

## Syllabus 2008-2009

- Tuesday 14th October Ladies and Open Night**  
Lesley Deschner & Ayr Writers Club  
Finger Buffet
- Tuesday 28th October**  
Quiz Night  
With Ian Cowan and Donald Howe
- Tuesday 11th November**  
Nick Broomhead  
Life on the Run
- Tuesday 25th November**  
James Grant/Scottish Maritime Museum  
The Wandering Scot
- Tuesday 16th December**  
Robin Nelson  
How Railways Changed Ayrshire
- Tuesday 13th January**  
Carry on Cruising  
Ian Lyell
- Saturday 31st January Annual Celebration**  
In the Fairburn Hotel, Loudoun Street.
- Tuesday 10th February**  
John & Peter Queen 'Talofa Tuvalu'
- Friday 27th February**  
**Jean Armour Birthday Party.**  
Finger Buffet.
- Tuesday 10th March**  
Billy Wilson  
Grand Canyon
- Saturday 21st & 22 March**  
In the Footsteps of Burns.  
West Highland Tour
- Tuesday 24th March Annual General Meeting**

Meetings Held at 7.30pm prompt  
In the Fairburn Hotel

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Welcome again to our Burns Club's Eleventh Newsletter. This is intended to improve communication and make sure everyone knows what is happening. We will be very grateful for any contributions.

Special Homecoming items supported by:-



# The Mauchline Burns Club

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Burns Federation No. 310

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## From the President



Cronies,

Last year many projects were successfully fulfilled and I would like to thank all who made this happen. IPP John Sutherland made the comment 'How do we surpass that?' Well here we go !!

Welcome to the oncoming year of a truly ambitious, challenging and exciting 2008 - 2009. With the support of The Homecoming Scotland 2009, The Minerals Trust and again East Ayrshire Council, and to celebrate the Bard's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will be staging events in Mauchline that will not only be entertaining, attractive but will encourage many visitors to the area.

Starting with a March Ploughing Match at Mossgiel Farm followed in May by our yearly Holy Fair and culminating with a 3 day Mossgiel Marquee event in July which will incorporate two Burns Suppers. The syllabus for next year is attached and I would ask you to support these events.

*Bill Sharpe, President*



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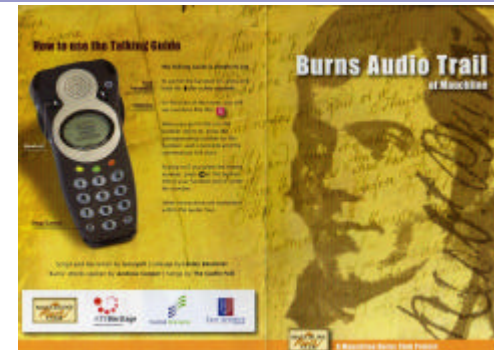


## The Homecoming A Busy Year Ahead— Other Dates for Your Diary

**Sunday 29th March—Horse Ploughing Match at  
Mossgiel**

**Saturday 23rd May—The Holy Fair**

**July 24th, 25th and 26th—  
Grand Marquee Weekend at Mossgiel  
Friday Burns Supper  
Saturday Burns Supper  
Sunday parade and Entertainment.**



**Have a try and perhaps learn something. This Burns Club Project was funded by Scottish Enterprise Ayrshire plus many hours of unpaid, skilled work from Ian Lyell and his team which included Andrew Cooper, Lesley Deschner, Bob Baillie and Tommy Scott. Brochure and a home for the Handsets etc.in the museum, provided by East Ayrshire Council.**



**Ian Lyell's  
Audio Trail  
Handsets are  
now in the  
Museum.  
£5 returnable  
deposit.**

### Other Project News

Our Kirkyard Paths Project, supervised by Andy Bell, is going well and, on completion, will see most of our tourists and visitors to the Church having a better experience and leaving with cleaner feet than before. The Project will see the gravel paths being replaced by slabs of natural Cathness Stone, edged by real cobbles between the path and the Church and a grass verge on the other side. The area with no path will have matting through which grass will grow, meaning that people will be able to travel right round the Church. The front area will again have a pathway of Caithness Natural Stone instead of block paving.