

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

Emerging into the light?



I suspect many of us are beginning to test our nerves by re-joining the post Covid world. It has been an anxious period for children, parents, grandparents and friends. The Society has had to hibernate too, aware that many members have vulnerabilities. The Society, however has not passed away. Work on arranging a new lecture programme, maintaining the Society's archive, selling its books and fielding historical enquires has continued albeit in the confines of individual homes.

Your committee will be meeting virtually in early September to decide on the way forward in the light of the changing national restrictions. Meanwhile it is hoped that members will consider it worthwhile to renew their membership (see below) so that the Society can continue to promote the study of local history.

Supporting the Society.



Members are the life blood of the Society. To promote its aims, provide a lecture programme, function as a charity and insure against untoward events needs a steady source of income. Continuing your membership will be much appreciated. Many of you have been paying the £10 subscription directly into the Society's bank account which is very helpful however it is important for our record keeping and claiming of Gift Aid that you also fill in a **membership form** a copy of which comes with this newsletter. Please send these to Esther Sharpley, 9 West

Fenton Gait, Gullane. EH31 2HS or e-mail them to Margaret McSorley at margaret4mcsorley@gmail.com

Archaeology Fortnight.

Once again two weeks of events both in person and on-line have been arranged by the Heritage Department of East Lothian Council. It runs from Saturday 4th September to Sunday 19th September. A programme can be downloaded at <https://www.johngraycentre.org/about/archaeology/archaeology-events/east-lothian-archaeology-heritage-fortnight-2021/>

There are a range of events including some provided by your Society. Only a few are archaeological in the digging sense so don't be put off by the title.

The lecture programme.

The 2021 / 2022 lecture programme is almost complete and will be circulated to you shortly. The first lecture will be on **22nd September**. Whether this takes place on Zoom or face to face in Gullane is to be determined. The subject will be the siege of Haddington in 1548-1549 entitled '**Whitecoats and Rascals**' and given by Jon Cooper.

Venerable members.

We lament the passing of Ella Vlandy at the age of 107. She was a stalwart member attending lectures and outings and always stoical and good humoured. We shall miss her.

Michael (Thomson)