



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

The day of History.



Image by Bill Nimmo

Two Society members duly took a stand to the Archaeology Conference in Queen Margaret's University last month. On display were images of the surviving buildings and structures at Drem airfield erected during two world wars. They created plenty of interest and sold us a few books.

There were lectures of varying historical interest delivered throughout the day as well as plenty of displays mounted by archaeological and history organisations. I would recommend the event to members for next year.

Riding a hobby horse.

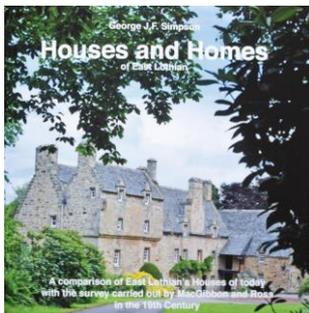
Thanks to the pen and camera of George Simpson (see below) and the diligent salesmanship of Les Robertson your Society has done well this year with the sale of its publications. We do depend, however, on a steady flow of new material to sell.

The Society is keen to collect and publish a series of small pamphlets covering single topics. An investigation of the history of a house, shop, hotel perhaps. Or a biography of a character who lived or lives in the local area. Tales of customs, anecdotes of life in local villages, on the farms or in businesses would all be considered.

In short do you have a pet historical subject or story to tell? Do you want to ride a hobby horse in print?



New book for Christmas.



George Simpson's new book '**Houses and Homes**' is hot off the presses. It is an ideal modestly priced Christmas gift for the person who has everything. Copies will be available at the Society's Christmas lecture on Thursday December 10th in Dirleton Kirk Hall, Gullane library, Falco Bakery, Sweet News in North Berwick and from your Society's website. There is no excuse for not buying a copy!

Happy Christmas to you all,

Michael (Thomson)