

# Gullane Newsletter



## Autumn has arrived!

As I walked around the village these last few months I truly realise how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful place, to have the ability to enjoy some of Scotland's finest beaches and breathe in the fresh sea air. It's been great to see folk enjoying water sports such as kitesurfing or paddleboarding or even just rolling trouser legs up and testing out the temperatures.

The summer has brought many exciting activities to the village including the Genesis Scottish Open in July, the East Lothian Open Tennis Tournament and of course the fantastic Gullane Games, a week of activities for children and adults. The Gullane Games organisers deserve a very big thank you from us all for their efforts, the hard work definitely paid off.

Here's hoping for an extended summer but as this is the autumn newsletter we need to remind ourselves that it will soon be time to get our puffer jackets and boots on and look forward to the Artisan Fair in late October and a little early festive shopping.

The GVA will be hosting more members events over the next few months and we look forward to some interesting speakers, please get in touch if you would like to join our membership or indeed if you are able to give a talk or performance to our members. We'd love to hear from you!



If we can raise enough funds we hope to continue delivering the newsletter free of charge, so however small your donation, it is gladly received. If you or your organisation would like to sponsor an edition, please let us know.

We would love to hear from you if you could help with deliveries.

On-line current & past versions are available to all on the 'Documents' section of the GVA website

## Autumn Artisan Fair returns - Save the Date!

After such a successful weekend event last year, the GVA is hosting it's Artisan Fair on **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October from 11am-4pm** in the Recreation Hall.

We are hoping again to have a wide selection of stallholders with unique quality items for sale—ideal for Christmas presents.

All funds raised from this event will go to support the newsletter distribution.

Teas & coffees will be served whilst you browse and support local talented traders.

Please put this in your diary and pop along to support us over the weekend.



## Gullane Games Week



The village was once again buzzing with excitement as the 2025 Gullane Games brought together families, friends and neighbours for a week of fun, laughter and friendly competition. Sunshine and smiles lit up the village as the Games returned bigger and better than ever!



The week kicked off with a brand-new event, the inaugural Village Rounders Match, which proved an instant hit, bringing together all ages for a relaxed yet energetic start to the Games. From there, the schedule was packed with 20+ events ranging from traditional sports to creative challenges, all capturing the joyful, inclusive spirit Gullane is known for.



Saturday morning saw little ones and their grown-ups heading to "Gruffalo Woods" for a magical *Gruffalo Building Competition*, with everything from log pile houses to twiggy hideouts springing up among the trees, and even a visit from the Gruffalo himself.



Also new for this year, the *Muirfield Riding Therapy (MRT) Horse Care Experience* gave participants a chance to meet, groom and learn about the wonderful horses from MRT and the amazing work that they do, a new highlight that captured hearts of all ages. Later that day, Beach Volleyball made its triumphant return, the energy was electric.

Gullane Games Day brought the community together in full colour and

cheer, starting with the *Heroes & Villains-themed fancy dress parade*, led once again by the brilliant Dalkeith and Monktonhall brass band. The creativity on display was outstanding, with everything from homemade capes and cardboard shields to glittering crowns and cleverly crafted props bringing the theme to life. The field buzzed with activity – from high-stakes races and bouncy inflatables to the mighty tug of war, and the ever-entertaining wheat toss that kept the crowds cheering until the very end.

The tea tent, run by MRT, was a popular spot throughout the day, serving up a fantastic selection of delicious home baking that kept visitors coming back for more. Fenton Barns Nursery brought colour and sparkle with their ever-popular face painting, making sure everyone left with a smile (and possibly a unicorn or tiger face!).

A huge thank you goes to the many volunteers, organisers and local businesses whose generosity and energy made every moment possible - from shop window 'deliberate mistakes' to setting up gazebos, handing out medals and clearing fields.





Thank you as well to the many local businesses who generously donated prizes to this year's raffle. As our main fundraiser, the raffle plays a vital role in generating funds to allow Gullane Games to continue, and it simply wouldn't be possible without their continued generosity and support.

**The raffle was supported by:**

Bonnie Badger  
Yarrow Cookery School  
John Muir Alpaca Trek  
Saltwater Sunshine  
Scottish Seabird Centre  
Ballantine Goldie Opticians  
Fidra Fine Art  
The Main Course  
Greywalls Hotel  
Blackhouse  
Lost Shore Surf Resort  
Emma Cross Interiors  
Hazel Rebecca  
Deli Gallo  
Gullane Pro Shop  
Gullane Tennis Club  
Abi Elphinstone  
Margiottas

Open Arms Hotel Dirleton  
Cherish  
Lou Lous  
Marine & Lawn  
The Old Clubhouse  
Ezee Riders  
The Mallard  
Imma's Gelato  
Fidra Gin  
Archerfield Walled Garden  
Fox Lake  
Pampered by Caroline  
Secret Boutique  
Laura Thomas  
Muirfield  
Gullane Bowling Club  
Co-Op  
Gannon Sports



We're also incredibly grateful to *Rathbones*, our main sponsor, whose backing helped make this year's Games possible.

**Looking Ahead**

Gullane Games 2025 brought another memorable week of activity, teamwork and local talent. Plans are already shaping up for 2026 – and we're always looking for support and fresh ideas. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch at [gullanegames@gmail.com](mailto:gullanegames@gmail.com).



## Gullane Baby & Toddlers



Hello! We are a group of parents with young children who meet **every Friday from 10 to 11:30 am at the Children's Hub, next to the Gullane library.**

Our aim is to build a community of parents, in a child friendly environment.

The Hub is a great space with lots of toys, as well as opportunities for role play, and art and crafts.

There is also a wonderful garden, plus a snacks and kitchen area.

We ask for a contribution of £3 per

family, which includes a selection of small snacks to the children, and tea & coffee for the adults.

