

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:-

7th April—James Thompson—
”Holy Wullie’s Prayer”
12th May—AGM

Committee Meeting Dates:-

Meetings held in the Lesser
Town Hall, Maybole at 7pm
25th March
29th April

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2014

Next meeting will be held in Lesser Town Hall, Maybole

MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014

At 7.30pm

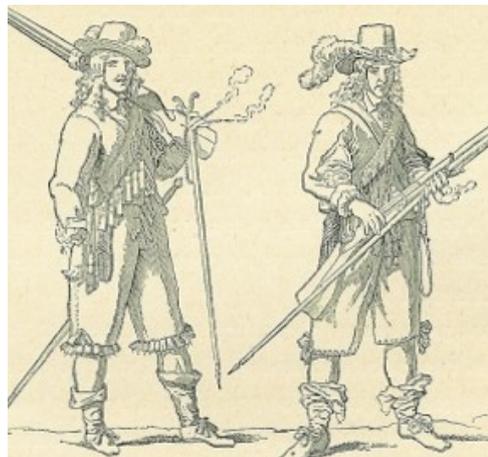
ALAN DUNLOP WILL SPEAK ON “BRITISH MILITARY FLINTLOCKS IN THE AGE OF HORSE AND MUSKET—A COLLECTOR’S VIEW”

Alan is a collector of muskets, rifles and pistols and will explain why he collects these. He will describe the historical issues such as how they were used, how the British Government



acquired its small arms during the 18th and early 19th centuries and how these firearms developed over the period in question.

This should be a very interesting talk so come early and get your seat!

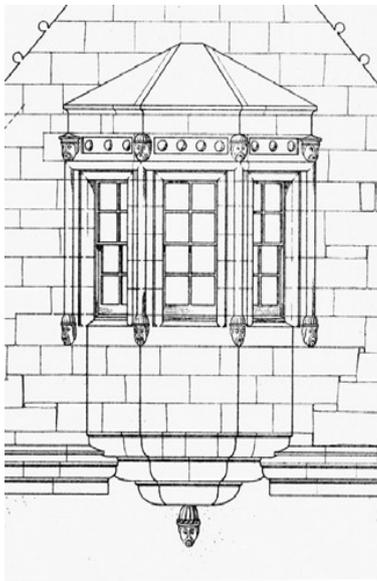


“O soldier, soldier, won’t you marry me

With your musket fife and drum?

O no sweet maid I cannot marry you

For I have a wife of my own”



**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.

3rd March 1985—

Miners' call off year long strike—the longest industrial dispute in Britain. There were 10,000 arrests during the dispute and 3,000 extra officers deployed each day. There are three deep-pits mines left in the UK although there are various open cast mines.

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MURRAY COOK 1924 -2014

Murray Cook founding Member and Honorary President of Maybole Historical Society died on Saturday 25th January 2014.

Murray, born in the town, was a proud and committed Minnieboler and had a deep and extensive knowledge of the history of Scotland, Maybole and the surrounding District. His views were not insular. Murray's life experiences provided him with a compassionate understanding of other peoples and their cultures. A favourite quote by Murray from the French author Victor Hugo was 'nationality was the last barrier to humanity'.

As Honorary President and life member of the committee, Murray's ongoing contribution over many years to Maybole Historical Society was enormous and it will not be forgotten.

Murray will be remembered by his friends in Maybole Historical Society.



ON YOUR DOORSTEP—BLAIRQUHAN CASTLE

Four different families have lived at Blairquhan or on its lands. The McWhirters built the first tower house in 1346, the Kennedys inherited the estate through marriage and built the remainder of the old castle in 1573. In the early 17th century the Whitefords took over, but in 1778 suffering the effects of a bank crash, they sold Blairquhan to Sir David Hunter Blair, 3rd Baronet. Sir David commissioned Scottish architect William Burns to design a new house, the old castle torn down to make way for the new mansion completed in 1824. With an approach three miles long along the river Girvan, Blairquhan has an impressive façade that has been used frequently as a filming location. It was used as a substitute Balmoral Castle for the film *The Queen* and also as a hotel for *Dr. Finlay's Casebook* (starring David Rintoul and Ian Bannen).

AYR APPARENT

A series of free lectures looking at Ayr's historic architecture and how to protect it.

Venue—The University of the West of Scotland-Ayr Campus.

Dates: 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June

Time : 7pm

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