

Kirkbean Parish Heritage Society

2nd Newsletter January 2010

This is to bring members up to date with events since the first newsletter in July 2009. **Committee Meetings** were held in July, August and November when the Constitution, Our Website, Kirkbean Church and Future Events were discussed. The meeting held on 4th November can be found on our website. Yes, it is up and running, thanks to Billy Wilson and Graham Carnochan.

Try www.kirkbeanheritagesociety.org.uk. Great Value Websites have done a wonderful job for £160. Those wishing a link to advertise contact Billy. billy@jaspwilson.co.uk

Membership is rising slowly. Do you think the website should be for “paid-up” members only with access beyond the home page using a password?

Social Events. Some 70 people attended a joint meeting with the John Paul Jones Trust on 18th July when Professor Ted Cowan spoke on the life of JPJ on the day of the 216th anniversary of his death. An impressive display of local memorabilia was put on by KPHS and many new contacts were made.

On 7th October the society met in The Steamboat when Graham Roberts described his work as senior Archivist for Dumfries and Galloway Council. A very useful book listing all the services available in D&G was bought by the Society and is with Billy Wilson for your use.

Our next social evening is on 17th February in The Steamboat at 7.30pm when our President will talk on “Agricultural in the Parish after the 39/45 War” Our Vice president will tell us about “The smuggling in the Upper Solway”. Did you know that there was a Gravestone at the edge of the shore at Carsethorn? More will be revealed on the 17th.

Graveyard Recording has come to a standstill for the winter. Alice Rourke, Kaye Clark and Elaine Roydes have recorded about 90% of the stones. Those left to read are the most difficult and will take much patience and skill. We badly need an accurate map of the Graveyard. What will we do with all this information when we have finished collecting? Ideas please.

Kirkbean Church. The Society wrote asking if a portion of the Church would be available for our use. A decision from the authorities will be a long time in coming but we did receive acknowledgement of our letter.

The Information Shelter at Carsethorn is now complete. The boards “Under the Fell” and “The Sea Saga” are well worth a read. For those of you who can’t get here we will put them on the website.

A Future event has been suggested of a BBQ at John Paul Jones cottage in July.

Our A.G.M. will be on the 5th of **MAY** in Kirkbean Village Hall. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.