



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

## The Gullane / Gillin controversy.

Many members attended the recent Society lecture by Simon Taylor on place names and their derivation. His erudite, informative and entertaining discourse was fascinating not least when he came to address the pronunciation of the village 'in which he was lecturing!' Perhaps as there appeared to be no clear cut answer we can all continue to fill our time with speculation.



On **28<sup>th</sup> January** in Dirleton there is a return to more concrete matters with a talk by David Haire on **East Lothian during World War II.**

David is the organizer of the Heritage Gathering in Haddington this year on **Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>**. This meeting of East Lothian historical organisations was held in Gullane last year and was an interesting and enjoyable event. Your Society will have a presence at this year's gathering with a stall. You may want to

put the date in your diary and even offer to help man your Society's display stand.

## Riding a hobby horse again.

No apology is made for raising this issue again. In order to maintain a steady flow of published material the Society is keen to collect and publish a series of small pamphlets covering single topics. An investigation of the history of a house, shop, hotel perhaps. Or a biography of a character who lived or lives in the local area. Tales of customs, anecdotes of life in local villages, on the farms or in businesses would all be considered.

In short do you have a pet historical subject or story to tell? Do you want to ride a hobby horse in print?



## Keep your trowel polished.

Many of you will recall the enjoyment and camaraderie of digging on Dirleton Green. Planning is in progress for some more exploratory trenches around Dirleton's Chapel Hill around the north side of which the old road between North Berwick and Gullane used to run. The Archerfield estate is planning forestry work on the hill and is receptive to the idea of some concurrent archaeological investigation. Members of whatever age and physical ability with a trowel will be welcome!



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