

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

Gearing up for the winter season.

GULLANE AND DIRLETON HISTORY SOCIETY		LECTURE SCHEDULE 2022-2023	
Wednesday 15th September 2022	Robert Burns and East Lothian	Gullane Village Hall	Geoffrey Denton
Thursday 22nd October 2022	How and How Often?	Dirleton Kirk Hall	Shirley Goodwin
Friday 29th October 2022	Lothians: (Lothians) dark, light or grey and the names behind that name	Gullane Village Hall	Clayton Owen
Monday 5th November 2022	Landing in Parallel - the Vikings in Scotland	Dirleton Kirk Hall	Alma Fortner
Monday 14th December 2022	East Lothian's People: A History	Gullane Village Hall	George Mackenzie
Monday 19th January 2023	How the West was won: the conquest of a rugged landscape	Gullane Village Hall	Alma Fortner
Monday 27th February 2023	East Lothian, the cradle of Scottish glass industry in the 17th and 18th centuries	Gullane Village Hall	Alma Fortner
Monday 6th March 2023	The History of Washford Gardens in Haddington	Gullane Village Hall	Rainey Rye
Monday 13th March 2023	How an abandoned 18th century mill park is saved by volunteers	Gullane Village Hall	Bryan Dickson
Monday 20th March 2023	Norman Churches in East Lothian	Gullane Village Hall	Bryan Dickson
Monday 27th March 2023	A landscape of change: from agriculture to a residential estate	Gullane Village Hall	Bryan Dickson
Monday 3rd April 2023	ACM & a presentation by a member	Gullane Village Hall	Bryan Dickson

As the summer weather dwindles away the Society's thoughts move to the autumn and the winter activities. Thanks to Carol Tweedie another varied and interesting series of lectures has been arranged. A programme comes with this newsletter.

The continuing pandemic means there is uncertainty about the method of presentation of these lectures but it is hoped that many of them will be delivered in person. Whilst Gullane Village Hall has a well-functioning Wifi connection Dirleton Kirk Hall does not. Additionally the experiments with arranging hybrid meetings have not reached a satisfactory level of acceptability for use regularly. This is very much work in progress and you will be kept informed.

Showcasing the Society.



Wherever possible opportunities to present the Society's work are taken. In June a display of old photographs was manned at the Dirleton Games and Fete. The event was well attended people being relieved to get out and about again. The Society's stall attracted much interest and promoted stories and reminiscences. The opportunity was taken to lobby visitors about the continuing closure of Dirleton Castle

allegedly for reasons of 'Health and Safety' but perhaps not helped by a lack of forward planning. The Society is grateful to those members who gave their time to this event.



Recruitment literature was made available to a new information stall at the Gullane Games this month. In addition display panels providing information on and pictures of the history of the Games have been hung in Gullane library.

Archaeology Fortnight.



Once again this event run by the Heritage Department of ELC will take place from 3rd to 18th September. It has the usual mixture of walks, demonstrations and archaeological sites to visit. Some events are on line. For details go to [East Lothian Archaeology & Heritage Fortnight - John Gray Centre](#)

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