Steamer *Pegasus*, and her wreck off Holy Island in 1843": Jane Bowen. Online talk starting at 7pm

## **OTHER SOCIETIES' LECTURES**

### **AYTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Ayton Community Hall**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

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| Tuesday 28th September 2021 | The Scholar the Wizard and the Seer – 13th century Borders through the lives of Duns Scotus, Michael Scott and Thomas the Rhymer: Isabel Gordon |
| Tuesday 26th October        | Lindisfarne Castle, it's the fort that counts: Nick Lewis   |
| Tuesday 30th November       | Whisky and Gin Smuggling in the Cheviots & the Borders: Graeme Watson   |

### **BELFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Bell View Resource Centre**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

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| Wednesday 22nd September 2021 | Re-launch post-Covid 19 Social   |
| Wednesday 27th October        | 19c Railways in Northumberland: Enterprise of Madness?: Revd Stephen Platten |
| Wednesday 24th November       | Hidden in the Landscape - Saxon Churches in Northumberland: Philip Rowett    |

### **BERWICK CIVIC SOCIETY**

**Venue: Berwick Parish Centre.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

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| Wednesday 13th October 2021 | "Why Conundrum ?", this is a combined meeting with the Berwick History Society <b>venue to be confirmed</b> : former Archbishop of York, the Right Rev and Right Hon, the Lord Sentamu. |
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Wednesday 10th November

A presentation given by Susan Hallsworth and representatives of a "Better Berwick".

### **BERWICK HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday 13th October 2021

See Civic Society entry. Joint Meeting.

Wednesday 17th November

'The influence of the seventh century Irish mission on northern Britain and beyond':  
Ray Simpson

Wednesday 15th December

'Irregular Border Marriages': Linda Bankier

### **BORDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**Venue: Parish Centre, Berwick**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Monday 6th September 2021

"Dere Street, its Life and Times": David Jones, Coquetdale Community Archaeology.

Monday 4th October

"Inscriptions and Sculptures in the Quarries of Hadrian's Wall" : Jon Allison

Monday 1st November

"Questions of Identity – Some Recent Case Studies on the Vikings of Scotland, including the Warrior from Auldham, East Lothian" : Caroline Paterson

Monday 6th December

" Lumps, Bumps and Fairy Tales – The Joys of field Archaeology" : Dugald McInnes

## **BOWSDEN HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Bowsden Village Hall**

**Time: 7.30pm**

The Hall will be heated but also ventilated by keeping some doors open, so dress accordingly! Please bring a mask in the expectation that you will be requested to wear it.

**NB! Booking in advance by email/text is essential, to Nick Jones, Programme Secretary Email : [nicolasbjones@gmail.com](mailto:nicolasbjones@gmail.com). Text: 07889 509324**

Monday 6th September 2021

Charles, Second Earl Grey: Michael Simpson

Monday 20th September

Extra Event: Petroglyphs and the Stars in Northumberland: Peter Tullet

Monday 4th October

The Cult and Culture of Monasticism, and its effects on cultural and agricultural development in Northumbria in medieval times: Margaret Kirby

Monday 1st November

Bowsden's Curers of Madness , and the Mystery of the Levelling of Bowsden School: How mining Berwick Archives has revealed Bowsden's past: Julie Gibbs

## **CHIRNSIDE HISTORY GROUP**

**Venue: Community Centre, Waterloo Arms Dining Room**

**Time: 7.30pm**

Monday 20th September 2021

Lockerbie, A Detective's Tale; Callume Entwistle

Monday 18th October

Chirnside Connections; Linda Gray

Monday 15th November

“In the Middle East Wars” 15 years of  
Dreams and Fires: Fidaa Itany

**COLDSTREAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Venue: Leet Room, Coldstream Community Centre.**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Thursday 7th October 2021

The Eyemouth Fish Tithe Riots: Norrie  
McLeish

Thursday 4th November

The Why, Where, When and How of the  
Scottish Border: David Welsh

Thursday 2nd December

Heraldry of Scottish Borders Towns: John  
Malden

**GLENDALE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

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

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

**Attendees will be asked to wear face masks**

Wednesday 8th September 2021

Angels of the North- prominent women of  
the North East: Moira Kilkenny. Followed  
by the delayed A.G.M.

