

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Charity No. SC034056)
& ALLOWAY & SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY (Charity No 029380) **COMBINED MEETING**
NEWSLETTER APRIL 2014

Next meeting will be held in Lesser Town Hall, Maybole

MONDAY 7th APRIL 2014 At 7.30pm

**JIM THOMSON will speak on
“Holy Wullie’s Prayer”**

Membership

2014 –2015

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:-

12th May—AGM

Committee Meeting Dates:-

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

29th April

A native of East Ayrshire Jim joined Strathclyde Police in 1973. He served in a variety of roles in uniform and CID rising through the ranks to Superintendent where he held the posts of Head of Operational Policing at South Ayrshire and East Ayrshire followed by a term as Deputy Divisional Commander for Ayrshire. He has obtained several professional qualifications and is a Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute. He retired from the police in February 2004. On retirement he started a management and HR consultancy company.



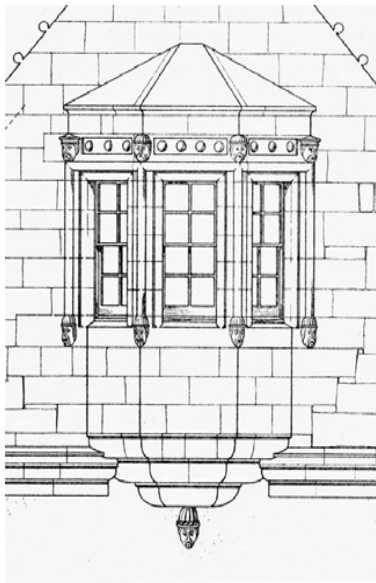
Away from work his main pastime relates to the life and works of Robert Burns. He is President of New Cumnock Burns Club, member of Greenock Burns Club and a Past President of Kilmarnock Howff Burns Club. He is also Past President of the Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs, a member of the Robert Burns Guild of Speakers and is currently SVP of the Robert Burns World Federation. In 2010 he published the book “In

and Out of Tam O’Shanter”, the story of a tale which examines and explains that great epic poem.



*O Thou, that in the heavens does dwell,
As it pleases best Thyself,
Sends aen to Heaven an’ ten to Hell,
For Thy glory,
And no for onie guid or ill
They’ve done afore Thee!*

Holy Wullie



**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.

7th April 1968—On this day, Jim Clark, the Scottish Formula One motor racing driver was killed while racing at the Hockenheim circuit, West Germany. Although born in Fife, Clark is most commonly associated with the Borders, where he grew up. Clark won 25 of his 72 Grand Prix, and would undoubtedly have won more had he driven more reliable cars.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –12TH MAY 2014

We look forward to seeing you there—please come along, it is part of the formal structure of any Club and we do need the support of the members to keep the club going from year to year. Your ideas and thoughts are always appreciated.

Thank you for your support over the past year.

If any member would like to stand for Election please contact any member of the Committee—you will be most welcome to join us.

ANY IDEAS FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND TOPICS FOR THE MHS PROGRAMME 2014/2015?—PLEASE LET US KNOW.

ON YOUR DOORSTEP—BURNS COTTAGE

The 'Auld Cleg Biggin' as the poet himself described his birthplace, was put up by his father, William Burnes, on seven and a half acres of ground purchased from Dr Alexander Campbell of Ayr in 1756. Burnes spent the first 7 years of his life in this 'but and ben', which the worthy schoolmaster John Murdoch described as 'with the exception of a little straw, literally a tabernacle of clay', until the family moved to Mount Oliphant in 1766. The **Suffragette movement** had a link with the cottage in that they nearly blew it up in 1914. A watchman was employed to protect the building and one night had heard something to alert his attention. On seeing two women he gave chase, catching them but one got free and disappeared without trace. The other woman, named Jane Arthur was arrested and brought before Ayr Sheriff Court the next day. She was sent to prison in Perth and it was later revealed that she was the niece of Lord Kitchener. The first **Burns Supper** was held in 1801, the fifth anniversary of the death of Robert Burns. The Master of Ceremonies was a local minister. Hamilton Paul and his guests shared Masonic brotherhood with Rabbie and Paul devised an evening which looked a bit like a lodge ceremonial, centred on a fine fat haggis; with recitation and singing of Burns's works and a toast (in verse) to the memory of their friend and hero. From this grew a global phenomenon that we know as the **BURNS SUPPER**. Alloway Burns Club celebrate this first supper with a Friendship Evening every July (nearest Saturday to the Bard's death) at the Cottage.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? Are you interested in your family tree well this is for you. Live Scotland will be coming to the SECC in Glasgow from **Friday 29th to Sunday 31st August 2014**. Final details have still to be announced. Log on to www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com

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