



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

Newsletter 23

June 2015



Dear Member,

Nothing happening? I.

It would be easy to assume with the winter series of lectures finished and the AGM held that your Society has become inactive. Not a bit of it. Individual members are beavering away on several projects and planning of next winter season's activities continues apace.

I am pleased to report that the forthcoming lecture programme is complete details of which will appear on our website later in the summer. It is always worth keeping an eye on our website at www.elh.info/site

Nothing happening? II.



A Jackson image with permission of the University of Glasgow Archive from whom copies can be obtained.

Now that the exhibition of paintings by Henry Tuke at the Coastal Communities Museum is finished several members are involved in getting the next exhibition entitled **Rigs to Riches** up and running. The subject will be the development of agriculture in the area from the time of dwellers on North Berwick Law until the 20th century.

Getting information and images together involves lots of interesting research and obtaining of suitable artefacts as well as coping with the frustration of some of the bureaucracy involved. If any members are interested in helping in this activity or perhaps becoming a volunteer for manning the museum just let me know at michael.thomson2@virgin.net or ring 01620 843310.

The WW I display and children's Treasure Island themed room and hopefully café at the museum will remain when the new exhibition opens on **Saturday 27th June** for five days a week during the summer.



Nothing happening? III.

Your Society is investigating the installation of a commemorative plaque and information panel at Fenton Barns in recognition of the part played by men and women in two world wars at Drem airfield. Again much research has to be done, permissions sought and legal issues tackled. George Simpson heads a small group trying to push this proposal forward.

Meanwhile work has started on digitizing the Society's archive and publications are being sold in the shops and eateries around the area. All this doesn't happen by itself but is facilitated by interested members willing to give time to benefit your Society.

Want to join in?

Nothing happening? IV.

The Gullane Library not only lends books and provides internet access but serves as a place of social interaction not least by offering space for organisations to mount exhibitions and displays. Your Society hangs panels of interesting photographs from time to time and a new set of comparative pictures taken over time will appear later this summer.

Why not visit the library and enjoy the work of the Society as well. As I have written before 'Use it or lose it'

Michael (Thomson)