

# MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hon President : J. Murray Cook

## Newsletter 16 \* Summer, 2002

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### LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Thanks to a generous offer of space within the Maybole Community Development Group office at 48/50 High Street in Maybole and to the grant given from the Heritage Lottery Fund that provided the equipment, we are pleased to announce that we will be opening a small Local & Family History Centre on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The facilities will be available at all times the Community Development Group office is open. The centre will be open to all including visitors to Maybole, local residents and society members.

*The facilities include a microfiche/film reader with microfiche of the International Genealogical Index, an index to the 1861 census for Ayrshire and early OS maps of Ayrshire, and microfilms of the 1851 census of Maybole and the Maybole Old Parish Registers, a laptop computer with Family History software, the 1881 Census of Great Britain on CD-Rom, a gazetteer of Scotland and much more, and a small library of books.*

THE LOCAL AND  
FAMILY HISTORY  
CENTRE WILL BE  
OFFICIALLY OPENED  
BY CATHY JAMIESON  
MSP ON WEDNESDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2002  
AND THIS WILL BE  
FOLLOWED BY AN

**OPEN DAY**  
AT THE CENTRE FROM  
1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is only £10.00 and covers individuals or couples staying in the same household. Anyone in full time education can join the society free of charge. Membership for all new members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> February 2002 is valid until the end of August 2003. Please send all membership applications (with the appropriate fee) to

**The Honorary Treasurer,  
Maybole Historical Society,  
Mr Jack Boyd, 9 Kinraig  
Court, Maybole, KA19 8AQ.**

Maybole Historical Society  
Committee  
Hon. President –  
**J. Murray Cook**  
Chair - **Helen McAdam**  
(Tel. 01655 884255)  
Vice Chair - **Dave Killicoat**  
(Tel. 07713 309450)  
Secretary - **Margaret Dick**  
Treasurer - **Jack Boyd**  
Members  
**Willy Connelly**  
**Alex Davidson**  
**David Kiltie**

We are always looking for members to join the committee. If you are willing to help please let us know.

### Summer Outings

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
July

A guided tour of  
**Dalquharron  
Castle**  
with

**David Hunter**  
Meet at the main  
gates at 2 p.m.  
Anyone requiring  
transport should contact  
Helen McAdam or Dave  
Killicoat.

**SATURDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**



**DAY OUTING TO  
STIRLING  
CASTLE AND  
ARGYLL  
LODGINGS**

**WITH A FREE  
AFTERNOON TO  
EXPLORE THE REST OF  
THE HISTORIC CENTRE  
OF STIRLING.**

STILL A FEW PLACES LEFT –  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO

PLEASE CONTACT HELEN  
McADAM

## WE TOOK A STEP BACK IN TIME

History Week 2002

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> May



Castle of Maybole, engraving by W. W. Bartlett  
From "Scotland Illustrated" by W. Beattie, 1838

**Co-ordinated  
By Maybole  
Historical Society**

**SUPPORTED BY  
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BBC HISTORY MAGAZINE

The societies first efforts during this first ever history week were acknowledged to have been a great success by organisers and participants alike. Although the history fair on the Saturday was not as well attended as we had hoped due to competition from the weather, the Ayr Show and a swimming gala it was still a worthwhile event.

Our thanks go to Fred Wescott for his excellent illustrated talks on the natural history of Carrick which never fail to delight his audience, to David Hunter for his historic tour of Maybole, to Murray Cook for providing a comprehensive display of photographs in the lesser town hall, to David Kiltie for photographs of the events and the outstanding press coverage which we received, to South Ayrshire Council and Tom Barclay for events and displays in the library, and to Alloway Family History Society, the Kilmarnock Family History Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Rev. David Whiteman for their participation in the history fair, and to Mrs Whiteman et al for providing the refreshments.



**Left :** Liz Kwasnik, South Ayrshire Council's Museum and Galleries Officer shows some of the Maybole artefacts to Fred Wescott. **Centre:** Dave Killicoat shows his family history to Yvonne Symester, Peter Walker and ..... in the new Local and Family History Centre. **Right:** Jilly Boid, Collections and Acquisition Officer for the Museums and Galleries with Murray Cook at the Ayrshire Archives Display.

Thank you to Kevin Wilbraham and Ayrshire Archives for setting up a special display with good examples of the extant archives relating to Maybole and an especially big

thank you to Liz Kwasnik and Jilly Boid of the Museums and Galleries Service of South Ayrshire Council who not only provided an excellent display of the Maybole Regalia but manned the display throughout the four days.

**The Historical Society have provisionally announced that History Week will be a bi-annual event, with the next one happening in 2004.**

### CALENDAR FOR 2002/3

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2002  
Audrey Deakin –  
Preservation of Carved  
Stones

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2002  
Arnold Breingan –  
Culzean & Numismatics

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2002  
Bob McSporran – Dunaskin  
Heritage Centre

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2002  
Xmas Get Together

**Spring 2003** – Ayrshire  
Poor Relief, Scottish Mining  
Museum, Researching Army  
History and Dane Love on  
Covenanters,