



# Stow Parish Archive

## Newsletter

### July 2008

In this month's newsletter we have no particular theme but simply a few news items from the year 1914 that are of interest.

#### **Stow Panel Medical Service 1914**

In order to meet the convenience of Stow residents it has been arranged that under the National Insurance Act, Dr Georgeson will be in attendance in the Town Hall for consultation and the dispensing of medicines from 9 to 10am and 7 to 7.45 pm.

#### **Local National Reserve**

A contingent of men has been formed after a meeting convened by Captain Broomfield, who commands the Lauder detachment. Over 30 volunteers enrolled and thereafter were given some drill by Mr J.M.Duthie. Among those who have joined are, Mr Thorburn Brown, Torquan, Mr Stewart, Burnhouse, who holds the rank of Lieutenant and Mr Paisley, Kirklands.

#### **Sale at Pirn**

Furniture and miscellaneous effects belonging to the late Mrs Vary Campbell were sold over two days. There were 829 lots comprising of a grand piano, an American organ, clocks, mirrors, bronzes, decorative china, crystal, and many fine pictures, engravings and antique furniture. There were also gardening tools, greenhouse plants, carriages and harnesses.

#### **Farm Changes**

Mr James Shiells has terminated a long and honourable connection with the district when he relinquished the farm of Muirhouse. He succeeded his father in the tenancy of Colmsliehill farm which the family has a long occupancy and then he entered Muirhouse in

succession to the late Mr Robert Harper. There he completed a 19 year lease followed by a further period of 9 years. He was generally considered one of the most skilful and successful farmers in the Gala Water. He had a long connection with the U.P. Church in which he was an elder.

The new tenant of Muirhouse farm is to be Dr. Brown. Also, with the removal of Mr Samuel White to Canada we can recall another long tenancy at Lugate farm.

#### **School Appointment**

Mr David McNeill of Innerleithen has been appointed master of Stow School in succession to Mr William Adam who retires after 40 years.

**We are pleased to tell you that the following articles are now available in the Town Hall Reading Room.**

1. A History of the Manorhead Hotel
2. Reminiscences of Stow Circa 1840
3. General News Items 1850-1896
4. Agricultural Items – a Stow History The Early Improvers
5. List of known Shops and Businesses

We will also soon have a copy of the history of Stow of Wedale Parish Church available.

The Reading Room is open every day from 9-5. If you have any documents that you feel may be of interest to other people in the area drop them in for copying on the last Wednesday of every month.

There will be no meeting in July but we are planning some more archive events for the coming months. More information will follow.

Please come along on Wednesday 30<sup>h</sup> August from 7.30 onwards and help us add to the Archive anything of interest. We can copy any photos or documents or we can simply make notes on any memories that you have that would be of interest.

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

- Two photos of Fairgrievies Garage – interior shots from 1950s – anonymous donor
- Photographs of Stow Home Guard – thanks to Bill Cowe.