



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Drem Airfield commemorated...



Some of you attended the unveiling of an informative panel at Fenton Barns commemorating the contribution of Drem Airfield during two world wars. The panel, sponsored by your Society, was designed by George Simpson, author of the best selling book on Drem Airfield. Artwork and production of the panel was carried out by David Booth of Boothcreative. The construction of the fine wooden frame and firm affixing of the panel was the work of Society member, Bill Nimmo.

The Society is indebted to Mr Keith Chalmers-Watson of DC Watson and Sons for offering the space for the panel to be displayed and arranging for it to be lit.

...and those who served there remembered.



Image by David Elder

The panel was unveiled on a glorious day last week by Gordon Mills who served at Drem Airfield as part of 43 Squadron in the last war. In a speech written by him and read out by Eric Thomson he outlined his involvement with Drem in 1941 and paid homage to the legendary men who were part of the Squadron at that time.

Gordon Mills's presence at this event reminded us of the many men and women who served at Drem in two world wars a few of whom gave their lives and are buried in local cemeteries and kirkyards. We will remember them.

The Outing.



On another chill but sunny day 19 members of the Society enjoyed the tours of Newhailes House an interesting property which has been preserved but not restored. Sadly the dour and gloomy kitchen in the basement in which had toiled many cooks and servants was closed because of a leak emphasising the fragility of these old buildings.

Keeping your personal data safe.

Your Society's Personal Data Protection Privacy Policy was passed at the AGM and you will be provided with a copy when you sign up in the Autumn to continue your membership. A pdf of this policy is available to download from the website as is a reworded membership form.

The Summer.

The Society does not sleep in the summer! Keep an eye on these newsletters for information on events where your Society will be present and active.

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