

## **BERWICK HISTORY SOCIETY**

### **Derek Sharman talk summary**

Queen Victoria's reign saw dramatic changes in the methods of producing, processing, transporting and selling food and drink. It was the heyday of Berwick's farming, herring fishing and salmon netting industries.

The History Society's visiting speaker for November was Derek Sharman who based his talk, "BERWICK'S FOOD HERITAGE", on old photographs, advertisements and extracts from 19<sup>th</sup> century editions of local newspapers. He highlighted the growing importance of steamships and the developing railway system and the important part they played in the herring and salmon fishing industries.

In conclusion he drew our attention to Berwick's townscape of today with its reminder of those vibrant times- The Maltings, The Granary, the ice-houses, curing sheds and smokehouses.

The evening was both educational and enjoyable not only to our own Society members but to visitors from both London and Bristol who appreciated the warm welcome and fascinating talk.

The Society's next meeting takes place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Centre, The Parade, starting at 7.30pm. John Ferguson is our guest speaker with the topic "BARMOOR CONNECTIONS"-an opportunity for us all to explore some of the interesting history of the Barmoor Estate.