



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Lectures but not as you know them.



The committee of the Society has decided to put on four lectures between now and Christmas but because of the national restrictions on gatherings of people these will be held on line using the Zoom platform. It is understood that this will be difficult for those members who are not able to access the internet.

In order to make these lectures available to as many members as possible the committee would like to hear from those who don't have internet access so that arrangements can be made for them to be included.

Please contact any member of the committee or ring Michael Thomson 01620 843310 or e-mail to michael.thomson2@talktalk.net

Stranded whales.



The first of these virtual lectures on 23rd September will be given by Jim Herring who will describe the social effects of the mass stranding of whales at Thorntonloch in 1950.

In October Carol Tweedie will be talking about Scottish Clearance Myths particularly as they were experienced on Fair Isle. Ailsa Fortune will give a lecture on the Elgin Marbles and the local connection to the story. Finally in December a lively presentation on celebrating Christmas during the two World Wars will be delivered by Ruth Boreham.

Details of these lectures will be provided on the membership card and details of how to access the lectures on line will follow.

Signing up.

At least 31 members have joined or re-joined the Society since the last newsletter. I hope many of you will continue your support. It is a two village Society and to balance the preponderance of members in Gullane more residents of Dirleton would be valued.

In case there was any confusion individuals signing up should provide payment of £10 but also fill in a membership form another of which will be sent with this newsletter. Should you wish to pay on line the Society's bank details are Bank of Scotland, sort code 80-08-22, account number 00460729.

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.



I don't know how many of you accessed the online events during the Heritage Festival but there were many interesting presentations some of which could be future subjects for the lecture season. If anyone saw something of particular interest to them please contact committee members so that a talk can be arranged.

Michael (Thomson)