

## MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

### NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

Next meeting will be held in The Castle, Maybole

**MONDAY 7th MARCH 2011 at 7:30pm**

### Membership

#### 2010-2011:-

New Members are always welcome and if you would like to join the Society please contact our treasurer:

**Jack Boyd,**  
9 Kinraig 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:-

April 4th—Charlotte Rosteck-Dumfries House  
May 9th—AGM

### Committee Meeting Dates:-

Meetings held in the Castle, Maybole at 7pm  
22nd March  
26th April

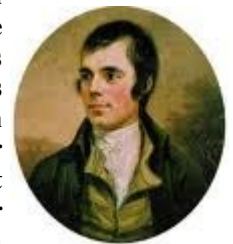
## "Man's Mark"-Carved Stones.

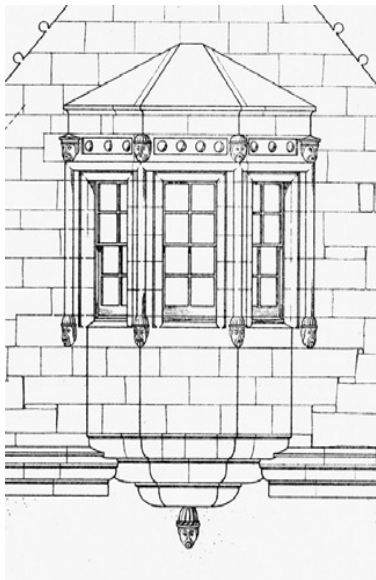
**JEAN LOCKLEY AND GRAHAM HUMPHREYS** will speak about the historical world of **Early Man**, centred around his stonework. As well as Roman carvings, those of a pre-Roman indigenous population here in Scotland will be discussed. Interspersed with these will be carvings of peculiar interest and the stories of the stones attached to them.



### BURNS SUPPER

The Society held its Burns Supper on Monday 7th February in Maybole to a full house. The programme for the evening was varied and entertaining. Helen McAdam welcomed everybody to the Supper and the evening commenced with Fergus Cook piping in the Haggis. Alex Wilson had the responsibility of Addressing the Haggis and both he and Fergus enjoyed a dram at the end. After the Selkirk Grace, dinner was served. Alec Eccles led off the entertainment with an accordion medley followed by the Rev. James Guthrie with a rather unusual Immortal Memory in that he discussed Burns' time at Kirkoswald where the Rev Guthrie himself was a minister for many years. Lesley Rodger took to the floor with Alison Dixon accompanying Lesley on the piano. Lesley sang The Lea Rig. Jack Boyd gave the Toast to the Lassies and his speech was certainly entertaining and enlightening. Jackie Ridge, a Lancashire lass then had the chance to do the reply in her own style and in the language of Lancashire poetry. Ramsay Syme followed, accompanied by Alec Eccles sang Corn Rigs with the audience joining in. After that Chris Ridge gave us Tam O'Shanter. Chris, an Ayr United supporter had the chance to promote the Honest Men as they are mentioned in the poem but it was his grey mare Meg that stole the show as Chris galloped over the keystone on the Auld Brig O'Doon. Chris had brought his own cardboard cutout!! Cecile Flowerdew then followed in reciting Poor Maillie. Lesley sang again Ae Fond Kiss and Ye Banks and Braes and Ramsay followed with A Red Red Rose and the Star of Rabbie Burns. Fergus Cook gave us Holy Willie's Prayer and Alec finished the entertainment for the evening with a medley. After the vote of thanks the company sang Auld Lang Syne.





**LOCAL HISTORY HOME RESEARCH PROJECT -  
“MAYBOLE—IN LIVING MEMORY”  
GARDENROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPPORTED BY MAYBOLE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Primary 7 pupils of Gardenrose School are busy working on their exhibition to be held in the Castle from 4th May 2011. We look forward to seeing what interesting things will appear. If you are approached by any of the children please encourage and help them all you can with this project.

In conjunction with the Gardenrose School exhibition there will be an exhibition in photographs of Maybole “Past & Present”. Come along and see if you can recognise Maybole in times past and tell us your stories about the town.

**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.

**Quotation:**

“History never looks like history when you are living through it”.

*John W. Gardner (1912-2002)*

**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)

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE AGM OF THE SOCIETY—  
9TH MAY IN THE CASTLE**

We are always looking for new members for the committee and we would be delighted if you would like to join the current committee members. If you are interested please approach any members—you would be warmly welcomed. Please think about it. Thanks

**SUMMER OPENING OF MAYBLE CASTLE & VOLUNTEERS—**

We are looking for volunteers to be on duty to welcome visitors and be available while the tour guide takes visitors around the castle. The more volunteers we have the easier it is for us all. If you would like to help out please contact Helen McAdam, Chairman or Nancy MacGregor, Co-ordinator or any other member of the Committee.

**Maybole Historical Society Committee Members enjoying  
MHS’s successful Burns Supper held on 7th February 2011**



**L to R: Alex Davidson, Helen McAdam, Wendy Bibby, Nancy MacGregor, Molly Garrie, Elspeth Kidd in front of Molly, Myra McLanaghan, Ian Kidd and Jack Boyd.**