



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Gullane's horse racing history.

The publicity attending the recent success of the horse One for Arthur in the Grand National stimulated Society member Beryl Robinson to do a little research. Gullane has a long history of horse training and racing before golf finally forced this activity from the links. Lanercost was the name of a horse who was trained in Gullane and who came to win many prestigious races in the late 1830s. We are hopeful that shortly you will be able to read all about Beryl's research in the Courier.

Lennoxlove House.



25 members enjoyed being guided around Lennoxlove House on 22nd April. The fine portraits on the walls told the long history of the Hamilton's and their associated families. Members were shown the magnificent dining hall and the undercroft which is now used as a chapel on occasions. Other attractions included the family memorabilia particularly the wartime association with the fleeing Rudolf Hess.

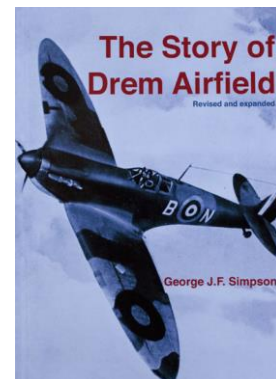
The Society is grateful to the three guides who gave up their time to make the visit interesting and informative.

Remembering Drem Airfield.

George Simpson, the author of the Society's successful publication 'The story of Drem Airfield' has been pursuing doggedly a proposal to mark the history of Drem Airfield with the installation of a commemorative and informative display board at the airfield.

With the support of Mr Chalmers-Watson of Fenton Barns a site for this display has been identified and an initial design agreed. Once final costings are known the proposal will go to your committee for approval to proceed.

If this all goes according to plan we shall organize an official inauguration ceremony. We will keep you informed of progress.



The website.

It is pleasing to report that normal service has been resumed on your Society's website. Some details of next season's lecture programme are in place as is the current newsletter. Don't forget you can download pdfs of past newsletters and make comments using our e-mail address. Suggestions or indeed offerings for our Archive Corner quiz will be very welcome.

It's all at <http://eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory/>

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