

## MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2010

Next meeting will be held in The Castle, Maybole

**MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER at 7:30pm**

## Our Speaker for November will be:- Dr. Tom Parker speaking about the History of Computers

### Membership 2010-2011:-

Fees are now due and should be remitted to the treasurer:

**Jack Boyd,  
9 Kincaig Court,  
Maybole, KA19 8AQ.**

Individual £10

Couples at same address £15

Students & Disabled Free

Please make cheques payable to  
"Maybole Historical Society"

*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:-

**December 6th—Dundonald  
Castle by James Brown**

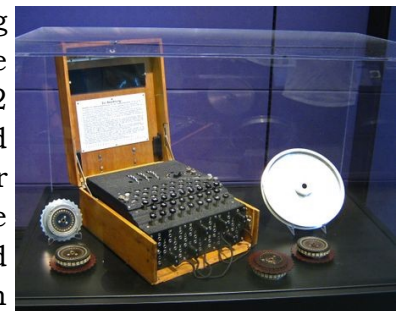
**February 7th 2011—Society  
Burns Supper**

### Committee Meeting Dates:-

**November 23rd**

**Meetings held in the Castle,  
Maybole at 7pm**

The history of computers and computing from the first digital programmable computer designed and built during WW2 through to the modern laptop and supercomputers of today, the major developments and some of the personalities involved will be discussed along with the main events in programming and communications.



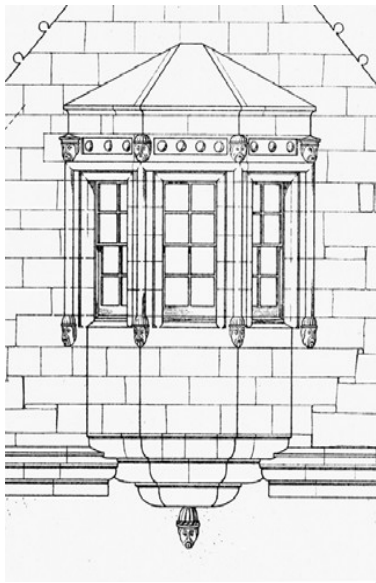
Born and brought up in Darvel Dr. Parker attended school in Darvel and Kilmarnock Academy. He studied Pure and Applied Chemistry at the then Royal College of Science & Technology in Glasgow, graduating with an honours degree from Glasgow University. He was awarded a three year Formica fellowship to study Polymer chemistry at Strathclyde University with the final year spent at the University of Essex. He graduated in 1969 with a doctorate in Chemistry from Strathclyde. It was at this time that he took a keen interest in the use of computers to model and evaluate research results. Dr. Parker then took up a post in 1968 as a research fellow in the Physical Chemistry department at Strathclyde and here the use of computers to analyse data was an essential tool in that research. He then moved on to the Chemistry department at the Hannah Research Institute in Ayr to work on the proteins in milk. With a continuing interest in computing programming he helped form the computing section, taking the role of head of computing and information technology. His main sporting interest is tennis and is also an Elder with St. Andrew's Church.



### **BURNS SUPPER**

Monday 7th February 2011- we are holding a Burns Supper to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns in the Speakers' Club, Maybole. Tickets will go on sale in December.





**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.

**National Trust for  
Scotland—Robert Burns  
Birthplace Museum—  
FREE TALKS**

Sundays at 2pm in the Robertson Room, new Museum.

**7 Nov**—David Hopes on curating the Museum

**14 Nov**—Mel Houston on conserving the collection

**21 Nov**—Mary Hudson on reinterpreting Burns

**28 Nov**—Nat Edwards on the story of the new Museum

**1 December**—the new Museum officially opens

**GIRVAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The next talk at Girvan Historical Society will be **DANE LOVE** talking about his latest publication **LEGENDARY AYRSHIRE** on Tuesday 26th October in the **MCKECHNIE INSTITUTE**, Dalrymple Street, Girvan at 7.30pm.



**GIFTS TO MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



The Robert Burns World Federation has published a limited edition (1000 copies) of '**The Burns Chronicle**' to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns' birth. The contents cover, Homecoming 2009 events in Ayrshire, a history of Burns Cottage and contributions from Richard Gowing, a descendant of The Poet, academics and politicians.

MHS was delighted to receive copy number 601 and would like to thank the Organisers of Maybole Homecoming 2009 Events for the gift of this important book. Provost W. Sloan made the presentation.

MHS was delighted to receive from Ian McVey, a MHS member, the gift of the historical novel '**The Edge of Vengeance**' A Tale of Lindisfarne by William Cusack. The book was published in 1999 by The Book Guild Ltd. Thank you Ian for this interesting book on the impact the Viking raids had on the people living in the area in that time.

Members wishing to read the books please contact Helen McAdam.

**MAYBOLE CASTLE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**MHS members are invited to attend the 1st Annual General Meeting of MCCT being held, in terms of the Trust's constitution, on Wednesday 3rd November 2010 in Maybole Castle at 7pm.**

**AYRSHIRE FEDERATION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

Four members of the MHS attended the AFHS's Conference day at Troon on 16th October. The subject was **New Perspectives on the Auld Alliance**. A variety of topics were covered from architecture, the wine trade, the Dukes of Hamilton and their love of Napoleon Bonaparte to medieval places names, Hew Kennedy of Ardstinchar and testaments and wills of Scots who had lived in France. James Brown chaired the day's events. There were several stalls which included Kyle & Carrick Civic Society, East Ayrshire Historical Society and Scottish Railway Preservation Society.

**THE ESTATE OFFICE** The estate office will be locating to Maidens during October. To contact them their e-mail address is [chris@cassillisestate.co.uk](mailto:chris@cassillisestate.co.uk)