



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

The archive needs you.

You will know that your Society maintains an archive of maps, documents, photographs, reference books, recorded reminiscences and some small artefacts. This material provides a valuable source of information for research and the study of local history. Our archive team under Anne McCarthy meet regularly to doggedly pursue the task of keeping track of the items in the archive to ensure that they are easily accessible.

None of the current team, however are getting any younger and in order to ensure continuity there is a need to recruit new interested people to join the team. The Society would welcome any offers of assistance. No previous experience is necessary but a slightly obsessive nature would help!

Recording the past.

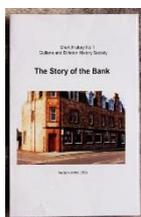


The near past is just as important to record as the distant. Your Society is always happy to consider for retention memorabilia from recent events. Photographs are particular welcome as they often have more impact than the written word. We are happy to copy images and return the originals. Perhaps you have memories of Gullane, Dirleton and the surrounding district which you would be prepared to speak about and have recorded. Maybe you have old shop bags, tickets, programmes of dramatic productions, bits of memorabilia from major golf tournaments or old fly posters. The list is endless. As you search your attic for boxes for Christmas presents see what else is hidden away up there which might be of interest to a local historian.



Image by George Simpson

Brief histories.



The Society has started to produce a series of brief histories on local topics of historical interest. The first booklet on banking in Gullane and Dirleton is now available. It details the history of local banking from Maule Terrace in 1898 to the closure of the Bank of Scotland branch in October this year.

This would make a good stocking present and will be on sale at the next lecture meeting on 7th December.

The annual outing.

The annual outing will be on **Saturday 21st April 2018** to Newhailes House in Musselburgh. This building in the care of the National Trust has been preserved but deliberately not restored. By retaining the original wallpaper, paint and book shelving the house has the air of Sleeping Beauty's castle. The underground kitchen gives an eerie insight into the lives of the always-to-be-unseen downstairs staff. As the stairs can be challenging a separate tour for the less able will be on offer. Put the date in your diary as well as that of...

...The Heritage Gathering.

This year the gathering of local history organisations will be in Dunbar Town House on **Saturday morning 24th February 2018**. There will be short presentations to hear and information stands to browse. Your Society will be represented. Come and join in.

May I wish you a peaceful Christmas

Michael (Thomson)