Whether you are new to Gullane or have been here for some time, we would love to meet you and get to know you more!

Please join us whenever you are free. :)

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please get in touch at [gullanebabyandtoddler@gmail.com](mailto:gullanebabyandtoddler@gmail.com)



## Gullane Apple Festival

Gullane Apple Festival will be back at the Village Hall this year on the morning of **Sunday 5th October from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm**, with the usual delicious apple baking and fresh apple juice. Look for more information nearer the time



## Spotlight on Raspberry Leaf Interiors

Raspberry Leaf Interiors is a small home interiors shop at Fenton Barns with a mix of vintage and contemporary pieces, some of which have been lovingly upcycled and re-upholstered.

We love giving furniture a new lease of life! We also have a selection of soft furnishings including our own hand-made lampshades and cushions and offer made to measure curtains and blinds.

Choose from a wide range of fabrics from Prestigious Textiles and ILIV brands. If you would like to learn how to make your own lampshades, we host

regular lampshade workshops at our Fenton Barns shop.

Fenton Barns retail village, is a rural idyll situated between Dirleton and Drem, with an interesting history rooted in agriculture and aviation due to its proximity to RAF Drem. The former airfield buildings which were used in world war two have been repurposed into a mix of independent shops including a farm shop with delicious cakes! Well worth a visit to explore all that Fenton Barns has to offer.

[www.raspberryleafinteriors.co.uk](http://www.raspberryleafinteriors.co.uk)

16 Fenton Barns Retail Village  
North Berwick  
EH39 5BW

01620 849143

Open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12 – 4pm

Closed Wednesdays





## Gullane Tennis Club

The tennis club has had a busy few months during this lovely warm Summer.

Whilst the 2025 Club Championships have got off to a flying start, the courts have been busy with two Summer camp weeks for 40+ kids each day and also the East Lothian Open, which showcased some fabulous local talent.

The new coaching blocks start up again soon with group coaching available from our club coach, Roddy Barbour, of Vantage Tennis Coaching. Roddy runs both term-time and school holiday sessions for Juniors, plus Superdrills, Improvers Coaching and cardio tennis sessions for adults throughout the year. For details see:

**[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/vantageenniscoaching](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/vantageenniscoaching)**

Non-members are welcome to try tennis with low court booking fees - £6/hr for singles & £12/hr for doubles. A supply of rackets & balls are available for guests to use.

### Annual Membership costs are:

Adults £65, Family £135, Juniors £27.50, Concessions (over 65s) £35, Students £30 & Youngsters £15.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. You can find us on Hamilton Road, Gullane.

For more info please email us at : **[membership@gullanetennisclub.com](mailto:membership@gullanetennisclub.com)**

Check out our Facebook page too :

**Gullane Tennis Club**

### Next dates for the diary:

20th/21st Sept - Finals Weekend - please come & support fellow members

1st Oct - Annual Burley Tournament - members fun doubles, just turn up & names drawn from hat

5th Oct- Vets (60+) Fun Doubles Event - Bryan Leslie organising, turn up & play.

All timings TBC - please check FB and website for details.



### We offer club nights on

- Monday night 18.30-20.30pm
- Tuesday morning early bird sessions 07.30/8am start
- Thursday social tennis 09.30-11am
- Sunday casual social tennis 09-10.30am

We also have an outdoor table tennis table, bats & balls and a pickleball set for use on a booked tennis court.

## East Lothian Foodbank - please give generously

Please make donations of nonperishable food items, household cleaning products, pet food and toiletries.

Volunteers from Gullane uplift donations for the Foodbank from:

- \* Gullane Parish Church vestibule
- \* Gullane Library and
- \* Gullane COOP during opening hours.

There is also a collection point at North Berwick Tesco. All donations are taken to the warehouse in Tranent where they are sorted and made into 3-day emergency food parcels. Parcels are delivered throughout East Lothian. East Lothian Foodbank need volunteers; we need drivers to deliver our

parcels around the county; we also need volunteers at our allotment to help grow vegetables, supplying fresh food to our clients. **Can you spare an hour or two on a regular weekly or fortnightly basis?** Follow the link on our website and 'volunteer with us'.

**[www.eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.eastlothian.foodbank.org.uk)**



### Some Summer Facts from East Lothian Foodbank – in June 2025

433 households were supported.

73% of households need monthly support, 9% of households referred for the first time.

1,013 people were fed, 674 adults, 339 children.

88% of households referred were on benefits and not earning.

29 households came from the North Berwick area.

## Gullane and Dirleton History Society

The Gullane and Dirleton History Society has a rich archive of publications and source materials such as maps,

books, postcards and photographs. This article is one in a series for the newsletter. These selections are from

the Society's publications. The Society's latest publication, 'Voices from the War' was published in 2023.



GULLANE GOLF HOUSE

If you are interested in finding out more about the Society or joining it then please visit its website at

[www.eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory](http://www.eastlothianheritage.co.uk/gullanedirletonhistory)

where details of its activities, newsletters, lectures, publications, and application forms for membership can be found.

## Snippets from the Archives

### Golf in Gullane through youthful eyes

Gullane is known to many for its golf courses, with the game having touched generations of its residents and visitors. This article of 'Snippets' looks at the game from the youthful eyes first from the early 20th century followed by a couple of accounts from those who were adolescents in the 1970s.

Henry Bell came to Saltcoats Farm in Gullane in May 1914. "I was ten years old then and what a treat it was to be close to the railway and the golf course just over the other side of it. Gullane was a very busy place then and the trains were full of golfers and so were the hotels." "I had never seen a golf course before, and I thought I'd try my hand at carrying clubs. Well, I wasn't much of a success in the first round, but I went out with a lady in the afternoon and got on grand. Some weeks, in the school holidays, I could make more money than my father working on the farm, but a good thing never lasts long – the Great War started and that finished off all the golf."

