

## Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

### New Year. A new style?

The Society's committee met, virtually, last week and was pleased to note that membership numbers were on a par with previous years with the on-line lectures attracting some new members. It was recognised, however that this new style of delivering history to the local population had drawbacks.

Those unwilling or unable to embrace the rise of technology were being left out. Social interaction without masks or distancing at Society meetings seemed a distant prospect further isolating loyal members. Work on the Society's archive and the mounting of exhibitions at this time were considered pipe dreams.

It is easy to get despondent but the obvious enthusiasm for Society activities amongst the committee and those attending lectures is indicative of a need fulfilled. It will mean that for the foreseeable future, and perhaps long term the new forms of electronic communication will become paramount in meeting the aims of the Society to promote the study of local history. The Society must embrace this new style.

### 'Where to find us'

<http://eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory/>

Most members will know that the Society has a website where details of the Society's activities can be found. This includes its aims, lecture programme, newsletters, publications for sale and how to join the Society. Every now and again quiz pictures are posted.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/gullanenews/>

The Gullane village Facebook page has much information of historical interest...

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/156128654829633/>

...and a similar page for Dirleton village.

<https://www.slhf.org/newsletter>

The Scottish Local History forum issues a newsletter called Clish-Clash which means gossip. It is packed with links to interesting lectures, blogs and research resources.

### Technological advances in archaeological surveying.



To get an understanding of how new technology is advancing in the hunt for the past join members at the next lecture which is presented by Graeme Cavers of AOC Archaeology on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. He will be talking about aerial laser scanning (LiDAR) which has been producing extraordinary results in identifying lost and unknown sites of past human activity. Joining instructions

will be circulated with this newsletter.

### A gentle reminder.

A few long term members have not yet renewed their membership. Whilst the Society is in good financial health it would be appreciated if these members would consider submitting their dues before the end of January.

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