



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Recording for posterity.

As we remain hunkered down in our homes, except for exercise and essential errands there have been opportunities to paint doors, tidy desks, create weedless gardens and even reflect on the meaning of life! Being allowed out once a day however does provide an opportunity to record this momentous period for posterity. The Society is grateful to Keith Lamb for posting the 'blue tree' image in Gullane in support of NHS staff. Two other pictures give a flavour of the problems of this pandemic. Idle cruise ships anchored in the Firth and an amusing notice on the door of Gullane Golf Club's Professional's shop.



Image by Keith Lamb



The Outing.

Obviously the Society's outing to Newbattle House will not be taking place this month. I know this will be a disappointment for regular attendees particularly as scones and jam were to be made available. Your committee will keep an eye on the national situation and the restrictions imposed to see whether an outing later in the year can be arranged.

The Annual Report and Accounts.

There have been no adverse comments on the Society's annual report and accounts which have been sent to you previously. These documents are considered therefore to have been accepted. Thank you for your help in keeping the Society in order.

Archaeology Fortnight.

Planning for this annual event organised by the Council's Heritage Department is going ahead. You will recall that this is two weeks of open doors tours, demonstrations, archaeological digging, lectures and guided walks around historical sites. Two members of the Society are leading walks. The dates are from **Saturday August 29th to Sunday 13th September 2020**. The programme will be issued during the summer and a link will be provided in due course. We will all need a breath of unrestricted fresh air by then!

Michael (Thomson)