

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

Next meeting will be held in Lesser Town Hall, Maybole

MONDAY 4th MARCH 2013 at 7:30pm

OUR SPEAKER FOR MARCH IS

Angus Hogg speaking on **“THE CHANGING FORTUNES OF AYRSHIRE’S BIRDS”** Angus will tell us how Ayrshire’s birds have fared during the past 40 years, with an attempt to offer explanations as to why these changes have occurred. Often the causes of a decline in bird populations are difficult to detect and may involve influences outwith our control, while the increase in some species within the county may not always be so easy to explain by selecting an “obvious” reason. With the recent RSPB Big Birdwatch in January just past, it will certainly be interesting to hear Angus’s talk on our county’s bird life.



Angus and Mary on Salisbury Plain, South Georgia with the Penguins

Membership

2012 –2013

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:-

Monday 4th March – Angus Hogg—Topic: Natural History

8th April –TBA

13th May—AGM

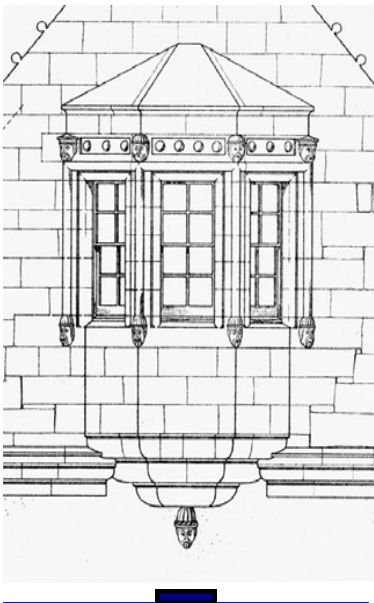
Committee Meeting Dates:-

Meetings held in the Lesser Town Hall, Maybole at 7pm

26th March

30th April.

VISIT FROM DAVID WHITE. David, from Lismore, Argyll visited MHS on Tuesday 5th February. He is the five times great nephew of **William Niven of Maybole**, one time friend of Robert Burns. Other distant relatives include David Doig, the school master and the Montgomery Cunninghams of Glenmoor Estate, now Kirkbride, Crosshill. David brought with him several old photograph albums crammed with photos taken in the 1890’s and copies of letters from William Niven and his Last Will and Testament. Over the page are two photos of Members and David reviewing the documentation.



**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.

4th March 1492—

King James IV of Scotland concludes and alliance with France against England

THE ESTATE OFFICE

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



Top pic—Members looking at David's papers Bottom pic—David White, Helen McAdam & Roy MacGregor

Girvan & District History Society—Thursday 28th February 2013 at 7:30 p.m. In the McKechnie Institute, Dalrymple St. Girvan.

Subject:- Life in the Glengarnock Iron & Steel works.

By William Craig.

William's lifelong hobby is photography, a Scottish Photographic Judge & Lecturer since 1977. As a boy, William began working in the lab of the Glengarnock Steel Mill, and eventually became the Melting Shop Manager until the plant was closed down in 1978. William intends to share with us the drama of the steelmaking process from the raw materials to the Casting of the Ingots, using all his own photographs. He will also show us a collection of interesting old pictures of the Glengarnock Iron & Steel works and the Rolling Mill.

Entrance; Members £1, non-Members £2, this includes a cup of tea and a biscuit! All interested parties most welcome.