

Gullane and Dirleton Local History Society

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September is now with us and as I look out the window, at the haar, I review one of the most disappointing summers I remember.

But with autumn comes the first of the monthly History Society meetings that challenge sluggish minds and reveal both new ideas and undiscovered truths, whatever the weather. When you come to the first event on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30 at Gullane Village Hall, you will hear from Dr Hanita Ritchie about the Remarkable Women of East Lothian, the rich and powerful, as well as the ordinary women, the backbone of the county.

Like me, look forward with joy to a programme of lectures that will stimulate. On the first evening at Gullane, we invite you to take some of our programmes away to give to local friends and neighbours, to stimulate the group's membership. New members often bring new skills and we on the committee find ourselves in need of new skills. There are many new homes in our area and as people retire, or move, they could well discover our charms. And we are always looking for people with local expertise to tell us about the area's past.

In particular, we are currently looking for people who can help us with some aspects of modern technology, both in the area of publishing materials and someone who will take over the responsibility of the visual aspects of presentations, enabling Eric to concentrate on the sound systems. Frankly, some of us lack modern skills. Speak to us at any meeting if you feel you have expertise to offer. You do not have to be a Committee member to help us.

If you are thinking of renewing your membership for next year, I do urge you to process your membership forms prior to the first meeting, although of course we take money at any time and in almost any form(though not crypto).

I look forward to seeing as many people as possible on the first evening and wish you an enjoyable, historical set of experiences.

Carol Tweedie