



Stow Parish Archive Newsletter February 2011

This months Newsletter gives some insight into the typical goings on in the locality in first half of the 1890's.

February 7th 1889

A lecture and magic lantern entertainment was held in the U.P. Church on Friday. The Rev. John Beverage delivered a lecture on "Norway and the Norwegians" and it was illustrated by a large selection of magic lantern views. A small choir, under Mr. Anderson's leadership, sang several Norwegian songs.

February 6th 1890

A match between the Wedale Wanderers and the Vale of Gala took place here on Saturday. At half time the home team was in the ascendancy by three goals (one disputed) to nil and at this stage the visitors declined to continue the game and withdrew from the field!

February 6th 1892

The Rev. Thomas Blackwood of the Free Church delivered the sixth winter lecture on Friday night. The subject was "Social life in Scotland in the 18th century". Mr Blackwood traced many of the social customs back to Druidical origin and followed this by interesting descriptions of home life, school life and religious teaching after the Reformation. In the course of the lecture prices of food and clothing, servants and tradesmen's wages were detailed.

February 20th 1893

Mr Scott-Plummer's hounds had a meet on Tuesday and a fox was run down towards the village and in less than half an hour it was killed on the Lauder Road, a short distance from the United Presbyterian manse.

February 24th 1894

Colonel Wauchope addressed a large public meeting in the Town Hall under the auspices of the local Unionist Associations; Mr Pringle of Torquan was presiding. Colonel Wauchope was well received and spoke upon the necessity of having a strong navy, to be able to deal with foreign assault and also interior revolt that might arise in Ireland. He also alluded to one or two social questions, criticised portions of the speech which Lord Reay recently made in Stow, and condemned the Home Rule Bill.

February 16th 1895

At Stow on Tuesday a curling match was played against Arniston, two rinks each a side, 21 ends. Skips and scores; Stow - Mr Smart 25; Mr Pate 24-49; Arniston - Mr Knox 11; Mr Allan 11-22.

February 15 1896

The Gala Water Farmers Ball was held on Friday night when about 139 ladies and gentlemen were present. Mr Goodsir, Galashiels, decorated the ball. Messrs Dunn and Davidson, Edinburgh supplied the music and Mr Russell (Hotel) purveyed for the company.

February 5th 1896

The property of Galabank, on the north side of the Gala Water turnpike road, consisting of eight cottages, one with byre and land were sold by public roup on Wednesday afternoon at Dowell's rooms, Edinburgh, for £290, £40 above the upset price.

Please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 23rd February 2011 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.

