



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

## Hunkered down...again.



As we all dreaded, but yet expected, restrictions on daily life are imposed on us again. The decision by your committee of delivering lectures on line at least until Christmas seems prescient. Concern remains however that some loyal members are being excluded from these electronically delivered lectures but with the constraints imposed on meetings indoors of unrelated individuals it is difficult to see a way to resolve this issue.

Any suggestions on a postcard or through any member of the committee will be welcome. Or ring Michael Thomson 01620 843310 or e-mail to [michael.thomson2@talktalk.net](mailto:michael.thomson2@talktalk.net)

## Scottish Clearances.



The next virtual lecture is on **22<sup>nd</sup> October** which will be given by Carol Tweedie who will be explaining and dispelling some of the myths surrounding the Scottish Clearances particularly as they relate to Fair Isle.

Details of how to join the meeting will be provided by e-mail with this newsletter. For those who receive the newsletter by post or hand delivered, written joining instructions will be enclosed.

## Joining the Society.

The number of members who have joined or re-joined the Society is slowly creeping up. I hope those of you who have not joined yet will consider supporting the Society even though its activities are somewhat curtailed at the moment.

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.

## Providing historical information.

Anne McCarthy is still receiving a trickle of enquiries through the Society's website from individuals investigating their past lives. The most recent involved someone who camped in a paddock below Marine Terrace in Gullane in 1972. This was the year of the 101<sup>st</sup> Open Golf Tournament at Muirfield. The enquirer was put in touch with the owner of the paddock at that time and many useful memories were exchanged.

Michael (Thomson)