Wednesday 22nd September

Outdoor meeting, 11.00am. Holy Island  
Heugh: John Woodhurst

Wednesday 13th October

History of Glanton Pike and its gardens:  
John Swanson

Wednesday 27th October

Outdoor meeting, 10.00am. Old Cart and  
Carriages Roads, Old Yeavinger and  
Torlee: Sue Rogers

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Medieval Monasteries, Hospitals and Care:  
Sandra Gann

Wednesday 24th November

Outdoor meeting, 10.00am. WWII Walk  
around Wooler: Alan Sture

Wednesday 8th December

The Cult and Culture of Monasticism:  
Margaret Kirby

## LOWICK HERITAGE GROUP

**Venue: Lowick Village Hall**

**Time: 7.30 p.m.**

Monday 13th September 2021

Old Melrose: Rediscovering St Cuthbert's  
Anglo-Saxon Monastery and Medieval  
Pilgrimage Chapel: Dr Margaret Collin

Monday 11th October

*'Crucible of Conflict'*: 300 years of Anglo-  
Scottish Wars: A Re-enactment: John  
Sadler & Co.

Monday 8th November

*'From Mud to Mega Mansion'*: Haggerston  
Castle-Centuries of History: Joy Lamb

Monday 13th December

The Prehistoric Farm at Hunting Hall:  
The Next Chapter: Paul Langdale

## NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND GENEALOGY GROUP

**Meetings online. For link to zoom please email [rowan2021@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rowan2021@hotmail.co.uk) in  
plenty of time!**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
[nb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.]

Formidable Women of Bamburgh Castle:  
Carol Griffiths

Saturday 16th October

Seen in the newspapers: Topic

Saturday 20th November

The Barmoor Letters: Variety is the Spice  
of Life: John and Ann Ferguson

## TILL VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Venue: Crookham Village Hall

Time: 7.30pm

Nb The talk on 6<sup>th</sup> October will be in Crookham Village Hall, but further meetings will then revert to online until April 2022. The online talks, like last year, must be booked in advance via Heather Waldron at [nordlaw76@aol.com](mailto:nordlaw76@aol.com). The decision to offer these to members only or to a wider audience will be made in September.

Wednesday 6th October 2021

Dere Street : David Jones of Coquetdale Community Archaeology . Tickets may be limited due to Covid restrictions, please check at [tillvas.com](http://tillvas.com).

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

“Doon Hill Revisted : Professor Ian Ralston

## **ARCHIVE NEWS**

This summer has just flown by – I wish I knew where ! As ever, the Record Office has been extremely busy doing various things which keep us on our toes.

We have been open to the public since April but still on our reduced hours. It will be some time before we get totally back to normal. However, by the end of September , we are hoping to make our transcripts and microfilms available again – a step in the right direction. Watch out for further details.

Normally we would be doing a lot of outreach events at this time, but this year I've only done an At The Seaside session for 3 – 5 year olds. The County Council has opened a new Community Hub at Cramlington and I spent a day there at the end of July delivering an activity using old photos of the beach and playing in a sand pit ! This was something I had first worked on over 10 years ago but things go in cycles.

Online is still very much a part of our daily life in the office including delivering talks. In June I gave 4 talks on Berwick and different aspects of the Borough Archives collection to the Berwick Educational Association. These were very well attended.

At the end of May we held the online launch of the Portrait of a Town exhibition at the Granary Gallery. This has been very successful with lots of people visiting, looking at the website and following us on social media. The reel of additional images at the exhibition which is changed every month has kept people interested. The September images are now up and have a food related theme. As well as the exhibition, we are working on a Photography section for LEARN – our digital educational platform. Hopefully that will be ready by the end of September. The exhibition has demonstrated the real potential of this collection and the importance of images to capture history.

Although our official cataloguing element of the Twixt Thistle and Rose Project is now finished, we have continued to work on the content completed by the volunteers and are slowly adding it to the online catalogue. We now have nearly 10,500 entries in the catalogue and are trying to add more each week. Recently we have added in more of the Police posters; receivers of oatmeal tickets and additional parchment deeds. All these collections are name rich and help to demonstrate how amazing this collection is.

