



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Digging the past.

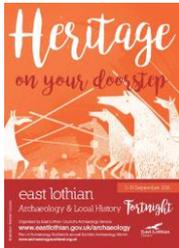


The digging for the foundations of an old house in Dirleton by the Society is imminent. To coincide with ELC's Archaeology Fortnight work will begin at a site adjacent to the old manse in Dirleton on **Monday 5th September and finish on Sunday 11th September**. The house, built in 17th century is known to have existed in 1809 but demolished by 1830.

Why not come and help uncover the past by assisting with setting up, guiding visitors or just giving encouragement. I look forward to seeing you in Dirleton.

Anyone who is interested in helping please e-mail Bill Nimmo at billnimmo.dirleton@btinternet.com or ring 01620 850381 or just turn up during the week.

Archaeology Fortnight.



East Lothian Council Archaeology Service organises the Archaeology Fortnight which runs from 3rd to the 19th September this year. The programme, 'Heritage on your doorstep' is packed with interesting talks, walks and exhibitions. Most of the events are free.

Programmes are available in libraries or on-line at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology

Looking for the medieval Dirleton.

You will remember that a small group of members have been digging test pits in the woods of the Archerfield Estate beside the old turnpike road into Dirleton opposite the school looking for evidence of the old medieval village. 6 x metre square pits were dug and although many interesting finds were made no evidence of old buildings was uncovered. It seems probable that the remains of the houses depicted on old maps lie under the road. Further investigation will have to await an opportune moment.

An unusual find in one pit was a large number of telephone pole insulators discarded at the time of replacement of the poles by underground cables.



The new lecture season approaches.

With this newsletter comes the Society's forthcoming lecture programme which I hope will interest you. It is also the time when you are encouraged to renew your membership of the Society. A membership form is enclosed and I would ask you to consider allowing the Society to collect Gift Aid on your subscription by filling in and signing the relevant portion of the membership form.

Michael (Thomson)