

Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

‘Wot summer!’



Pity the professional archaeologist working in the field in the damp and dismal weather this summer. Some of you will look back with nostalgia to the digging on Dirleton Green in 2013 arranged by the Society and enthusiastically supported by members, friends and casual passers by. Whilst there has been no digging this year this has not meant your Society is in hibernation. Dirleton Fete and Games was held on Dirleton Green in

June at which your Society mounted a display of old and new photographs of the village and its inhabitants. It provoked a lot of interest, reminiscing and the recording of the names of some people in the photographs. Grateful thanks go to Bill Nimmo, Carol and Andrew Tweedie and Tom Drysdale for their contributions to the success of this event.

Recalling past events.



The archive of the Society is a rich source of images of past events in the villages. The Gullane Games has a long history starting around 1877 as an almost professional fixture in the calendar. Later it became more children friendly. It has been held in at least 7 different parts of the village. The earliest picture of a Games seems to be on a site near Muirfield House in the 1930s, later it took place on Goose Green and latterly on Smiddy Green.

The parades often included elaborate floats as well as fancy dress. A Miss Gullane competition ran from 1948 to 2001.

Have you taken any photographs recently which you would like to offer for inclusion in the society’s archive?

Archaeology Fortnight.



The two week programme of archaeological events run by the Heritage Department of East Lothian Council will be held again this year from 2nd to 17th September. There is an eclectic mix of walks, lectures and participation activities which you might want to attend. Some of the events are on line so could be viewed from the comfort of your home.

The programme can be accessed on line at;

<https://www.johngraycentre.org/about/archaeology/archaeology-events/east-lothian-archaeology-heritage-fortnight/>

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