As well as undertaking work here in Berwick, I also get involved in work for the whole Northumberland Archives Service. Community Action Northumberland is running a Village Halls Heritage project at the moment and I have been delivering the Oral History training for them. This will be the first group and we're hoping to train some additional people in the Autumn. It's so important to capture people's memories and they are all unique.

As many of you will have seen, the Vision for Berwick Barracks has just been released and information can be found on - <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/berwick-upon-tweed-barracks-and-main-guard/new-vision-for-berwick-barracks/> . The revamped Barracks will include space for the archives service and will allow us to operate from one site. These plans won't come to fruition quickly but it is very much a step in the right direction. Do have a look at what is proposed.

Finally, much of my time at the moment, some in work but mainly outside, is taken up with Berwick Heritage Open Days. I've written a separate article on this but



please do support us between 10 and 19 September, whether by attending our online events or visiting the town. It has been a mammoth task undertaken by a small Steering Group to put all this together in yet another uncertain year. I hope you will enjoy what we have created and help us celebrate Berwick's 30<sup>th</sup> year of taking part – the first place to do so in England.

I'll finish now but hope to see some of you at our Heritage Open Days events and also in the archives which is very much open for business.

## **BERWICK HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 10<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

As I mentioned above, this year is a very special one for the Berwick event – 30 years since we first took part. It's a real achievement that we are still going strong and trying to do something different each year. This year, we have a blend of online and in person events which means that you can still take part even if you can't visit the town. All our events are FREE and so, watch our films or try our quizzes on the website – [www.berwickhods.org.uk](http://www.berwickhods.org.uk) ; attend one of our live talks or visit the events we have arranged mainly for the weekend of 17 – 19 September. If you happen to be in Berwick over the whole of the HODS period, have a walk along Bridge Street or Spittal to find out more about these fascinating places. Have a look at our daily programme which is attached and do support us. There are 88 events registered on the national website for HODS in Northumberland and we are organising 51 of them. That says a lot to our commitment to our heritage and wanting people to appreciate it. Please do support us and if you want to help us in the future, just get in touch.

## **BRIDGE STREET**

As part of this year's Heritage Open Days, we are running an event called Bridge Street Revealed. This looks at the history of various buildings in Bridge Street. There will be posters in shop windows and also material available online. To give

you a flavour of the street, here are some newspaper snippets of incidents which happened there:

**ILLUSTRATED BERWICK JOURNAL – 13 SEPTEMBER 1867  
(BERWICK PETTY SESSIONS)**

Francisco Grassco, carpenter on board the John George of South Shields, was charged with being drunk and striking Mrs Kilvert, landlady of the Old Hen and Chickens, Bridge Street. Mrs Kilvert said that the defendant came to her house on Sunday night, and wanted a glass of beer, but he was so drunk that she would not give him any. In consequence, he broke a mug, and struck her on the face. After being put to the door, he created a great noise. Defendant then went up Church Street, and was there apprehended by PC Davidson for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined 6s, including costs....

**ILLUSTRATED BERWICK JOURNAL, 13 SEPTEMBER 1872  
(BERWICK PETTY SESSIONS)**

James Gallagher and Charles Mornin, Irish shearers, were charged by the police with being drunk and stealing a key. It appeared that about half past six o'clock on Saturday evening, the defendants were drunk in Bridge Street. Mornin had gone down the yard adjoining the butcher shop of Mr Mather, and seeing the key in the door of Mr Mather's slaughter-house, locked the door and took away the key. When asked for the key he refused to give it up. While Mr Mather went for the police, his assistant, Mr Lough, followed the men. They were overtaken on the Bridge by police-officer Alexander who attempted to take the key from Mornin, and a struggle ensued. Gallagher interfered and the policeman was thrown down. Afterwards the party moved further along the Bridge towards Berwick, where they met police-officer Davidson, and again a struggle took place for possession of the key, during which Mornin went to the ground, and he kicked Davidson on the head. Ultimately the key was taken from Mornin, he was hand-cuffed and both he and his companion were taken to the lock-up. As the defendants were shearers and the Mayor did not wish them to be taken from their work, Mornin was fined 7s 6d and Gallagher 5s. ....

