



# MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Charity No. SC034056) NEWSLETTER MARCH 2016

Next Meeting will be held in the Lesser Town Hall, Maybole  
**MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 at 7.30pm**

## OUR SPEAKER FOR MARCH IS ALLAN HARVEY speaking about “VOLUNTEERING IN CONSERVATION WORK”

### Membership 2015-2016

New Members are always welcome and if you would like to join the Society please contact the treasurer:

Individual £10  
Couples at same address £15  
Students & Disabled – Free

Please make cheques payable to “Maybole Historical Society” and send to Mr. K. Gray, 48 St. Leonard's Road, Ayr KA7 2PT

*If you have any changes to your address, e-mail etc. please let us know to keep our database up to date – thanks.*

**Dates for your diary:  
2015/2016**

4<sup>th</sup> April  
9<sup>th</sup> May - AGM

Allan Harvey is the Head Groundsman at Culzean, He has worked at Culzean since 1976 and his job is looking after the general upkeep of the Country Park for the Visitors. Allan loves gardening, walking, photography and his holidays are spent abroad. Lately they have taken him to South Africa and to two Game Reserves where he has been doing Volunteering work. Allan's talk will comprise of what the Volunteers do while there, but also on some of the wildlife that they study and identify to update the Reserves records.



**OUT AND ABOUT - A PLACE TO VISIT- The Blue Stones of Old Dailly**  
The ruined church at Old Dailly dates back to pre-Reformation times and was built on the site of an earlier structure dedicated to St Michael. Two large smooth blue/grey boulders lie within the walls of the old roofless church and are thought to be Charter Stones dating back to ancient times when such stones were granted to communities in lieu of written charters and one reference refers to Dailly as a 'Blue Stone Burgh'. There are several traditions attached to the Old Dailly Blue Stones, one that in ancient times they were Sanctuary Stones and if wrongdoers, debtors in particular, placed their back against them they could not be apprehended.

**CARRICK HERALD – 20TH NOVEMBER 2014  
MAYBOLE AND THE WAR**

As a result of the new taxes imposed by the War Budget, the local Spirit Trade Association have increased the price of beer by halfpenny on the "schooner", making it two and a half pennies (pre decimal may we add!!) and one penny on the pint, making it four pennies.

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**ALSO did you know that the women of the Royal Earldom of Carrick sent a total of 2,780 pairs of socks and a 100 belts to the troops overseas during the first world war? Ballantrae, Barr, Colmonell, Dailly, Grivan, Kirkmichael, Kirkoswald, Fisherton QS, Straiton, Patna QS and of course Maybole were the parishes involved. A letter was received from the Queen (Mary) thanking Lady Ailsa for all the hard work that had been done by all the knitters.**



**NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED**

The Society has vacancies for committee members and we would be delighted to hear from **YOU**. Please consider about standing for election to the MHS Committee at the AGM in May – **WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU** - Thanks

**NEW EDITOR REQUIRED**

Myra McLanaghan, our Newsletter Editor is hanging up her hat at the AGM. Myra has been preparing our Newsletters since 2010 and has taken you all through various subjects from exhibitions, local topics to what happened on this day in history. She hopes you have enjoyed the Newsletter during that time and of course the Society is looking for a new editor. Can you fill that space? We would love to hear from you. Please contact any committee member. **WELL DONE MYRA AND THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS.**