Bob Hunter, recounts, as a young boy, carrying for a judge. "One of the best, he was Lord Hunter and a member at Muirfield – a lovely small bag, about three or four clubs – that suited me grand! Just the job. 2/6d. a round – that was 1/- from old Richie at the gate, then 1/6d. later. That was round about 1918, when I was 9 or 10 years old... There was another man I caddied for who came to stay at Bisset's. An Irish doctor, a left-hander. He was a right gentleman – he came with his wife and two daughters, and they used to play a lot of four-somes. When I was 13, he asked, "Would you like to go to Ireland?" I didn't know – I said I'd only read about Ireland." Bob does recall that not all players were as gen-

erous as these two, he recalls that the recognised fee for a round was 1/6d. "Golfers who paid less were called 'Blisters' and when one appeared, the Caddie Master could never find us!"

In the same period and of a similar age was Allan Campbell, who though not a regular caddy, would sometimes be standing with his friends at the caddy shed, where Gullane Golf Club's professional's shop is now. "I'd find a bag thrust at me – "Here you are, boy!" and I went round and quite enjoyed it. I carried for one man a whole month – Admiral Rose, he was called. He and his friend decided to play round every course in East Lothian, and they took my friend, Mick Wallace, and me with them. Lockhart, who had the garage by the Golf Hotel, had cabs for hire and they hired a cab. Mick and I sat up beside the cabbie and we did a round a day. They would go to one of the local hostelrys for a meal – somewhere like the 'Waggon' at Aberlady after Kilspindie, or the 'Castle' at Dirleton after Archerfield, and they would say, "Now, feed these two boys in the kitchen." We'd tuck into a three-course dinner and then back into the cab and home. I would be about ten – and that was a good month!"

Tom Porteous, born in 1911, became 'attached' to the Linga Hotel. "I'd turn up early with my 'piece' and my two emery cloths, one dry and one oiled. I'd be assigned to a gentleman staying there and sometimes we'd be away to Kilspindie, sometimes Luffness and





rarely, Muirfield with me sitting beside the taxi driver. At dinner time, when I'd eaten my piece, I'd polish up the cloth heads with emery cloths. There was no golf on Sundays but when the school holidays arrived, you could make a fair bit."

In the early years of the twentieth century, the boys had come into their own when there were special events either at Gullane Golf Club, at Muirfield, or at Archerfield. The headmasters of both Dirleton and Gullane schools recorded in their logbooks distress at the absenteeism this caused and devised means of reducing it. In 1906, James Wilson in Gullane recorded "A large Golf meeting being held at Muirfield. On recommendation of the School Board, closed the school." Another perspective comes from Charlotte Johnstone, born in 1914, whose family returned to the village each year. "Every year we quit the city to spend August and September in Gullane... When golf clubs were required Mr Aitken's shop was the place to go. It had a nice mixed smell of wood shavings from the hickory shafts and of the stuff that was rubbed into the binding. The well-equipped golfer usually had a driver, a brassie, an iron – about a no.1 – a mashie and a mashie-niblick for getting out of the formidable bunkers, faced with wooden sleepers that were quite likely to hurl the ball back at one. A golf lesson with Mr Fisher was sometimes required and excellently given."

To conclude here are a couple of accounts from the late 1960s and 1970s. Alan Macdonald's family moved to Gullane in 1967 when he was 8 years old and they lived in a top floor flat in Lammerview Terrace. "I started playing on the children's course with a 7 iron I'd got as a birthday present. I then got an annual child permit to play on Gullane no 3 which cost 7/6d. I didn't have brothers or sisters but quickly made friends with Alex Galloway who lived in Muirfield Drive and who'd been brought up in the village having met him at the golf course and we spent our time mainly kicking a football about with other local boys or playing golf on No 3."

"Being young we didn't play 18 holes on no 3 but usually would play 9 holes – the first 4 holes then back down 'the Saucer' as it was known, now the 15th hole. If the course was busy, we couldn't always cut in at the Saucer but often if we could see people in the distance coming up the previous hole, we'd quickly tee off and run down the hill."

"For golf as a boy, you couldn't join Gullane GC as a junior member until age 14 but Alex Mason who stayed in the village started East Lothian Boys Golf Club which I joined. The club played competitions in the summer over the likes of Gullane 2 and 3, Kilspindie and I got my first handicap of 34."

Alan's friend Alex Galloway also remembers. "Everyone in Gullane either played or was aware of the importance of golf in the village's everyday life and heritage. Both of my brothers played golf, and we all won the two golf trophies 'Honour Bright' and 'Babe Zaharias'. Brian won them both in 1964, when only P7 boys could participate, I from 1969-71 and Johnny, by far the most gifted of us, from 1972-74. The Peel Trophy also found a spot on my Mum's windowsill."

"A summer permit for No. 3 Course cost £7/6 and we made great use of it. A typical summer's day consisted of eighteen holes in the morning, a visit to the beach in the afternoon and at least nine holes of golf in the evening."

Perhaps the last word should go to Bob Hunter on his childhood, "We were lucky – golf was cheap, and the beach was free".

Do you have memories of Gullane from an earlier time and would you be willing to record these, large or small? These could then be included in our archives so that they might be available for future use in these articles and for possible future publications. If so, we'd be very pleased to hear from you. Please send any items by email to: [gdhsarchive@gmail.com](mailto:gdhsarchive@gmail.com)



**Compiled by Jon Kinna  
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THE CADDIE SHED IN THE 1930s

L. to R. : Tommy Coleman, Willie Scott, William Huish Jnr., Jock Huish, William Huish (Caddie Master), Jim Purdie (a Caddie)

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## Gullane Glorious Bloomers



The whole of Gullane is now a riot of colour thanks to the new additions at the East end of the Village. Starting with the 2000 Crocus and Daffodils planted last October at Muirfield Park which brightened up February, to the fantastic 2 new triple planters at Gullane Entrance and Cherish. This alongside the 5 new Barrels at Muirfield Drive, Fenton Road and College Way has ensured a colourful display all along Main Street.

