

## MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

### NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

Next meeting will be held in Lesser Town Hall, Maybole

**MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2013 at 7:30pm**

## OUR SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER IS ROBERT MCQUISTAN talking on “The Origins of the Scots Language”

Robert was a French teacher for over 30 years as well as Head of Guidance at Kirkcudbright Academy. During the last years before retirement he was Development Officer for Personal Support in Dumfries and Galloway for 4 years. Robert is married to Caroline.

He will talk about the origins of the Scots language, its richness and its status as a language rather than a dialect. He will explore its Germanic origins and its relationship with other European languages.

### Membership 2013 –2014

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:-

4th November 2013

2nd December 2013

January—NO MEETING

3rd February 2014

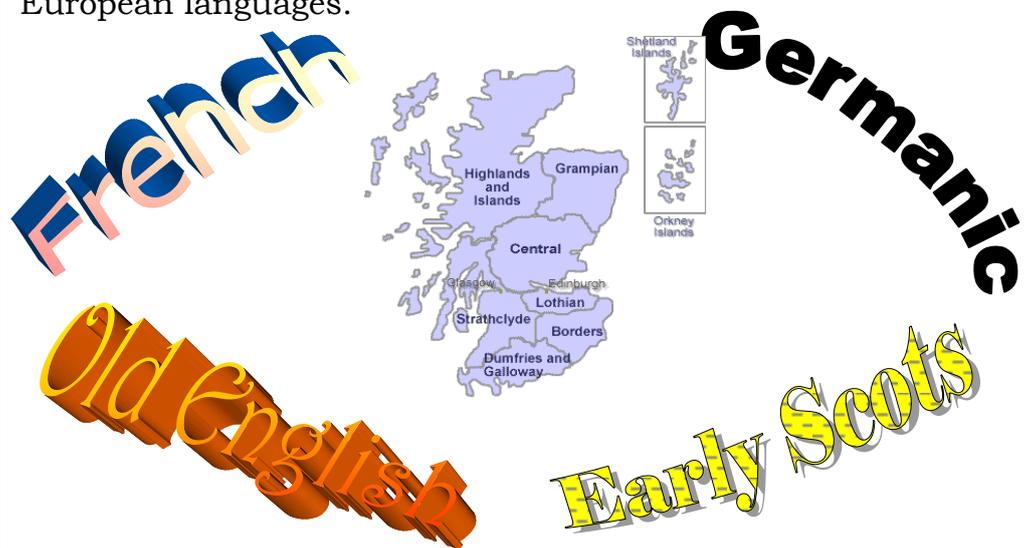
### Committee Meeting Dates:-

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

24th September 2013

22nd October 2013

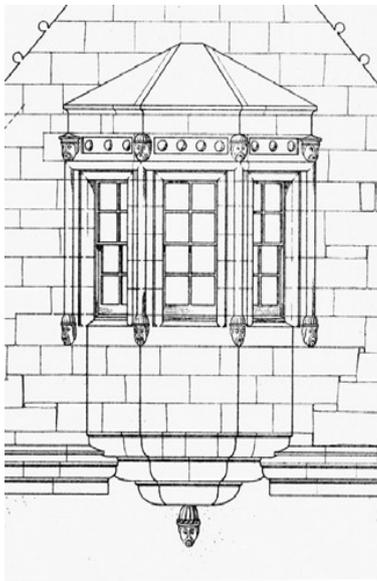
19th November 2013



### THE DICK INSTITUTE, KILMARNOCK

For those who love whisky, the Dick Institute currently has a **JOHNNY WALKER EXHIBITION** on show. The exhibition is on Tuesdays to Saturdays 11am-5pm and continues until Saturday 21st December. Tele No. 01563 554902 for more information.





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What a good turn out of members and friends for the first meeting of the 2013/2014 session. It is always encouraging for the Committee to see the meetings well attended. **Remember pass the word**—it's a great way to learn more about history and encompassing subjects as well as a good way to meet new people and share ideas—that is indeed shown when everybody gathers for a cup of tea/coffee at the end of the meeting. Thanks everybody for your support.

## EXHIBITION—NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND, EDINBURGH till 17 November MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

**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.

### October 7th 1919 -

Did you know that KLM of the Netherlands was founded on this day and is the oldest airline still operating under its original name?

### THE ESTATE OFFICE

-The estate office is now located at Maidens. To contact them their e-mail address is [chris@cassillisestate.co.uk](mailto:chris@cassillisestate.co.uk)

This year is the 450th anniversary of the progress of Mary Queen of Scots through Ayrshire. Currently there is an exhibition of many artefacts, paintings, jewellery, needlework etc related to the Mary Queen of Scots story. This is an excellent exhibition and it is to be recommended. Many of the items are from private collections, HM the Queen, Duke of Norfolk, Duke of Hamilton, British Museum, Blairs Museum and many others. Log on to [www.nms.ac.uk](http://www.nms.ac.uk) for more information.



## THE GREAT TAPESTRY OF SCOTLAND

The Great Tapestry of Scotland is one of the most ambitious community arts projects in the world. The project, developed by esteemed Scottish writer Alexander McCall Smith, artist Andrew Crummy and historical writer Alistair Moffat bring together hundreds of volunteer stitchers from across Scotland to create a record-breaking 143 metre long embroidered tapestry, beautifully illustrating the history of Scotland, from a land locked in ice and carved by glaciers, to the reconvening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999, the panels depict Scotland's fascinating history, science, culture, industry and politics over the centuries. It is intended that Tapestry will go on tour around Scotland, as well as some other countries, at some point. If you want to keep in touch with this Tour, log on to [www.scottishtapestry.com](http://www.scottishtapestry.com) to find out more. A paperback book has been published - The Great Tapestry of Scotland: The Making of a Masterpiece By Susan Mansfield and Alistair Moffat ISBN: 9781780271330 priced at £9.99 and is currently available in Waterstones.