**BERWICK ADVERTISER, 7 APRIL 1932 – CELEBRITY AT BERWICK  
“LAWRENCE OF ARABIA”**

A well known celebrity visited Berwick on Sunday and stayed overnight at the Hen and Chickens Hotel, Bridge Street. He was Aircraftsman Shaw, who won fame during the war and was known as “Lawrence of Arabia”. Aircraftsman Shaw arrived in Berwick on the Royal Air Force tender, No 120 which when on a voyage from Southampton to a destination in the north, put into Berwick Quay on Sunday afternoon in order to spend the night. The tender which has a speed of 21 knots, left early on Monday morning for Inverkeithing.

“Lawrence of Arabia” did splendid work during the war and he carried his life in his hands on many occasions, when he was dropped from an aeroplane into the desert and dressed as an Arab, mingled with these fierce tribes.

Mr R Chambers, landlord of the Hen and Chickens, said he had no conversation with Aircraftsman Shaw, who, after getting his tea, sat and did a lot of writing, following which he read a book and then went to bed. He left again at 6 o'clock on Monday morning.

*Linda Bankier*

## **MUSEUM NEWS**

At the moment, we are open to the public for seven days per week for the duration of the school summer vacation. We have had lots of visitors so far, and visitor numbers do seem to be keeping pace with the figures for 2019, our last full year of opening.

The museum will open for free over Heritage Open Days weekend, with English Heritage agreeing to open the gates for the community as in the last few seasons.

The L.S. Lowry has generated a lot of coverage in the press and on TV, and is proving popular with visitors. We have placed it on the ground floor to enable as many people to see it as possible. The Berwick Preservation Trust has applied for planning permission to put an extra panel on its Lowry Trail on the basis of the "Beach Scene" at Spittal. We have featured the painting in our imaginative Wellesley Trust/ Lough funded project we have been running with young people in Berwick, the results of which will be launched soon.

Jonny Hannah's exhibition "Northumberland Folk" is proving successful, and sales of the works have been going extremely well. Jonny has produced some nice (free) booklets and some giveaway crafts for kids, and the staff are giving talks and tours several times per day. A special "take and make" craft pack is in preparation for autumn half term holiday, and since Halloween falls just before we close for the season, I would not be surprised if the Berwick Vampire features heavily!

David McClymont has continued to work hard at servicing the telephone exchange in time for reopening and it is now working perfectly. An ex GPO/BT telephone engineer, David was the person who initially suggested that the exchange should be collected for the museum when it was decommissioned from Lindisfarne.

Recently, we visited Berwick United Reformed Church in Spittal. The Church was formed in 1997 by the uniting of St. Paul's United Reformed Church, in Spittal, with Bankhill United Reformed Church in Berwick. Sadly, a decision to close the church had to be taken in December 2020, due to a dwindling congregation and the after effects of the pandemic. We have taken in some of the church plate, engraved with St Paul's name, some interesting communion tokens and a pair of watercolour drawings showing the interior of Bankhill Church.

We have included some pages about some of Berwick's collections on our Object in Focus pages on the Museums Northumberland webpage. Our most recent articles have featured Wilson's Tales of the Border, Berwick Cockles, and the Salmon Queen. See <https://museumsnorthumberland.org.uk/our-collections/object-in-focus-home/object-in-focus-no-49-the-feast-and-crowning-of-the-salmon-queen/>

We would appreciate you completing our "Femmer to Firmer" questionnaire to help us find out what people think of when you mention "Museums" or "Museum Collections"

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2cxPSj6txkOu5Y0twg1cA\\_YJ-OWqTaxDr7KPb9tI6A1UNVJWUIZRWDZDT0hEUEFHTU1QWFFQ3NDI4Si4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2cxPSj6txkOu5Y0twg1cA_YJ-OWqTaxDr7KPb9tI6A1UNVJWUIZRWDZDT0hEUEFHTU1QWFFQ3NDI4Si4u)

We look forward to seeing you at the museum soon!

*Anne Moore, Curator.*

## FRIENDS AUTUMN LECTURE

The FBDMA Autumn Lecture will take place on Friday 12th November 2021, at 7.00pm, online via Zoom. Jane Bowen will speak about "The Voyages of the Paddle Steamer *Pegasus*, and her wreck off Holy Island in 1843". Jane has written extensively on local history, including *A Poor Little House*, her history of the Belford Workhouse, and she is a former secretary of FBDMA.

