



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Choppy waters...



As we are tossed about on the unsettled seas of life we worry about the future and the loss of comforting certainties. Empty buses, trains and shops testifies to our nervousness at returning to a 'new normal' let alone business as usual. What will future historians make of this time? How should we and your Society adapt to this sudden change of circumstances?

... but your Society sails serenely on.



The mainstay of the Society's programme has always been the winter season of lectures and it is intended that these will continue this autumn albeit in a different style. For the foreseeable future gatherings of people for team games, concerts, plays or meetings is going to be severely restricted so your Society will be forced to embrace the future and move on line.

Your committee will be meeting 'virtually' in early September to decide how to avoid excluding faithful members who are not able or are unwilling to adapt to this new way of communicating. A programme of lectures at least until Christmas is being prepared.

Keeping afloat financially.

It is to be hoped that this continuation of historical activity will be seen by you as worth the Society's modest subscription of £10. The Society will still have to meet inescapable costs so your support will be welcomed. A membership form is enclosed or attached with this newsletter. In line with moving to more electronic communication, payment by bank transfer is encouraged. The Society's bank details are Bank of Scotland, sort code 80-08-22, account number 00460729. Please give your name as a reference. Completed membership forms and payments can be posted to Esther Sharpley at 9, West Fenton Gait, Gullane. EH31 2HS or to Margaret McSorley at Lessudden, Main Street, Gullane. EH31 2HD.

East Lothian Online Heritage Festival.



As previously intimated the Archaeology Fortnight running from August 29th to September 13th will be presented wholly online but will have a varied programme of virtual events including tours of historical and archaeological sites, guided walks and lectures. All of this can be experienced without leaving your home!

Access the programme at;

<https://www.johngraycentre.org/about/archaeology/archaeology-events/east-lothian-online-heritage-festival/>

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