

Dunse History Society started the 2024-25 programme with an excellent presentation '**Digitising the Leslie Chapple Collection**' by Scott Spence on 28 August.

This was based on the Society's digital archive consisting of some 3000+ glass slide negatives of the people and places of Duns and environs, taken by the Duns photographer Leslie Chapple during the 1950s and 60s and scanned by Scott.

The scanned images were of excellent quality and superb detail. Numerous slides were shown under the following headings: **Town Centre; On the Move; The Best Days; Good Sport; Photos not directly related to Duns; Reivers Week; Back Hame.**

Included in the presentation were images of buildings, many now gone, vehicles, school photos, sports teams, the 1947 Flying Scotsman disaster, Reivers weeks in Duns, Gavinton, Allanton and Swinton and ending with a torchlight procession in 1950. As well as showing these historical images Scott was as much interested in receiving information about the places and people in them from the audience. The audience was very responsive and provided much additional information. In view of the local interest in the topic about 100 people attended, considerably more than usual. To encourage the addition of further information the photos will be added to the Society's Facebook page. All in all an excellent start to the programme and an audience that was clearly delighted with the evening.

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