



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Back filled...but not for long.

You will recall that last summer Society members were digging to try and find traces of the medieval part of Dirleton. Early on some pieces of medieval pottery were found but on the last day of digging evidence suggestive of a pit was uncovered.



It was decided to wait until the spring to investigate this encouraging discovery so although the earth was replaced last week further exploration will be taking place later this year. The Society is grateful to Bill Nimmo and his band of helpers for doggedly pursuing this project.

Haddington 700.



Those of you who attended the last lecture will have heard about the yearlong marking of the 700th anniversary of Haddington's Charter granted by Robert the Bruce in 1318.

The celebrations began on Saturday 20th January and details of the first six months of events and activities are laid out in a brochure available in libraries, museums, John Muir House and the John Gray Centre.

The Outing.



As previously intimated the Society's outing this year will be to Newhailes House on **Saturday 21st April**. I hope many of you will join your fellow members for these always enjoyable and informative occasions.

Please let Michael Thomson know if you are coming and whether you require transport. As usual he can be contacted on 01620 843310 or at

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Lecture subjects and the AGM.

Each year your committee try to find interesting and articulate speakers to fill our lecture programme. The Society relies on its members to keep the committee informed of good speakers who they have heard or heard about. Bookings for the 2018 / 2019 season will commence shortly. I look forward to hearing from you.

In the absence of any volunteers there will be a presentation at the AGM in April entitled '**Marks of the past**' which will explore local historical oddities which might have been overlooked.

Michael (Thomson)