



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

## A day (or two) away.

Members are beginning to put their names forward for one or more of the outings which have been arranged this year. These are opportunities for all of us to get out of the house and visit a venue of historical interest with likeminded individuals.



On **Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>** a visit to Smail's print works in Innerleithen has been arranged. This active business in the Borders uses old style printing methods which will be demonstrated. Come and learn the derivation of such terms as 'a dab hand' and 'upper and lower case'.



On **Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>** a more adventuresome trip to Inchcolm Island has been arranged. The group will be led by Chris Tabraham who delivered a lecture to the Society on the history of the Bass Rock recently. The island is packed with history both ancient and modern which I'm sure Chris will bring vividly to life for us.

## Witches and John Knox.

The juxtaposition of the next two lectures on persecution of alleged witches and the changing religious beliefs and style of worship of the Reformation will be interesting. **Laura Paterson** of Strathclyde University will be speaking on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** on witch hunting in Dirleton and **Marie Macpherson**, the author of 'The First Blast of the Trump' a story of John Knox talks about him on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. I'm sure you and your friends will want to attend.

## Archaeology Fortnight.

You will be aware that this event run by the East Lothian Council Archaeology service takes place every year and this year will be from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. A programme of events, guided walks and talks will appear later in the year but Stephanie Leith and Andy Robertson are looking for people who might be interested in hosting, guiding or talking during this fortnight.

Your Society has a reputation for providing guided walk leaders and I encourage you to think about getting involved. An indication of your willingness to participate should be sent to Stephanie Leith or Andy Robertson at [sleith@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:sleith@eastlothian.gov.uk) or [arobertson1@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:arobertson1@eastlothian.gov.uk) before March 14<sup>th</sup>.

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