We now have 6 Triple Planters, (2 kindly rescued from Dunbar Bloomers) an extra large one at Golf Club, 17 barrels, 27 planters and 31 hanging baskets, plus the Community Garden and the Blue Stane area to water feed and maintain!

At the Village Hall and Recreation Hall we have also planted up bulbs with the Beavers and Scouts, and donated some plants to cheer up around this area. The Village Hall have also added 2 Planters to add a welcome at their Entrance.

We are planning to plant a further 8000 Purple Crocus Bulbs around Gullane. This is an Initiative from NB Rotary Club, to help "End Polio Now" and to provide protection against Polio worldwide. This will take place in October this year with the help of GVA, we look forward to a purple display early Spring and every year going forward.

We also intend to take on the challenge of renovating sanding and painting the 16 benches around Goose Green and Main Street which all need some TLC. It's been great to have a few new bodies volunteering to help with this task.

To continue to keep Gullane Glorious we do need to ask for the continued support from ELC Amenity Team, our wonderful volunteers, and any donations which are always gratefully received.

If you wish to offer any assistance we would be happy to hear from you or you can donate to

**Glorious Gullane Bloomers**  
**RBS Business 83-18-47 A/c 10892867**

Thanks again.

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## Calling all padel enthusiasts - let's bring padel to Gullane!

In last September's newsletter we wrote about bringing padel to Gullane. Your response was most encouraging, with 375 people from Gullane, North Berwick and surrounding areas keen to join a club based in Memorial Park near the Millenium Woods.

The padel facilities will be a not-for-profit community initiative and part of the redevelopment of the park supported by East Lothian Council. We have engaged a project management firm with experience of delivering various padel courts throughout Scotland, they will work with council planners to secure planning permission.

We are on course to being registered as a Scottish charity and this will allow wider access to grants.

The courts will be covered to make them playable throughout the year and also help with sound isolation and the cost of this is professionally estimated to be £450K.

To date we have raised £100K and we

estimate we need to raise a further £150K from grants and donations. However, we cannot progress grant applications or apply for other funding until the planning permission has been approved.

For now we are asking for a pledge from you as this will make a massive difference to how quickly we could potentially get the courts up and running. **If you would like to help us to bring a padel tennis facility to the area please visit our pledge page at East Lothian Padel (Pledge your Support | East Lothian Padel Club) where levels of pledging have been suggested, you can also access the article QR code or see enclosed flyer for more information.**

If your padel courts are to happen, we need your help!

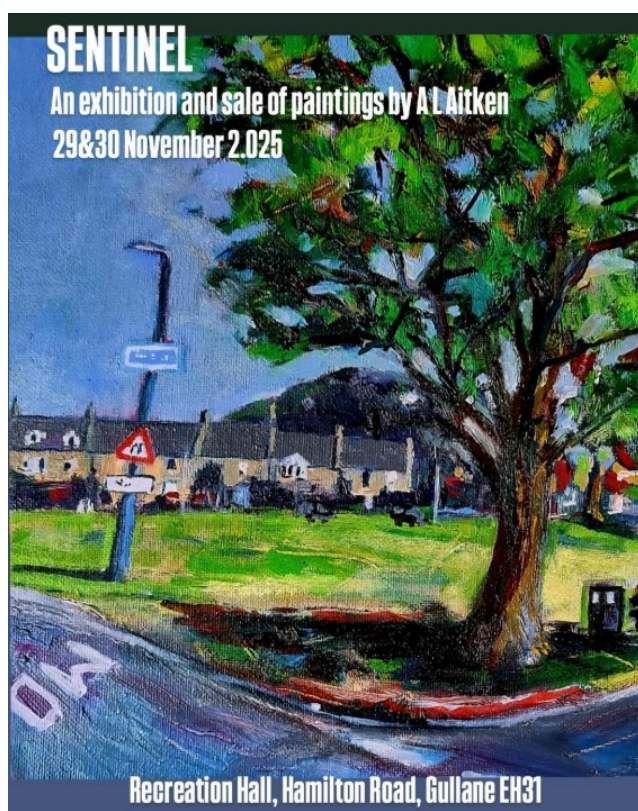
East Lothian Padel Club working group



## Alan Aitken Art Exhibition & sale of paintings

After Alan's very successful exhibition we are delighted to be hosting another of his exhibitions at the Recreation Hall on 29th & 30th November.

We are also excited at the opportunity to purchase his 2026 calendars as seen below from Blackhouse, Main Street. All available until the end of November. We look forward to seeing you all there.



# Gullane Village Association

## GVA AGM & Recreation Hall Update



We held our well attended Annual General Meeting on 24th June. After the important business of the evening was shared, and a new trustee was appointed, we finished the evening with an interesting talk from Jack Handscombe an artist/sculptor. Jack's work can be seen locally on the walls of the houses and businesses at the new Longniddry Village.

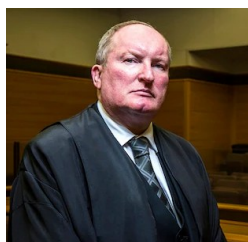
At the time of publishing this newsletter there remains some uncertainty regarding the future of the Recreation Hall.

The GVA trustees have attended a couple of public engagement meetings for an initiative East Lothian Council is committing itself to called the Place Making Project (PMP).