Her latest book, *From Triumph to Tragedy, the Story of the Paddle Steamer Pegasus and her people, 1835-1843*, has just been published by Novum (ISBN: 978-3-99107-708-4), and more details can be found on the Facebook page "Paddle Steamer Pegasus" (<https://www.facebook.com/jmbowenbooks>).

Details of how to join the talk will be circulated later but if you want to book a place now, just e-mail [berwickarchives@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:berwickarchives@northumberland.gov.uk)

*Linda Bankier*

## LOCAL PUBS

Facing you, as you cross Berwick's Old Bridge, in Main Street, Tweedmouth, is a collection of buildings called Tweedmouth House., now a nursing and residential home. Until recently these buildings constituted two licensed premises, with a separate house called Clifford House, between the two properties.

On the left was the Royal Hotel, which prior to 1933, was called the Union Hotel. (In Pigott's 1822 Directory a public house in Tweedmouth is called the Union, but whether it is this building, is uncertain. However, according to Rev. Henderson in his history of Tweedmouth, ' *until recently* ' a passage way led from the Tweed, by the Old Bridge to the Union Inn, to aid the local smugglers, which would date the Inn back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century) A 1929 building plan of the Union Hotel shows a bar and three sitting rooms, plus a 'bottled beer' off license, downstairs and a dining room upstairs. From 1906 to 1929 the licensees were various members of the Bradford family. In June 1967 the Royal Hotel advertised : '*come and hear the latest in electronic sound – the famous Lowry organ*' and in 1970 was advertising its music room with a resident organist.

On the right was the Bridge Hotel. The hotel has a long history and indeed is mentioned in Tobias Smollet's 'The Expedition of Humphrey Clinker' of 1771. Smollet is said to have stayed in the Inn in 1766 on his journey north, where he writes : *I - - - see, close to my chamber window, the Tweed gliding through the arches of that bridge which connects this suburb to the town of Berwick*. ( According to Francis Cowe , in his Short Historical Guide to Berwick upon Tweed, the Inn was originally called the Virgin Inn in Smollett's time. Indeed, again, according to the Rev. Henderson, the Virgin Inn originally looked towards the West End, and only later in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, was given a river frontage and the distinctive, added frontage, which it still retains. )

However, according to a licensing case reported in the Berwick Advertiser of November 1971 ; *'the front of the house had not been altered since 1705, the rear part was at one time an old hostelry, then a Masonic Hall, and then a gentleman's residence and fairly recently a guest house'*. Indeed it was restored to being a hotel, called Tweedmouth House Hotel, by Mrs Nelson in 1960. In 1962 it was granted a restaurant license.

In 1971, the Tweedmouth Hotel, as it was still then called ( before being renamed the Bridge Hotel, later in the 1970s ) was granted a full license under its licensee, Mrs Rothwell. Later Mr Rothwell became a well known landlord of the Bridge Hotel.

It was reported in 1971 that visitors regularly wished to view the historic building which contained *' many historic features '*and the Tourist Board expressed *'great interest'* in it becoming a major tourist attraction for the town. During the past holiday season it was said that 50 members of the viewing public had inspected the premises. Indeed the solicitor for Mrs Rothwell's application for a full license, expressed the opinion that *' In the years to come Berwick may have to depend to an increasingly great extent on the tourist trade. It could well become the principal industry'*. The building contained an *'old Jacobean room of noble proportions'*,( previously converted into three bedrooms ); outside in the terraced garden, there were *'old drinking fountains, holy water places and an old Brew house'*.

*Bob Steward*

# GUILD BOOK – SPINNING AND KNITTING

## **An extract taken from the Guild Book at the Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> February 1606 before Mr William Morton, Alderman**

