

Public meeting – all welcome; Members Free, Visitors £2

**Lesser Town Hall, Maybole**

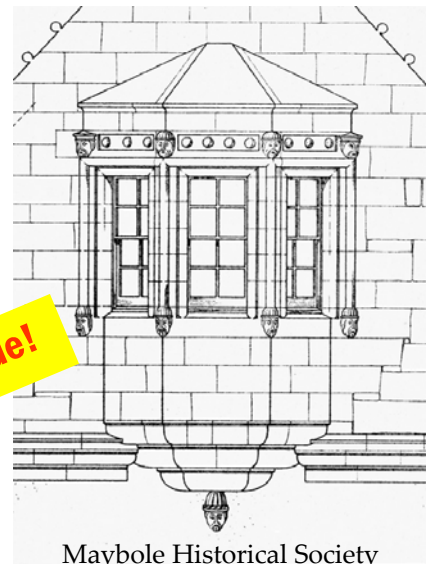
**Monday 1st February**

**7:30pm**

Sheila Dinwoodie:

# Des. Res. in Wellington Square

Note new venue!



Maybole Historical Society  
Charity No. SC 034056

Sheila Dinwoodie is Chairperson of Alloway and South Ayrshire Family History Society. (ASAFHS). For over 20 years Sheila was a teacher in a variety of schools in Scotland, Malta, USA and England. At the end of her teaching career, Sheila was Head of the English Department and Deputy Head, Wellington School, Ayr.

Her main interests are travel and family and local history. As her ancestors come from Edinburgh, Perthshire, Berwickshire and Fife, Sheila was looking for an Ayrshire subject to provide a local research topic. Several years ago a paper concerning Wellington Square and its architecture was given to ASAFHS. After reading the paper, Sheila was 'hooked' on the history and houses of Wellington Square.

## Cluny celebrations now rated in top seven in Europe

The Federation of Cluniac Sites have been so impressed by our week-end of celebrations in May that they are now rated among the top seven most important in the whole of Europe. This is great tribute to Scotland which has only two Cluniac sites. Here in North Carrick we are blessed with the most complete Cluniac site in the whole of the UK.

### Conference volunteers needed

Maybole Historical Society is organising an important conference on the archaeology and history of Paisley and Crossraguel Abbeys. We need volunteers to help set up the hall and manage registration of delegates. Travel expenses, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Interested? Contact: Helen McAdam [helenbmca@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenbmca@yahoo.co.uk)

New website: [www.cluny2010scotland.info](http://www.cluny2010scotland.info)

## St Andrew's Night Celebration of Scotland

Our sell-out social event was a great success and we wish to thank the entertainers who made it such an enjoyable evening: Jack Boyd (*Toast to Scotland*), Alex Eccles (*Accordion Music*), Ramsay Symes (*Songs*), Betty White (*Poetry*), David Hunter and Friends (*Folk Music and Songs*),

### We need your e-mail address!

Receiving this Newsletter by post? It is a most uncertain method nowadays, and costly for the Society in postage and time. If you have an e-mail address then e-mail the membership Secretary, Molly Garrie at [mwgarrie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mwgarrie@yahoo.co.uk)

You will then be able to receive lots more interesting stuff which is too costly to post but is FREE by e-mail such as progress on Cluny 2010 celebrations.



Visit Cluny in September,  
2010—see next page

## CLUNY VISIT

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> ~ MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010



NB. Dates and itinerary details are provisional at present and may be subject to some alteration.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – depart Paisley. On our journey south we will visit one of the best preserved Cluniac priories at Monk Bretton near Barnsley.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – After breakfast we will visit the priory at Much Wenlock from where Walter Fitzalan brought the monks who founded Paisley Abbey. Thereafter we will journey south to our overnight stop at the 4 star Ashford Moat House Hotel (or similar)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – After breakfast we will transfer to Dover for the ferry to Calais. We will journey south by the motorway network, stopping at convenient locations along the way, with an appropriate lunchtime visit to a Cathedral/Abbey. We will arrive in the evening in Cluny where dinner will be served on arrival.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September – We will participate in the organised events as part of the Cluny Gathering 2010. (not included in the price)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Breakfast departure from Cluny, returning to the UK to catch Calais/Dover ferry. On arrival in Britain, we will travel to Cambridge and our overnight stop at the Cambridge Moat House Hotel (or similar). Dinner will be served on arrival.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Our final day will start with a visit to the wonderful Cluniac Priory at Castle Acre near Swaffam, in north Norfolk. Thereafter our coach will return to Paisley, arriving mid to late evening.

The cost of the trip will be *about* **£525** per person (sharing a twin/double room), with a single room supplement of **£105** (depending on the final costs of the French hotel).

Included in the cost will be

- 6 nights dinner/bed and breakfast in 4 star hotels (or equivalent)
- comfortable coaching throughout with Parks of Hamilton
- services of a Brightwater Holidays Tour Manager throughout
- Channel ferry crossings Dover/ Calais

Visits to Monk Bretton Priory, Much Wenlock Priory, French Cathedral (en route), Castle Acre Priory

Not included in the cost

- lunches
- entry costs involved with activities as part of the Cluny International Gathering.
- travel insurance
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single room supplement of £105 (final price to be confirmed).

*If you are interested in joining our “pilgrimage”, please contact Marion Sommerville at:*

[mgsommervill@fsmail.net](mailto:mgsommervill@fsmail.net)

**HURRY! Only a few places left!**

