



Stow Parish Archive

Newsletter

March 2008

This month's newsletter has taken the form of news stories about people in years leading up to The Great War.

Census 1911

The members of the Parish are 631 Males 688 Females –in total 1319, being a decrease of 243 as compared with 1901.

1912 Fatalities to Local Men

Two young men connected with the district who had gone abroad have both died in fatal accidents. This Spring James Robertson, eldest son of the late James Robertson (for many years station master at Fountainhall and Stow) met his death in Vancouver while engaged in timber clearing when a blasting charge accidentally exploded. He had gone to the Klondyke some years ago prospecting for gold.

Mr Tait the Gas works manager received the sad news that his son John Tait had been killed in a railway disaster near Buffalo, U.S.A. Greater details of this distressing occurrence has not yet been received.

March 16th 1912 Constabulary Change

P. C. Lumsden from Gilmerton has succeeded P.C. Wedderburn at the Stow Police Station, the latter having retired from the service. Immediately Before coming to Stow Mr Wedderburn was constable at Heriot and has been 20 years in the district.

1912 Trout Netting in the Gala Water

Roy Crawford residing at 2 Jane Place, Eskbank, Dalkeith was prosecuted in Edinburgh Sheriff Court on a charge of having in the Gala Water between Fountainhall Station and Burnhouse fished for and with a drag net 137 brown trout contrary to section one of the trout (Scotland) Act 1860. He pleaded guilty. Sheriff Graham imposed a fine of £3 including £1 expenses, with the alternative of one-month

imprisonment and ordered all equipment to be forfeited.

New Church Organist

Mr John Thorburn, teacher of music and organist, Selkirk has been appointed organist of Stow Parish Church from 20 applicants.

Memorial Window for Parish Church

There has been erected in Stow Parish Church a large stained glass window by Mr Wm. Ramsay of Bowland in memory of departed members of his family.

The window is the great west window consists of four lights and the subjects are striking scenes in the life of the Lord.

1914 Appointment

The King has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of John Middleton Esq. M.A. assistant colonial secretary, to be colonial secretary for the colony of Mauritius – London Gazette.

Saturday 15th March 2008

10.30 – 12.00 in the Town Hall

We're remembering ...
**the shops and businesses
in Stow parish**

The Stow Archive Group, with your help, is going to continue to add to our material on local shops and businesses. On Saturday 15th March in the Town Hall, we have a fascinating audio-visual display for you to see, and we will also have lots of interesting things to show you. We also hope that you may be able to bring along any pictures, photographs, objects, and stories that will give us some more information about - who owned which business when, where they were, what it was like inside, what you could buy, how much things cost. It is the little details that make the bigger picture!

Tea and coffee will be available – we look forward to seeing you then – all ages welcome!

The Stow Parish Archive Group meet the last Wednesday of every month. Please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 26^h March 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.