Whereas divers Controuercies and questions haue heretofore ben moved Rysen and growne as well Amongest the maisters who haue taken paynes To learne and Instructe Children in the trade or mysterie of Spynninge of wolle and knitting of Stockinges as also the parentes of Children and the Children that are so instructed to Spyne and knitt by Intycinge and procuringe their said Children by indirecte meanes to Comme from their maisters who haue taken paynes to teache and Instructe them ffor the Redresse and Reformation whereof It is now ordered and agreed by the guilde now presentlie assembled with the Consente of the said maisters in manner and forme followinge That is to say ffyrste it is ordered that from hensfourth noe Childe servante or apprentice shall departe ffrom their maister that hath taughte them any of the Trades aboue named vntill ffirst they doe acquaynte mr maior or such others as shalbe therevnto appointed to take the hearinge of the Cause of their greiff And that if any matter or cause shall by them be found sufficient why they should or may departe That then some good Course shall also be taken That all debtes and duties shalbe paid to the said maister before they doe departe, (the some beinge duly proved to be due). Also it is ordered That vpon such prooff it shall be lawfull ffor mr maior or such other as shall be therevnto appointed To place that servante or Childe with another maister, for the better Instructinge or teachinge or otherwise ffor the proffitt of such Childe or apprentice as so shall be cleared from his said maister in fforme aforesaide.

Also it is ordered That no maister or any other for him or by his privity or procuremente shall at any tyme or tymes hereafter Repayre to the parentes or, Children to entyce or procure them from their maister where they are taughte or learned their Trade.

Also it is Ordered That if it shall fortune That any parentes doe take their Children from the maister where they are or shalbe workinge and do bringe them to another mans house to worke or that any Childe apprentice or servante doe of their own accorde departe from the maister where they were taughte or are workinge and Repayre to anothers house entendinge there to be sett on worke That then the said

maister to whome they shall so Repayre shall presentlie before he sett them on worke present the said Childe servante or apprentice to mr maior or to such other person as shall be therevnto appointed. And the maister from whom the said Childe shall so departe to be sente for and the matter to be heard & Censured by mr maior or such other officer as therevnto is appointed and so the childe to be cleared from the maister.

And further it is ordered That if any of the saide maisters That doe vse the said trade or mistery doe offende at any tyme hereafter in any of the said articles aboue expressed and be lawfully proved That then the partie so offendinge shalbe punished & ffyned at the discretion of mr maior & the guild.

*Wendy & Alan Urwin*

## BAILIFFS COURT BOOK, 1593

**Extract from the Bailiffs Court Book, Berwick regarding the preservation of smolts and fry of salmon, 1593 - Page 104 (ii)**

**Berwicke  
vpon twede** In the Counsell Chamber the xxj<sup>o</sup>  
of Aprill. 1593. Before the  
Righte worshipfull mr John Carye  
Esquire deputye gov[er]nour. And  
Mr Will[ia]m Morton Maior and the  
Counsell.

Where by the Lawes and statutes of this realme The Smolt[es] and frye of Salmon is at this tyme of year to be preserved And yet notw[i]thstandinge. there ar sundrye of this Towne that vse and frequentt vp & downe the wynd w[i]th Angle rod[es]. to the greate hurte and destruction of the said yonge frye of Salmon / These ar therfore streytlye to Charge & Commannde. that no maner of p[er]son or p[er]sons w[i]thin this towne shall frome hencefurthe. Vntill the Laste of maye next cominge p[re]svme or vse to Angle vpon the bridge or in or aboute any p[ar]te of the ryver wheresoev[er]. In penaltye of xiiij<sup>th</sup> dayes Ymp[ri]sonment and a further fyne or forfectur of fyve shilling[es] for ev[er]ye offence wherein there shalbe no favor shewed.

*Wendy Urwin*



## **BERWICK ADVERTISER SNIPPETS**

**Berwick Advertiser, 9 August 1872**

### SWIMMING REGATTA

The members of the Berwick Amateur Athletic Club being actuated by a desire to encourage the art and practice of natation conceived the idea of having a swimming regatta, which took place on Monday evening last in the sea behind the Pier. The number of competitors for three of the four races was most disheartening to promoters of the undertaking, as for one contest no person tries, while only a single individual ventured for another, and only four and seven competitors took part in the other two races. The entries, we believe, were numerous enough and had all those whose names were mentioned in the list exhibited their powers, the struggles might have been much more interested and exciting. The strong westerly breeze which was blowing, and the comparatively low temperatures were perhaps cause to which the scarcity of competitors may be attributed. We hope that at subsequent regattas many more will seek to distinguish themselves and that an impetus will be given to the learning of an accomplishment to which too much attention cannot be paid by either sex, especially at places like Berwick. A considerable number of ladies were observable among the spectators, who mustered largely, and watched with much attention the proceedings from the parapet of the pier. The competitors disrobed and dressed in a gig belonging to the gunboat, and a salmon coble, from which they also dived into the water and formed a straight line previous to setting out for the winning post – the bat built behind and close up against the pier. Capt. Hawkins, R. N., Commander of the Coast Guard acted as starter, and Rev. J. Irwin officiated as judge.

