



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

## Future direction of the Society.

Our way of life has changed. No large gatherings, no hugging, communication through glass, plastic or face mask and worst perhaps no coffee and scones! Instead there are telephone calls, Zoom meetings and on-line shopping and meals delivered to the door. For those and their partners 'shielding' there will be more of the same until at least the end of July. Is this to be the 'new normal' and where does that leave your Society and its modus operandi?

The mainstay of the Society's programme is the winter season of lectures. Whilst physical distancing might be possible in Gullane Village Hall the cosy ambience in Dirleton Kirk Hall would be more challenging. It is not likely anyway that such gatherings will be permitted any time soon. The demographic of the Society will make for extreme caution. On the other hand alternative electronic options for communication have come to the fore. We Zoom our families, youngsters work from home and we watch and listen to sermons on Facebook and U-Tube. Can this be adapted for History Society activities? And if so what do we do about those who are unable or unwilling to 'live' on line?

During the summer your officers and committee members will be pondering on these problems and making plans for the future taking into account changing governmental directives. You will be kept informed.

## Meanwhile...



...cheerful resignation, stoicism, neighbourliness and humour abound. Rainbows and assorted teddy bears have sprung into prominence. The cruise ships have left the Forth. Humour might have been stretched with the number of parking tickets issued but the



beaches have been a powerful source of relief for locked down families. Needless to say your Society continues to collect images to record this period of history in the making. Do consider taking photographs for inclusion in the Society's archive.

## The Society's website.

In your seclusion don't forget the Society's website. Whilst not containing much scintillating material it will provide information. There is a pictorial quiz page on which three new images have been posted to test your observational skills. <http://eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory/>

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