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Dear Dunscore history lovers(!)

DUNSORE CHURCH HERITAGE PROJECT

As you may be aware, Dunscore Church has been successful in being awarded a Heritage Lottery Grant to undertake essential repairs.

Conditions of the Grant require us to develop a Heritage Centre within the church, with the main themes being ‘The History of Dunscore Church’ and ‘The Story of Jane Haining’. These two topics should have links to local families who live or have lived in the community - memories, memorabilia and stories over the past 100 years to pass on to future generations.

Because of your family’s local connections, we are contacting you to say we would very much welcome your assistance in building an archive of photos/stories of the Dunscore area - initially relating to links with the church or family knowledge of Jane Haining.

With this in mind, we attach a short form which we would be very grateful if you could complete and return to Sheila Anderson at archie555@btinternet.com

Shortly the drawings of proposed church alterations will be ready for viewing by the community and we would greatly value your comments on this Project as it develops.

Many thanks.

(Pam Mitchell, Sheila Anderson, Heather Sloan, Theresa MacKay, William Crawford, Roy Spence)

Note:
The above topics are what we must concentrate on initially … but as the Project develops, we plan to have an archive on all aspects of Dunscore life - schools, farming, tradesmen, shops, social life, wartime stories etc and, if it’s OK with you, we will be contacting you again about this!
QUESTIONNAIRE

If, after reading the questions below, you would prefer having a chat either on the telephone or in person with Sheila (820236) or Pam (820455), then please phone them. Either/both would be very happy to come and discuss.

(1) Do you have past family connections with any of the original four churches in the Dunscore area – Parish Church, East Church, Renwick Church or Craig Church? If so, can you briefly summarise what you know.

(2) Have you family stories of events that took place in any of the above churches or did you perhaps attend Sunday School? If so can you briefly summarise memories below.

(3) Do you have any materials, related to the above churches e.g. photos, certificates etc? Please state below what you have. [We do not want them at present .... but would ask if we could borrow in the future to carefully copy and return].

(4) Do you have family connections with anyone in any of the old graveyards? If so can you name them please together with any relevant information.

(5) Do you have family connections to the men on the War Memorial in Dunscore? If so, can you name them please together with any relevant information.

We would be very grateful if you could return this form in the envelope provided no later than TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER. Many thanks.