**Berwick Advertiser, 9 August 1872**

### PHYSIOLOGY AND PHRENOLOGY

On Monday and Wednesday evenings Mr. A. B. Lowes gave a lecture at Spittal, and in the Infant School, College Place, Berwick, on the above subjects, his remarks being illustrated by a diagram of a human skeleton. After giving some interesting

particulars about the different members of our bodies and their functions, he proceeded to point out the effect which food and drink had upon our system, and alluded to the baneful; influence of alcohol upon the digestion. He said it had a tendency to harden the food that was in the stomach, which could be proved if a piece of meat or the yolk of an egg was put into alcohol. If placed in water the former would become softer, and the latter would dissolve, whereas in alcohol the meat would harden, and the yolk would not undergo any change. Thus people who were in the habit of imbibing alcoholic liquors at their meals were likely to be dyspeptic, while those who drank water had their food easily assimilated. The reception of alcohol into the system also induced the formation of adipose tissue, to the detriment of the muscles and the sinews, and in support of this statement he said that formerly when he indulged in intoxicating liquors he measured three inches more round the waist than he did now, but he was heavier than before. Alcohol after going in to the stomach did not stay there, but forced itself through the blood vessels in an unnatural way, and went to the brain. The lecturer also examined several of the heads of his auditors, whose characteristics he demonstrated in a very truthful manner.

#### **Berwick Advertiser, 9 August 1872**

#### A SEA YARN

At the Sheriff Criminal Court, Dundee, July 29, Sheriff Comrie Thomson on the bench – John Spencer alias William Thomson, a stout fellow with only one eye, was charged with falsehood, fraud, and wilful imposition, in having exhibited to a number of parties a document purporting that he had suffered shipwreck at sea on the 27<sup>th</sup> January last, he being at the time a seaman on board the S.S. Union, of Boston. Accused pleaded guilty to showing the parties books with subscriptions, and that he was not a shipwrecked seaman, but denied having exhibited the document. He said he belonged to Berwick-upon-Tweed, and had come north for the herring fishing. Sentence – forty days' imprisonment with hard labour.

*Carole Pringle*

#### **BERWICK HERITAGE OPEN DAYS EVENTS, 10 – 19 SEPTEMBER 2021**

#### **DAILY LIST OF EVENTS**

**Please see below the list of events we have organised this year. All bookable events include the link to the relevant Eventbrite.**

DATE	TIME	TITLE	TYPE OF EVENT
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 14:00	Berwick Infirmary – Archaeological Excavation	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 15:00	Berwick Visitor Centre – The River Tweed and Salmon Fishing	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	19:00	An Introduction to the History of Berwick through its Archives – Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	ONLINE TALK
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10 :00 – 12:00 ; 14:00 – 16:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10 :00 – 12:00 ; 14:00 – 16:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	16:00	Berwick Heritage Question Time - Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	ONLINE LIVE EVENT
<b>MONDAY</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a	IN

<b>13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>		walk along Bridge Street	PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	19:00	The History of Berwick Barracks (REVISED TALK) Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	ONLINE TALK
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	19:00	Berwick Cockle Sweets and Cockle Cowes. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	ONLINE TALK
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	11.30 – 12.30	Portrait of a Town – guided tour. BOOKABLE on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839</a>	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	19:00	Bridge Street Revealed – From	ONLINE

		Beach Market to Quayside Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	TALK
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	The Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
	10.00 and 14:00	Castle Tour – guided tour . Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	12.00 and 16:00	From Ditch to Bastion – guided tour Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 16:00	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 16:00	The Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 16:00	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 16:00	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 15:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 16:00	St Andrews Wallace Green Church	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 16:00	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 16:00	The New Tower	IN PERSON
	14:00 – 16:00	Coxon’s Tower	IN PERSON
	14.00	Berwick Between the Wars – guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	15:00	St Andrews Wallace Green – More than just Names – Talk	IN PERSON
	19:00	Berwick Town Hall . Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	ONLINE TALK
<b>SATURDAY</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a	IN

