

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

Next meeting will be held in The Castle, Maybole

MONDAY 6th DECEMBER at 7:30pm

Membership 2010-2011:-

Fees are now due and should be remitted to the treasurer:

Jack Boyd,
9 Kincaig Court,
Maybole, KA19 8AQ.

Individual £10

Couples at same address £15

Students & Disabled Free

Please make cheques payable to
"Maybole Historical Society"

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:-

February 7th 2011—Society Burns Supper

March 7th—Jean Lockley & Graham Humphreys-Man's Mark-Carved Stones

April 4th—Charlotte Rostock-Dumfries House

May 9th—AGM

Committee Meeting Dates:-

Meetings held in the Castle, Maybole at 7pm

25th January

22nd February

22nd March

26th April

Our Speaker for December will be KEN GRAY, one of our members, who will speak on "Dundonald Castle and its Importance to Ayrshire".

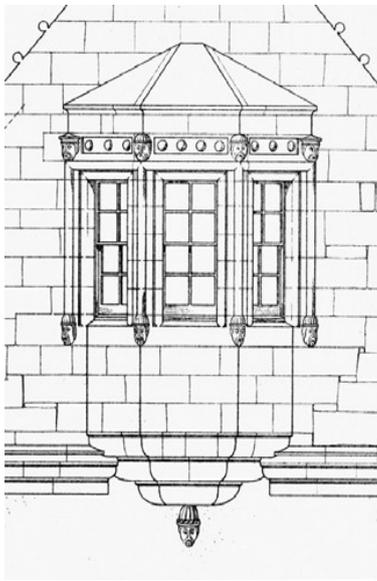
He will cover the origins of this historic 14th century Royal Castle which was one of the cradles of the Stewart Dynasty, and also speak about the lives and social times of its various occupants.



Ken was born and educated in Glasgow and worked for the Clydesdale Bank for 32 years in Glasgow, London and Prestwick. Early retirement in 1996 allowed him to indulge his interests in heritage and history by working as a Culzean Castle Guide for 10 years and as Dundonald Castle Visitor Centre Manager for 4 years.

Having moved to Ayr in 1985 he has been interested in being closer to his ancestors' Maybole roots. His Gray forebears moved from Maybole to Ayr around 1820, and thence to Glasgow around 1900. His maternal grandmother was the youngest child of Thomas Smith who came to Maybole Castle in 1879 as Factor to the Cassillis and Culzean Estates. Although she left Maybole on her marriage in 1904, she and other family members continued to visit Maybole frequently as her brother Thomas Smith Jnr succeeded his father as Factor from 1910-1940, and cousins continued to live in Maybole until the 1950's

Stay after our meeting and join us in a glass of wine and mince pie.



LOCAL HISTORY HOME RESEARCH PROJECT -
“MAYBOLE—IN LIVING MEMORY”
GARDENROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPORTED BY MAYBOLE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Primary 7 pupils of Gardenrose School are being asked to find out about something of interest, i.e. a significant event, memory or experience directly linked to Maybole or the surrounding area. The pupils will be asking friends, relatives or neighbours to help them in this project. The children can present their work as photographs, drawings, posters, painting or in any medium they wish. Maybole Historical Society is planning to display the pupils' work in an exhibition in the Castle next summer. We look forward to seeing what interesting things will appear. If you are approached by any of the children please encourage and help them all you can with this project.

THINGS TO DO?
PLACES TO GO?
OR KNOW OF
INTERESTING
SPEAKERS?
—WE WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT THEM.

If you know of any interesting exhibitions or places to visit or heard a good talk recently that our members would be interested in—please let us know. It's great to be able to pass this on. Please contact a member of the committee with the information.

Local Event Talk

7th December at 2.30 to 3.30 in Ayr Town Hall -

A 'Free Trader' of the Carrick Coast: William Brackenridge and the Ladyburn Smuggling Company—talk by **Tom Barclay**

Do you feel that you want to do something different on **1st January**-why not go on a hike! **Dumfries House** are doing a hike from 11am to 3pm around the grounds, guided by their Countryside Officer. See their website for more details www.dumfries-house.org.uk or call 01290 425959

BURNS SUPPER

Monday 7th February 2011- we are holding a Burns Supper to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns in the Speakers' Club, Maybole. Tickets will be available at our meeting in December, priced £12. The Rev. James Guthrie will do the Immortal Memory, with entertainment from Alex Eccles, Ramsay Syme, Lesley Rodger and other guests. We look forward to welcoming you.



BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS—needing an idea on what to buy for those with an interest in the past—maybe these can help.

Showfolk: An Oral History of a Fairground Dynasty by Frank Bruce (£10.99) which is based on the memories and recollections of various members of the Codona family, who came to Scotland from the continent in the late 18th century and are now among the best known of Scotland's show families.

Scotland's Land Girls: Breeches, Bombers and Backaches, edited by Elaine M. Edwards/Alexander Fenton (£8.99)

This book goes a long way to help show the vital role that the Land Girls played in feeding the nation during the second World War.

In the Shadow of the Dynamite by John Miller (£9.99) This is an account of John's native town, Stevenston and the dominating presence of the Nobel Explosives factory on Stevenston moor. Profits from this book go to Children in Need.

THE ESTATE OFFICE The estate office is now located at Maidens. To contact them their e-mail address is chris@cassillisestate.co.uk