Following on from the public consultations the GVA trustees met with the PMP team and are now awaiting the results of the public consultations under discussion by ELC this month.

Once we have feedback from the team we will be able to review the way forward.

## Iain McSporran KC 'My Life in Crime'



Due to popular demand, the GVA are delighted to have invited back our Burn's Night Supper speaker for our next Member's Event - an evening with Iain McSporran KC who will give us an incite into the work of the Kings Council.

**Tuesday 16th September 7pm -  
Gullane Recreation Hall**

Invitations will be emailed to members shortly.

## Hosting Gullane Games events



The GVA were delighted to donate the use of the Recreation Hall as part of our contribution towards the amazing Gullane Games week.

Events taking place in the hall included Video Gaming Night, Line Dancing & Children's Arts & Crafts sessions. The more messy art activities took place outside in the sunshine!

All sessions were so well attended & shows once again the importance of this valuable community space.



## Children's Sewing Classes



GVA trustees Sarah & Lorna were delighted at the success of our children's Sewing Bee workshops held during the summer holidays.

The first was attended by 7-11 year olds and they produced wonderful colourful drawstring bags whilst the older group, the following week, made shorts for themselves to wear. Two lovely groups of very enthusiastic sewers!







## Katie's Discover Science workshops

The GVA invited the wonderful Katie Reid from East Lothian Council to return again this year and this time to run Discover Science workshops.

These Science sessions were open to all local & visiting children free of charge.

These included making erupting volcanoes, blow up face hands, dancing raisins & mini catapults made with lollipop sticks. They were messy but fun events and everyone enjoyed the sessions.

They came away with lots of new science knowledge including an understanding of acid vs alkali and how different weights travel with their catapults.

A big 'thank you' to the GVA volunteers who assisted in the sessions. Hopefully

we will be running a similar event again next year and hope for more budding young science enthusiasts to join us.



## Chair Yoga

The GVA are delighted at the success of the Chair Yoga sessions which sees over 20 attendees, both male & female, and many with varying issues that make standard yoga difficult. It's also very relaxing and the coffee and chat after is a great way to meet others from the community.

Chair Yoga classes are in **Gullane Recreation hall on Wednesdays from 11.15am to 12noon, followed by refreshments and chat. Just £5 drop-in.**

Whilst Nicola is away getting a well earned break, Janet is taking her place to ensure that we do not have to stop whilst she is away! Please come along & join us!



## A big 'thank you'

As a committee, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those of you who have donated to the GVA over the last few months. This kindness has allowed us to distribute all of our newsletters free of charge to everyone in the village.

If you would like to support us with this and other forthcoming projects that benefit the village in positive ways, please help us by:

- \* Making a donation, however small,
- \* Signing up to the East Lothian Lottery as this gives us regular income & you get a chance to win for just £1 per week!
- \* Donate your time or services - we'd love to hear from you!

### Bank Details:

Gullane Village Association  
A/c: 21755961

Sort Code: 80-22-60

### Send cheques:

Krish Bissoonauth,  
GVA Secretary, Gullane Recreation Hall, Hamilton Rd,  
Gullane EH31 2HP

## Gullane welcomes a new bakery!



"We are incredibly excited to open our doors at Number Ten Bakery and provide Gullane with an abundance of cakes and pastries.

We will be offering a large variety of viennoiserie, with a monthly changing menu of special cruffins and Danishes alongside all the classics and plenty of cakes.

With a focus on local and sustainable ingredients, sourcing from producers we know and trust, we hope to give back to the community by championing other local businesses."

The bakery opens it's doors on 11th September!

Instagram page [@numbertenbakehouse](https://www.instagram.com/numbertenbakehouse) and for any further enquiries email [numbertenbakery@gmail.com](mailto:numbertenbakery@gmail.com).



**GULLANE DAY CENTRE**

Want to attend the Day Centre?

Contact **Manager Margaret Mack** on **01620 843084** or pop in for an application form for yourself or a relative/friend  
Gullane Day Centre,  
Hamilton Road, Gullane

## Gullane Day Centre

Thank you to everyone that supported our golf charity event. We raised £2700 which was a fantastic amount.

Also a reminder to **please register your coop members card and support Gullane Day Centre as your local community cause**. This is ongoing until October 2025.



Gullane day centre rely on our wonderful volunteers who are very helpful in supporting our members from our community.

We are looking for volunteer drivers as without them, we wouldn't be able to bring our members into the day centre. If you are interested, please get in touch on **01620 843084** or email on [gullane.dc@btconnect.com](mailto:gullane.dc@btconnect.com).



## Charity Bridge Drive in aid of Marie Curie

A charity Bridge Drive is being held in Gullane Village Hall on Thursday 23d October from 2pm (doors open 1.30pm) with table costs of £40.

Delicious after tea - raffle & table prize. Bring your own table cloth, cards & bidding boxes.

To reserve a table, contact Leila on [leilaivers@rocketmail.com](mailto:leilaivers@rocketmail.com) or call 01620 895983





## Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church

We would like to welcome you to our services; they are at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady on Sundays. We are trialling more joint services at both churches; see detail below. All services are led by our minister Rev Lis Stenhouse unless stated.

**Did you know that Gullane and Aberlady both have a church hall available for hire at a reasonable rate?**

Gullane has a small hall with kitchen and toilet facilities, the perfect space for small groups, activities or children's parties. Aberlady Kirk Stables also has a hall



SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> Joint service in Aberlady at 11.15am led by the Worship Group.

14<sup>th</sup> Service at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady

21<sup>st</sup> Service at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady

28<sup>th</sup> Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11.15am in Aberlady.

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> Joint service at 9.45am in Gullane. Harvest Thanksgiving led by our Worship Group.

