Our Speaker for November is Jean Lockley who will talk about the “The Ruthwell Cross”.

Graham Humphreys and Jean Lockley have been researching local heroes and heroines for many years now. One of their earliest topics was The Ruthwell Cross, which has a long and fascinating history. What has survived from the Dark Ages in Europe, the Ruthwell Cross is of unsurpassable value, and attracts people from all parts of the world to visit its location at Ruthwell. The main sides of the cross feature figurative relief carvings making the cross “one of the most extensive and most studied of all surviving visual items of the Middle Ages”.

Today the Cross stands inside the church at Ruthwell and is a fascinating and impressive item to walk round and study but no more come along and enjoy the talk on this wondrous item.
ALLOWAY & SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

ASAFHS held an Open day in Alloway Church Halls on Saturday 8th October 2011 where we presented our “Maybole Past & Present” exhibition. Those investigating their family history at the Open Day found our exhibition of interest and it certainly recalled a few memories of old Maybole and its people for those who visited.

“CELEBRATION OF SCOTLAND ST. ANDREW’S NIGHT”—MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING

Our annual social evening will be on Monday 5th December 6.30pm for 7pm till 11pm.

THE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE NEXT MEETING OR YOU CAN CONTACT ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER. THEY ARE PRICED £10 AND THIS INCLUDES YOUR WELCOME DRINK. WE ARE LIMITED TO 60 SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR TICKET SOON.

We have full a programme arranged for you and we look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

SCOTLAND’S HISTORY FESTIVAL—
Edinburgh 17-30 November

If you are about in Edinburgh during November there are many events to interest you from Bus Tours, Exhibitions, Whisky Tasters to a Who Do You Think You Were Roadshow. Log on to www.historyfest.co.uk for more information.

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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 November 1300

There is a surviving letter dated 7 November 1300 from King Philip IV of France to his envoys in Rome demanding that they should help Sir William Wallace in the Scottish struggle for independence.

THE ESTATE OFFICE

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