



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,



Waggonway 1722 Battle of Prestonpans 1745 Heritage Trust Prestonpans and indeed the charging Scots must have run across the rails. A team from the Waggonway Heritage Group will be speaking at **Dirleton on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Come along and hear all about it.

## Learning about the past.

The members who attended the last lecture were treated to an excellent talk by Fraser Hunter on the Traprain Law hoard unearthed in 1919. Since then better archaeological research methods have enabled much more detail of the origins, composition and history of these valuable objects to be learnt.

Your Society arranges these lectures to further the dissemination of knowledge about the rich history of East Lothian and the final lecture in the season should be equally instructive. The Waggonway at Cockenzie was in use well before the battle of

## Testing your knowledge.

The **AGM of the Society on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** is an opportunity to hear about the past year of activities by your Society and its committee. The necessary statutory reporting may be a bit dry but the displays that will be mounted in Gullane Community Hall will not be.. A number of objects and pictures will be arranged to provide interest and test your skills of observation and deduction. Why not join your fellow members for an enjoyable evening.

## Heritage Gathering.

Each year there is an event organised for voluntary and other history related organisations to meet and exchange views and learn about each other's work.

This year the gathering is being hosted by **Aberlady History and Conservation Society on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. The half day will run from 1000 until 1400 with some short presentations, plenty of time for viewing displays and options to join guided tours of Aberlady Kirk or the village.

A copy of the programme will come with this newsletter whether you receive that by mail or e-mail. Should you wish to attend please contact Michael Thomson on 01620 843310 or e-mail [michael.thomson2@talktalk.net](mailto:michael.thomson2@talktalk.net)

## Cousland smiddy.



As previously intimated this year's Society outing will be to Cousland Smiddy on **Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**. I am assured that a smith will be in action on that day. Also available will be coffee and cakes.

More details will be available at the next lecture meeting.

Michael (Thomson)