



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

An interesting kitchen.



Seventeen members of your Society enjoyed a visit to Callendar House last Saturday. The extensive museum exhibits of the history of the house, agriculture and social changes were all toured. A highlight was the 19th century kitchen complete with roaring fire and lively period costumed guide. Thanks go to Bill Fife who alerted us to this interesting place to visit.

Next year there are plans to visit the print works at Innerleithen or a trip to Inchcolm.

Catching the light.



The exhibition of paintings by Henry Tuke at the Coastal Communities Museum in North Berwick continues to attract interest and favourable comment. There are a series of complementary panels taking Tuke's images of iconic local landmarks and describing how North Berwick would have appeared to him when he visited at the invitation of the Dalrymples in 1891.

Much of the WW I material has been retained from the last exhibition but the children's area has been redesigned on the theme of Treasure Island to highlight the well known and loved local writer, Robert Louis Stevenson. Last but not least the café is open again.

If you haven't been yet – go. It's open 5 days a week until May 17th.

More change to record.

Most of you will know that the post office will move in two weeks and will have noticed that barriers have gone up around Bissets prior to demolition. Additionally demolition has been rapid at the Sandy Loan garage site in Gullane and the flag and sign for the Fire College have disappeared. All change that your Society will be diligently recording for posterity. If you see any changes that you think should be recorded just let a committee member know.



A date for your diary.

Following the successful heritage gathering in Gullane Community Hall in February Haddington History Society are running next year's event which will be on **Saturday 27th February 2016** in Haddington Town House from 0930 to 1300.

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