12<sup>th</sup> Service at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady

19<sup>th</sup> Service at 9.45am in Gullane and 11.15am in Aberlady

26<sup>th</sup> Joint service at 9.45am in Gullane

The children meet for JAM (Jesus and Me) Club during the morning service at 9.45am in Gullane. Families are always welcome at all services; activities are provided in the sanctuary when JAM Club is not operating.

**We hold a community coffee morning every Wednesday, 10.30 - 12 noon in the Church Centre. All are very welcome to join us.**

**We are holding an open day at Gullane Church on October 4th in Gullane.** We hope you will come and visit, see what our church and its halls can bring to your community, see our plans for renovation, and **bring a scarecrow!** Nearer the time entry forms will be available and details on posters.

If you have any enquiries or would like to speak to our minister, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the website or by phoning the church office on 01875 870777 and leaving a message.

Aberlady and Gullane Parish Church are proud to support East Lothian Food-bank with weekly collections at our church services.

and meeting rooms, with facilities and outdoor space. These are currently being used for groups like toddlers and uniformed organisations, but there is plenty of availability. Please email [agpcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:agpcsecretary@outlook.com) for enquiries.

[www.aberladygullaneparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.aberladygullaneparishchurch.co.uk)

Email: [agpcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:agpcsecretary@outlook.com)

Children's activities email:  
[agpcchildren@gmail.com](mailto:agpcchildren@gmail.com)

## SCARECROW COMPETITION



AS PART OF GULLANE CHURCH OPEN DAY ON  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2025

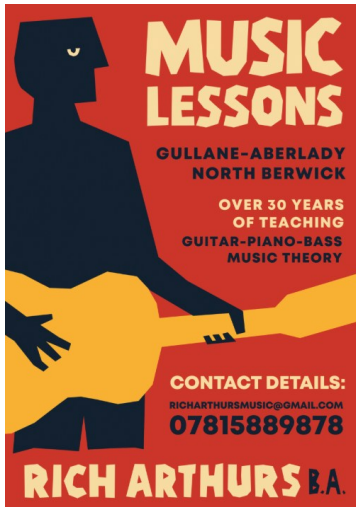
FREE ENTRY FOR FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, LOCAL  
BUSINESSES OR ORGANISATIONS

BRING FOR JUDGING FROM 1PM ON SATURDAY  
WINNERS ANNOUNCED DURING SUNDAY SERVICE ON  
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TO STAND ALONE



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## Fancy learning a new instrument?



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RICHARTHURSMUSIC@GMAIL.COM  
07815889878  
**RICH ARTHURS B.A.**

Hello Gullane! My name is Rich, and I am excited to be building my music teaching practice here, having moved from Edinburgh a year ago.

I am incredibly enthusiastic about music education, I have been performing and teaching for over 30 years and believe that learning an instrument is a powerful tool for developing vital skills and mindsets that can serve you throughout your life.

I have the privilege of working with adult students as well as young people, ranging from absolute beginners who are taking their first steps, to intermediate and advanced players who are rekindling a lifelong pas-

sion. The benefits of learning or returning to music in later life are truly remarkable, offering a host of physical, mental, and spiritual rewards.

I specialize in all styles of guitar and piano, but I also teach bass and music theory, and I can prepare students for NAT 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher SQA exams.

For your convenience, I primarily teach in students' homes. This is often a huge benefit for families juggling busy schedules and other after-school activities.

If you are interested about how learning an instrument could enrich your life, or your child's, please do not hesitate to reach out for a friendly chat!"

**Tel: 07815 889878**

**Richarthursmusic@gmail.com**

## Local Small Ads

### Maple Cottage Bed & Breakfast

Situated in the heart of the village - four ensuite bedrooms, two on ground floor.

A warm welcome awaits new and returning guests

[www.maplecottagegullane.com](http://www.maplecottagegullane.com)

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### Want to get your business advertised in the next newsletter?

Over 1,700 newsletters are delivered to local households and posted on social media.

**The fee of £40 goes towards the cost of publication.**

Email [gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com) by 1st October 2025



## Muirfield Riding Therapy Fundraising

Transforming lives through horses  
Less than a mile inland from Gullane, you'll find Muirfield Riding Therapy, a member group of RDA. Our charity provides equine facilitated therapy which involves activities with horses to promote our participants' physical and mental health.

People of all ages can benefit from our service, which is provided free, by our team of 200 volunteers, to ensure it is accessible to all.

Read personal stories from our participants and families on our blog explaining the positive impact of our therapy, including Max who was only 2 years old when his parents applied and told us of the difficulties he had, caused by cerebral palsy. Now, following sessions lead by our specially trained equine facilitat-

ed therapist, Max has seen significant improvements - [muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/news](http://muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/news)

### Get involved

Volunteer with us: we're volunteer-led. Just 2-3 hours of your time each week can make a real difference to the lives of others. No equine experience needed, full training provided.

Support us: become part of a community dedicated to improving lives and making a real difference. We receive no public funding and rely entirely on fundraising to cover our costs. You can make a single donation of any amount to support our service now, or set up a regular donation, to help us plan for the future. Thank you.

[muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/get-involved](http://muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/get-involved)



**Muirfield Riding Therapy,  
Indoor Arena, West Fenton,  
EH39 5AL**



## East Lothian Walkfest

East Lothian's festival of walking and wheeling returns from 29th August to 7th September for its fourth remarkable year.

Our festival is designed for everyone, not just experienced outdoor types. So whether you're happier in muddy boots or sparkling clean trainers ... join us!

Most of our walks must be booked in advance through our pages at the ticketing website Citizen Ticket – [www.citizenticket.com](http://www.citizenticket.com)

Events include:

- \* Night time explorers – bat detectors
- \* Sketch & Wander – Innerwick Castle
- \* Whitekirk to North Berwick, Forth to Farne Way

- \* Prestongrange Old and New
- \* Family coastal walk with Wilder
- \* Twin Peaks Challenge
- \* Outdoor yoga and nature walk with Wilder

to name but a few!

