



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

Annus horribilis.

Most of you will know by now that your Society's lecture programme suffered a fourth hiccup last week as the final speaker had to call off at short notice.

I am indebted to George Simpson who stepped in to give a robust discourse about the history of Drem airfield which was well received by the supportive members who turned out on a miserably wet night.

Happily all the incommoded speakers have agreed to speak in the next season of lectures so there will be new opportunities to hear from them. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Goodbye to the Gullane Fire Service College.

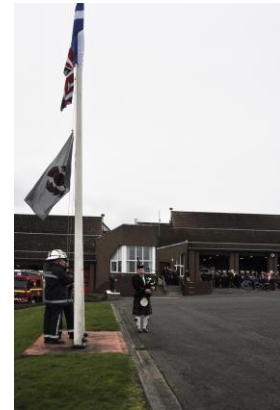


The Fire Services's College in the old Marine Hotel in Gullane closed last week after 61 years in the village. Your Society was invited to erect a display for the final passing out parade last Friday 13th March.

The Society is always

keen to gather information and pictures of change in Gullane and Dirleton and I am grateful to George Simpson, Anne McCarthy and Bill Nimmo (the latter two at short notice) for attending the event where a great deal of interest and supportive comments were received from the assembled firemen.

The future of the site and particularly the iconic Marine Hotel building are uncertain but you can be assured that whatever happens your Society will be recording the changes.



Images by George Simpson

The Heritage Gathering.



The Gathering of heritage groups in Gullane Community Hall last month produced a stimulating and informative day. Around 70 people attended and there were four interesting presentations as well as a fun survey and object quiz. Meticulously organized and run by Bill Nimmo and ably supported by many members of the Society, this event was another feather in your Society's cap.

Image by Eric Thomson

The AGM.

The AGM in Gullane Community Hall on April 8th will be an opportunity to meet and celebrate the achievements of your Society over the last year. As is traditional a member of the Society, Bill Nimmo, will give a short presentation of an aspect of Yester Castle which his U3A group have been researching.

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