

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

The last lecture of the season...



Bryan Hickman will be taking us on a pilgrimage through East Lothian and Edinburgh visiting Norman churches on **Thursday 16th March 2023 in Dirleton Kirk Hall at 7.30 pm**. The old St Andrew's ruin in Gullane has Norman features so is likely to be included in the talk.

...but there will be more next year.

With dogged persistence Carol Tweedie, your Meetings Organiser has arranged another series of lectures for the 2023-2024 winter season. It is not easy to find willing individuals who are prepared to come and speak to Society members. It is always helpful for the Meetings Organiser to hear from anyone about a subject or good speaker they have come across and who it is thought might interest the members. It maybe you are harbouring a desire to ride a hobby horse or impart your researched knowledge. Don't be frightened to speak to Carol; she will welcome all ideas.

The AGM.



The AGM is when your officers and committee are called to account for the past year's activities. It will be held on **Thursday 13th April in Dirleton Kirk Hall at 7.30 pm**.

The event is your chance to show appreciation, suggest change or criticise. It is hoped that the latter will be of a constructive nature! To make the AGM more interesting this year, it is proposed to mount another display of material from the Society's archive looking at the story of the Society from inception to the present. There will be

photographs, documents and examples of the full range of publications produced by the Society members. The Society is keen to collect memories and this could be an opportunity to bring recollections to mind as you take tea or coffee after the meeting.

Glorious Gardens in East Lothian.

With buds finally beginning to open and the days getting longer it is time to emerge from our burrows. A project by Archaeology Scotland to record beautiful gardens in the area is seeking volunteers. Here is a summary of the project and a contact link.

"The Glorious Gardens project in East Lothian (GGEL) is now entering its second year. The volunteers have made fantastic progress so far, with some 28 sites currently being recorded. Over twenty volunteers are working on the project at the moment, but more are needed in order to reach the target of 60 sites recorded by the end of 2024.

If you are interested in historic gardens and designed landscapes, enjoy researching using historic maps or making field visits, then we would love to hear from you! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dianne Swift (development@archaeologyscotland.org.uk) who is acting as volunteer coordinator."

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