At the heart of our Walking Festival is a programme of guided walks for all ages and abilities.

In addition, there is a selection of walks that you can follow for yourself.

Check out the website for all the details!



[www.walkfest.org.uk](http://www.walkfest.org.uk)

Contact us on: [walks@walkfest.org.uk](mailto:walks@walkfest.org.uk)



## What's on in Gullane Village Hall



Gullane Village Hall hosts classes and activities for all ages every day of the week, including:

- \* Pilates
- \* The Drama Mill
- \* JKA Bass Rock Karate Club
- \* Line Dancing
- \* Zumba Gold
- \* Table Tennis
- \* Gentlemen's Yoga Club
- \* Sewforth
- \* Mum & Baby Fitness classes
- \* Folk & Acoustic Music Club
- \* Beavers, cubs & scouts

Check out [gullanevillagehall.org.uk](http://gullanevillagehall.org.uk) for details of everything going on in the hall.

If you're interested in running a group or class, or you're planning a party, fundraiser or any other kind of event, the Village Hall could be the ideal place.

With flexible spaces, a stage, fully equipped kitchen and more, it's a great venue for all kinds of activities and events.

Find out more on the hall website or email

[gullanevillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:gullanevillagehallbookings@gmail.com) for everything you need to know.



For more information about the club please check our website for dates and details:  
[www.gullanetabletennis.club](http://www.gullanetabletennis.club)

We are an associate club of both Table Tennis Scotland and Table Tennis East Lothian.

### Gullane Community Table Tennis Club

We are a friendly village club that welcomes new members, whether you are a beginner, a rusty bat or regular player, so please join us most **Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall between 6.30pm to 9.00pm.**

We have two teams playing in the Edinburgh and Lothian Leagues and stage regular friendlies with other local clubs, so there is opportunity for competitive play too.



### Little Big Screen

Following the audio/visual issues with the equipment used by Little Big Screen over the last few months the Village Hall trustees are pursuing funding to replace the ageing equipment.

The decision has been made, meantime, to halt the screenings until such time that we can ensure good quality sound and visual quality for the films we show.

Alternative local community cinemas are NB Movies in North Berwick and the wonderful Fraser Centre in Tranent which has very regular screenings.

We hope to advise you soon as to when Little Big Screen can resume.



### Gullane Outreach Post Office & Mobile Bank

The Village Hall continues to host an outreach Post Office once a week on: **Thursday 10am to 12.30pm.**

Please make good use of these services so that we don't lose them.

The Royal Bank of Scotland mobile branch van is at the Old Clubhouse **every Friday 10.45-11.15am**



## Sew Forth

We are a group of Sewing and Textile Art and Craft enthusiasts who wish to share ideas and techniques with as many interested people as possible.

Please come along and join us.

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits available at all our meetings.

You are welcome to come even if you are just coming for the company, or you can come and see what everybody is involved in.



Meet others with sewing and craft interests. We regularly have hands-on mini workshops which everybody can take part in.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month in Gullane Village Hall which is situated on Hamilton Crescent, where you can find parking directly outside.

**The first session back after the summer will be on Saturday 6th September.**

**East Lothian's Stitching and Craft Group**

**Come and join Sew Forth on the first Saturday of each month from September 2025 - June 2026 in Gullane Village Hall, Hall Crescent EH31 2HA (unless otherwise notified) from 2 - 4pm and be inspired in a fun and creative way.**

**Annual Membership only £30pp**

**September 2025 - June 2026**

**Non members welcome £5 per meeting**  
**Refreshments included**

**Online booking can be found on website below**

**[www.sewforth.org.uk](http://www.sewforth.org.uk)**

## Gullane Line Dancers

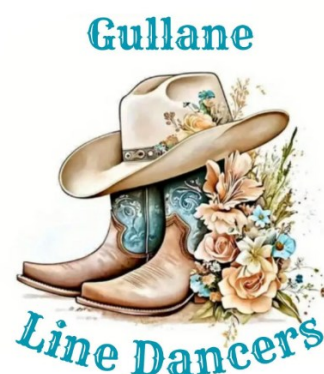
Line dancing class offer a fun and social way to exercise, learn choreographed routines, and enjoy a variety of music. With much more radio play and popularity of new country music artists, line dancing is enjoying a new resurgence and no longer associated with the elderly as the younger generation see it featured and enjoyed by their age group through social media.

While it is a great way to stay active and improve coordination and fitness, incorporating a mix of cardio and muscle we like to make our class fun while challenging you mentally with all our routines.

Our classes are held in the village hall on a Tuesday evening and our new beginner classes are at 7 -8pm followed by improver class.

As well as our class we like to encourage attendees to come along to social & workshop events being held by other instructors plus weekends away.

For further information email [gullanelinedancing@gmail.com](mailto:gullanelinedancing@gmail.com) or message 07722 244739.



## Dates for your Diary

Further details of all events can be found on individual organisation's Facebook pages and websites. Please check details with organisers as all events are subject to change.

### MRT Events



**Sunday 5th October, 10am – 2pm**

#### 7th Annual Big Indoor Market

Muirfield Riding Therapy Indoor Arena, West Fenton, EH39 5AL

50 Crafters, Producers, Vintage and Car Booters. A great mix of local, independent talent, all under one roof. Plus, live music and our Barn Café. £2 entry, free parking.

#### Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd November Family Ceilidh and Accordion Concert Weekend with Leonard Brown

Venue: Gullane Village Hall

Experience the magic of the accordion, feel the energy and hear the passion:

join former All Scotland Accordion Champion Leonard Brown, in Gullane Village Hall, for an incredible weekend of music and dance with two events, a Family Ceilidh and an Accordion Concert.