<b>18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>		walk along Bridge Street	PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	The Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	St Andrews Wallace Green Church	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	Berwick Lifeboat Station at Carr Rock, Spittal	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	Berwick Town Hall – Photographic Exhibitions and Films	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 17:00	Berwick Barracks - note museums close at 16:00	IN PERSON
	10 :00 – 12:00 ; 14:00 – 16:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	10:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 – 16:00	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 12:00; 13:00 – 15:00	New Tower	IN PERSON
	10.00 and 14:00	Elizabethan Walls – guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	10:30 ; 11:45 and 13:00	Longridge Towers School – Guided Tours (Bookable)	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 15:00	The Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Tweedmouth Parish Church	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Berwick Town Hall – Photographic Exhibitions and Films	IN PERSON
	11.00	Edible Plants - Guided tour round Castle Vale and Coronation Parks. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 16:00	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 15:00	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 17:00	Free Trade Inn	IN PERSON

	12.00 and 16:00	Riverside Walls – guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 16:00	Coxon’s Tower	IN PERSON
	14.00 – 15.00	Portrait of a Town – guided tour. BOOKABLE on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839</a>	IN PERSON
	16:30	Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales – guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>	ALL DAY	Bridge Street Revealed – enjoy a walk along Bridge Street	IN PERSON
	ALL DAY	Secret Spittal – enjoy a walk around Spittal	IN PERSON
	10 :00 – 12:00 ; 14:00 – 16:00	Secret Spittal – information point open at 17 Main Street	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 14:00	The Old Coastguard Station	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 17:00	Berwick Barracks – note museums close at 16:00	IN PERSON
	10:00 – 16:00	Berwick Lifeboat Station at Carr Rock, Spittal	IN PERSON
	10.00	Georgian Berwick – guided walk in Ravensdowne	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Berwick Town Hall – Photographic Exhibitions and Films	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Sandstell Fishing Shiel	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 15:00	New Tower	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 15:00	Cumberland Bastion	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 15:00	Bankhill Icehouse	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 16:00	Portrait of a Town – photographic exhibition	IN PERSON
	11:00 – 17:00	The Main Guard	IN PERSON
	11.00 and 13:00	Tweedmouth’s West End – guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 16:00	The Gunpowder Magazine	IN PERSON
	12:00 – 17:00	Free Trade Inn	IN

			PERSON
	11:00 – 15:00	Coxon's Tower	IN PERSON
	12:30 and 14:30	Medieval Tweedmouth – guided tour . Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
	13:00 – 16:00	Berwick Holy Trinity and St Mary Parish Church	IN PERSON
	14.00 – 15.00	Portrait of a Town – guided tour. BOOKABLE on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-visual-arts-33387061839</a>	IN PERSON
	14.00	Berwick between the Wars – Guided tour. Bookable on <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/berwick-heritage-open-days-34043664105</a>	IN PERSON
		<b>WEBSITE EVENTS –on</b> <a href="http://www.berwickhods.org.uk">www.berwickhods.org.uk</a> <b>Available 10 – 19 September</b>	
		Berwick Castle Tour	FILM
		Berwick Through Time – new building added each day	FEATURE
		Berwick-upon-Tweed “Then and Now” Quiz	QUIZ
		Bridge Street Revealed – Quiz	QUIZ
		Elizabethan Walls	FILM
		From Ditch to Bastion	FILM
		Greenses Arabs and Fish Tales	FILM
		Parish Church of Holy Trinity and St Mary	FILM
		Riverside Walls Tour	FILM
		Secret Berwick – Quiz	QUIZ
		The South Prospect of Berwick-upon- Tweed – Film	FILM
		Tweedmouth Church – 1350 years of History	FILM
		Tweedmouth West End Tour	FILM
		Wilmott's Air Raid Fortress – film	FILM

For further information on any event, go to [www.berwickhods.org.uk](http://www.berwickhods.org.uk) or visit the national Heritage Open Days website – [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) . You can also e-mail us on [berwickhodsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:berwickhodsinfo@gmail.com) . Follow us on social media - @hodsberwick

