



Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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Dear Member,

The days shorten.



There is no mistaking the reducing daylight hours in spite of the clement weather but this signals more than just the onset of winter. Your Society's lecture programme starts on **Wednesday September 23rd** in Gullane Community Hall. The speaker, Arran Johnston who is best known for his association with the Battle of Prestonpans (1745) Heritage Trust, will be talking on battles of East Lothian. He is a very articulate and entertaining speaker. Don't miss it.

Archaeology and Local History Fortnight.

East Lothian's Archaeology and Local History Fortnight is in full swing until 14 September. Society stalwart Bill Nimmo has conducted his walks around Dirleton which provided insights into the development of the village by accessing hidden corners and explaining the origin of house and street names. George Simpson starts his tours of Drem airfield on Sunday 6th September and another the following day.



WW II hangar at the Drem airfield site

Old and new.



Ladies Golf Championship at Gullane in 1897

As intimated in an earlier newsletter a display of comparative photographs of Gullane and Dirleton taken from the Society's archive has been mounted in Gullane Library. They provide an insight into how the villages have changed over time or in some places barely changed at all. Have a look when you are next in the library.

Membership renewal.

It is the time of year when we seek your support by renewing your membership of the Society. As last year if you are able to do this well before the first lecture that greatly helps our Membership Secretary. With this newsletter comes a membership form which when completed should be sent or delivered to Esther Sharpley at the address on the form. If you pay tax on your income and / or pension we would ask you to seriously consider signing up for Gift Aid as this provides a welcome boost to your Society's funds at no extra cost to you.

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