



# Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

## Inchcolm Abbey.



Image by Eric Thomson

26 members and friends spent a very enjoyable morning sailing to Inchcolm Island on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Although not sunny the sea was calm and the air warm.

Chris Tabraham led the group with characteristic verve and good humour which members much appreciated. A good view of the three bridges spanning the firth was had on the return trip.



Image by Bill Nimmo

## Digging the dirt in Dirleton...



It will be remembered from the last newsletter that further archaeological investigation was being planned in Dirleton this summer.

The main dig, to coincide with Archaeology Fortnight, will begin at a site adjacent to Dirleton Green just to the north of the old Manse where a house is known to have existed in 1808 but demolished by 1830. It is likely that residual walls and possibly a floor are still lying under the turf.

Work will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and you are invited to attend to dig, assist with the logistics or explain to curious visitors what it is all about.

Anyone who is interested in helping the Society delve into the past please e-mail Bill Nimmo at [billnimmo.dirleton@btinternet.com](mailto:billnimmo.dirleton@btinternet.com) or ring 01620 850381 or just turn up during the week.

## ...meanwhile down in the woods...



Image by George Simpson

turned up many artefacts of later years making the effort of digging interesting and worthwhile. The intention is to organize a small exhibition of finds and deductions at a future date.

A small dedicated group of members have been digging test pits in the woods of the Archerfield Estate beside the old turnpike road into Dirleton opposite the school looking for evidence of the old medieval village. So far no firm evidence has been found but the exercise has



## Keeping in contact with you.

In informing you that my e-mail address has changed to; [michael.thomson2@talktalk.net](mailto:michael.thomson2@talktalk.net) could I emphasise how important it is that members keep the Society up to date with any changes in their contact details so that you continue to be kept informed of your Society's activities.

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