



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

And for your delectation...!

It would be wrong to compare your Society with the music halls of yore but with the soggy summer coming to a close there are many local history and archaeological events this autumn which you might like to attend.

Archaeology and Local History Fortnight.



East Lothian's Archaeology and Local History Fortnight begins on August 29th and runs until 14 September. There are walks, talks, digging and other events aplenty. In particular History Society members Bill Nimmo and George Simpson are guiding tours of Dirleton and Drem airfield respectively. Archaeological digging takes place at Amisfield walled garden in Haddington and at Tantallon Castle.

The programme is available on the Council's website using the link below and is also obtainable from John Muir House in Haddington.

http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/2214/archaeology_fortnight_programme_2015

Kings, Kirks and Commonwealth.

The East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalists Society have organized a one day series of talks on East Lothian in the 1600s. This is the time of Gullane's St Andrew's church being abandoned to the sand dunes and the expansion of building in Dirleton let alone Cromwell's depredations.

It is to be held in St Mary's Church, Haddington on Saturday 29th August from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. Again for details visit; <http://www.johngraycentre.org/events/kings-kirks-commonwealth-exploring-east-lothian-1600s/>

Scottish Local History Forum

Your Society is affiliated to this organization which has a national remit to promote local history study and research.

They have an annual conference which this year is being held in Clydebank Town Hall on Friday 9th October. The title of the conference is '**Down to the sea in ships**' and is a look at water transport in Scotland through time.

Have a look at the SLHF website for more information and to book a place. They even offer your Society's books for sale! www.slhf.org

The Society's winter lecture programme.

After last year's problem ridden programme it is hoped that this coming season of lectures will be trouble free. The programme is complete but there has been a hitch already which has necessitated one of the Gullane lectures being switched to Dirleton.

Battles of East Lothian, History of the Bass Rock, John Knox and witches in Dirleton are among the subjects but as always for details for all Society matters visit our website at www.elh.info/site

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