Tickets £20/£35 Weekend must be pre-booked: [muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/events](http://muirfieldridingtherapy.org.uk/events)

### Adult Sewing Classes



After the success of our previous beginners classes, GVA volunteers Sarah, Lorna & Suzanne are planning on the next 6 weekly sessions to begin on Tuesday 23rd September

Our 6 weekly Beginners Sewing sessions start with an introduction to the sewing machine itself and moving on

next to making for example, an envelope cushion; tote, Japanese knot, peg bags & make up bags and in this next session a Christmas item. Cost is £60.

If you are interested, please email us at [gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com) or pop a note through the door with your contact details to the Recreation hall.

### ✂ Cut out & keep

#### September 2025

Sat 6th

Tues 16th

Tues 23rd

Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm

GVA Members Night - Gullane Recreation Hall 7pm

GVA Beginners Sewing Classes begin - 6.30pm-9pm Recreation Hall

#### October 2025

Sat 4th

Sat 4th

Sun 5th

Sun 5th

Sun 19th

Thur 23rd

Sat 25th & Sun 26th

Gullane & Aberlady Parish Church Open Day - scarecrow competition 1pm

Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm

Gullane Apple Festival 10-12noon - Gullane Village Hall

MRT 7th Annual Big Indoor Market 10am-2pm Indoor Arena

Gullane Parish Church Family Craft Afternoon - 3-5pm tbc

Charity Bridge Drive - Gullane Village Hall doors open 1.30pm

GVA Autumn Artisan Fair 11am-4pm Recreation Hall

#### November 2025

Sat 1st

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd

Sat 29th & Sun 30th

Sewforth Craft group - Gullane Village Hall 2pm

MRT Family Ceilidh & Accordion Concert Weekend Gullane Village Hall

Alan Aitken Art Exhibition & sale of paintings - Gullane Recreation Hall



## Gullane Bowling Club

Gullane Bowling Club now has 145 members who play regular informal hat games on Saturday morning and Monday evenings, and also four teams that participate in the East Lothian Bowling Association Leagues.

2024 was a very successful year for the club with promotion to Division 3 and also winning the Division 3 League Cup.

2025 has been another successful season and we are currently sitting fourth in Division 3, mid-table in Division 4 and the Seniors League Division 2.

There is a hope that the club will be able to field two teams in the Tuesday Ladies League in 2026.

One of the aims of the club is to bring younger people into the club and each year we host a bowling night as part of Gullane Games where the youngsters get a chance to try bowling and we hope this will encourage the younger generation to participate.

There are also plans to replace the current clubhouse, which is in need of an upgrade, and there is a 'buy a brick' campaign running where individuals and businesses can contribute £20 and their name will appear on our fundraising wall.

The intention is that the new clubhouse will be a valuable community asset with large and small rooms for hire to clubs, societies and for social events.

For more information about joining the club or donating to our fundraising efforts please contact

**[bowlsforgullane@gmail.com](mailto:bowlsforgullane@gmail.com)** or see our website

**[www.gullanebowlingclub.org](http://www.gullanebowlingclub.org)**



## Please help the GVA by signing up to the East Lothian Lottery

You may have already signed up to the East Lothian Lottery, but we need many more to help us raise the funds to contribute toward on-going community projects. East Lothian Community Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in East Lothian. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit East Lothian and its residents.

**Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week.** Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a **top prize of £25,000!** That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a **draw every Saturday night** when a six digit winning combination will be picked.

To start supporting us, visit:

**[www.eastlothianlottery.co.uk](http://www.eastlothianlottery.co.uk)** and search for: **Gullane Village Association**

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VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



*Developing,  
enhancing &  
connecting the  
village  
community*

## How to get your organisation or advert included in the winter newsletter?

We issue the Gullane Village Newsletter quarterly and will be working to the deadline for the next copy of: **1st October 2025 (delivery late October)**

Articles should be a maximum of 100 – 200 words, with photo or logo if possible, and should take the form of a news article. Email us at: [gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com).

Please see our Facebook page or website for updated information.

We will also be looking for events to include in our 'What's On' section.

## Would you like to hire the GVA's Recreation Hall or our XL Gazebos?



Are you looking for a hall to hire for a group, meeting or children's party? Then how about considering the Recreation Hall, situated just behind the Gullane tennis courts.

The hall hourly rates are currently £15 for not-for-profit organisations or individuals and £20 for businesses. Check out availability on our on-line diary on the GVA website & download a booking form to send on to:

[bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com)

Our XL gazebos are available to hire per day for 1 gazebo £30, 2 gazebos £50 & 3 gazebos £70.



## Why not become a member of the GVA?

Membership is open to any permanent resident of Gullane & West Fenton over the age of 16. All you need to do is send us an email with your details, post a note or sign up on our website.

All details will be held confidentially by the Secretary in accordance with GDPR. Members event get together to be announced shortly!

**Interested in helping the GVA committee, forming a sub-group or having your group represented? Then please get in touch with us below:**

**You can keep up to date online with the GVA or contact us on:**

**Website:** [www.gullanevillageassoc.com](http://www.gullanevillageassoc.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/GullaneVillageAssoc](https://www.facebook.com/GullaneVillageAssoc)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/assocgullane](https://twitter.com/assocgullane)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/gullanevillageassoc](https://www.instagram.com/gullanevillageassoc)

**Email us at:** [gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com](mailto:gullanevillageassoc@gmail.com)

**Hall Bookings Email:** [bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.recreation.hall@gmail.com)

**Mail:** Krish Bissoonauth, GVA Secretary, Gullane Recreation Hall, Hamilton Rd, Gullane EH31 2HP

