

## MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charity No. SC034056

### NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Next meeting will be held in The Castle, Maybole

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

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.



### Membership

**2011-2012 now due:-**

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

5th December-Social Evening

6th February 2012-TBC

5th March-TBC

2nd April-TBC

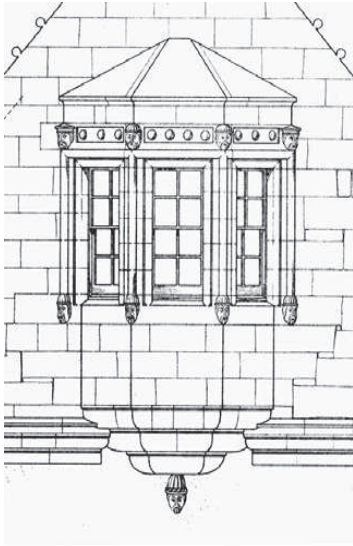
14th May-AGM

### Committee Meeting Dates:-

Meetings held in the Castle,  
Maybole at 7pm

22nd November

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR  
2011/2012 SUBSCRIPTION?  
WE DO NOT WANT TO LOSE YOU  
PLEASE SEND OFF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION  
TODAY—MANY THANKS**



**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**

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)

**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](http://www.historyfest.co.uk)** for more information.

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