Gullane and Dirleton History Society

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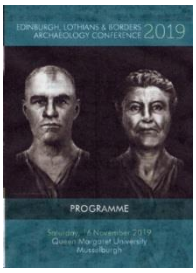
Dear Member,

Lectures have started.

The first lecture of the winter season was successfully delivered in Gullane on 25th September by David Haire. Members were treated to some fascinating sights and statistics of Haddington in the 1930s.

Andrew Bicket of Wessex Archaeology will be delivering the next lecture on October 10th in Dirleton on underwater archaeology which promises to be an immersive (sic) experience.

The Archaeology Conference.



This annual gathering of amateur and professional historians, archaeologists and other interested individuals is being held on **Saturday 16th November** in Oueen Margaret's University. It is a series of presentations of historical projects which never fails to stimulate interest. Contributors come from the Edinburgh, Lothian and Borders area. There is ample opportunity to mingle with likeminded people.

For the programme of events go to www.eastlothian.gov.uk

The future of your Society.

Your committee members are increasingly aware that they are getting more mature and have less energy to pursue the aims of the Society as they would wish. In order to arrange a programme of speakers, maintain the Society's archive, sell its publications and account for its finances a small number of members put in a lot of hard work.

There is a need for this workload to be eased by persuading younger members to take up some of the strain. The committee is actively considering whether the organization of the Society could be split into smaller roles that would be less onerous. It may be that some of you would be prepared to help in this way.

With the villages losing a bank, post office, badminton club and the bowling club having a wobble it would be sad if the Gullane and Dirleton History Society had to curtail its activities for the sake of a little commitment by interested individuals.

I and members of the committee will be happy to answer your questions on what might be involved.

Can you help?

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