



Gullane and Dirleton History Society



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Dear Member,

Digging again.



Society members and volunteers began digging again last week at the site opposite Dirleton school to try and find more evidence of the medieval village.

Last year small quantities of medieval pottery were unearthed and tantalising indications discovered of a pit cut into the boulder clay deposited at the time of the last ice age. The area of interest is overlaid by topsoil, tree roots, wartime rubbish and a layer of stones all of which must be carefully recorded and removed.

Digging will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in July and August. Why not drop in and see what your Society is up to in the furtherance of its aims to study, investigate and inform about, local history.

Championship golf comes to town.



Once again some of the world's best golfers, male and female, are coming to compete over the links on Gullane Hill. Spectator stands, leader boards, hospitality tents and temporary car parks have mushroomed in every available space. Nowadays these necessary structures for any big event look more professional than in previous years. Your Society has many images of previous championships held in Gullane beginning with the 1897 Ladies Championship won by a Miss Orr of North Berwick.

A display of some of these images has been mounted in Gullane Library. Pop in, stimulate your memory and wonder at the changes in the village over the years.



Open 2013

Recording change.



The Society's archive continues to benefit from donations of old and new pictures and other material. Any images of the forthcoming golf competitions will be welcome particularly of activities away from the main action.

Courtesy of J & C Dodds

Image by A McCarthy

Recently some fascinating pictures have been sent to the Society of the back of the West End Dairy which was situated in the main street in Gullane. Comparison with the present day shows how some buildings don't change over nearly 100 years unlike the shop across the vennel which has been converted recently into a dwelling.

Exploring Haddington's old buildings.

Haddington has a rich history and many of its buildings throughout the centuries have survived. Every Saturday from now until the end of September you can hear about the history of some of these buildings on a guided walk which will take place starting at the John Gray Centre at 2 pm. Bookings can be made at Jaberwocky on 01620 248070 or by e-mailing

admin@visithaddington.org



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