

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

Life goes on

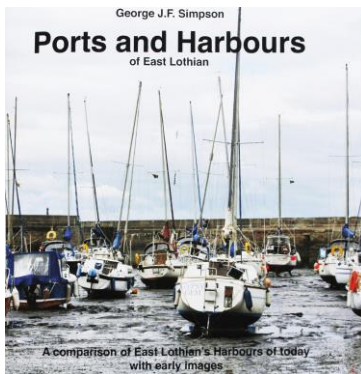


In spite of the poor weather and the continuing restrictions of the pandemic your Society is still functioning albeit in a lower key. The Society had a display at the recent Market on the Green in Dirleton to promote the Society's aims and to sell its publications. Thanks to Bill Nimmo for preparing and setting up the display and to him and Neil Jones for manning the stall.

New archive material.

A small trickle of historical archival questions continues to come through the Society's website. Thanks are due to Anne McCarthy for fielding these enquiries. Sometimes these provide new material in the form of pictures. The latest were a series of images of Polish troops during WW II who were known to have been stationed in East Lothian. There is a somewhat staged video of female army personnel at Gullane during WW II on U-Tube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJZkWM4DeGQ>. Although the photographs showed features suggestive of the Gullane area there were no easily identifiable landmarks. Research will continue.

A new publication.



Once again the Society is indebted to George Simpson who has produced another book in his series comparing old images and drawings with contemporary photographs. Potted but informative histories accompany each subject. Priced at £8 this is a welcome addition to the Society's range of books.

The lecture programme.

The uncertainties of the current pandemic have curtailed active planning of the winter season of lectures. Juggling willingness of speakers to use Zoom and forecasting the progress of pandemic restrictions means some last minute decisions may have to be made. The Society is receptive to suggestions for speaker or volunteers to speak!

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