

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hon. President : J. Murray Cook

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NEXT MEETING



Tony Collins HARRY TATE'S NAVY

THE STORY OF THE LOCAL ROYAL NAVY PATROL
SERVICE (THE SPARROWS)

Preceded by the AGM of the Society

Monday 9th May 7.30 pm

MAYBOLE CASTLE

ALL WELCOME VISITORS £0.50

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2005/6

Saturday 4th June – TROON HISTORY FAIR, Walker Halls; further details from the Scottish & Local History Department, Carnegie Library, Ayr. The Society will have a stand at the Fair.

Saturday 18th June – MAYBOLE GALA. The Society will be opening the Castle and participating in several events. Volunteers needed to help man the Castle and help out elsewhere. If you are available please let a member of the committee know.

Saturday 22nd October – FIFE FAMILY HISTORY FAIR, Rothes Halls, Kingdom Centre, Glenrothes. Further details from Janet Klak, Central Area Library H.Q., East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, Fife, KY1 1XT. The Society will have a stand at this bi-annual event which attracts major exhibitors from England with family history software and materials.

PROGRAMME FOR 2005/6 SEASON

Monday 5th September 2005 – Dr. Brian Moffat : **Discoveries at Soutra**

Monday 3rd October 2005 – Donald Reid and Ian Shaw : **Robert W. Service – Poet of the People**

Monday 7th November 2005 – Margaret Morrell : **The History of Turnberry Airfield**

Monday 5th December 2005 – **Members Christmas Night with Cheese, Wine & Mince Pies**

Monday 6th February 2006 – **Burns Supper**

Monday 6th March 2006 – John Steele : **Secrets of Horse Island**

Monday 3rd April – still to be confirmed

Monday 8th May 2006 – AGM & Archie Scobie : **Maybole Emigrants**

SUMMER OUTING

Prior to Dr. Moffat coming to speak to the Historical Society in September, we have arranged a car outing to the actual site of Soutra Medieval Hospital on 16th July. All those interested in visiting this fascinating archaeological dig and visitor centre should contact Helen McAdam or Dave Killicoat as soon as possible (see reverse for contact details). A small contribution for petrol and a donation to the Friends of Soutra are the only costs apart from lunch.

CELEBRATING THE HOME FRONT



Those of you who still have your copy of the opening days for Maybole Castle should make a small amendment. The Castle will now be closed on 18th September to allow the Society to participate in the major event planned for Culzean to celebrate the 60th anniversary of end of the Second World War.

It is hoped that this will provide the finale to a series of events in and around Maybole starting with a Drumhead Service on Sunday 21st August. Other proposals include exhibitions of WWII material, publication of a book of local memories, a concert and a competition for the best recipe using only what was available at the height of rationing.

These events involve a large number of groups and individuals throughout the community and will be designed to be of special interest to school children.

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MEMBERSHIP

All membership fees (new or renewed) received from now forward will be valid until 1st September 2006.

Membership is only £10.00 and covers individuals or couples staying in the same household. Individuals who are registered disabled and anyone in full time education can join the society free of charge.

Please send all membership applications and renewals (with the appropriate fee) to The Honorary Treasurer at the address below.

CASTLE OPENING

The castle will re-open to the public at the May weekend :- Saturday 30th April (1.00pm – 4.30pm) Sunday 1st May (10.00am – 4.00pm) and Monday 2nd May (1.00pm – 4.30 pm). For details of the rest of the dates and times of opening for the Castle in 2005 please see our usual posters throughout the town and on the website. If you wish to have a special visit (providing sufficient notice is given) or if you wish to arrange a function or hold a meeting at any time please contact -

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OUR PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF CARRICK



Maybole Castle ca. 1860 (probably the oldest photograph in our collection)

Over the last three years, the Society has been lent many photographs by various people (notably Murray Cook, Isabel Seymour and Gordon Cockburn) and has used modern technology to scan them, set up a digitised record and print off copies to display in the Castle and elsewhere in Maybole. Many of these

photographs also appear on the Maybole website and have been published in books of local interest. Of all the items which interest ex patriot Minniebolers and others when they visit, the photographs are by far the biggest attraction bringing back fond memories or bringing the ancestral home to life.



Dick Goudie - one of Maybole's last working shoemakers (from the Cockburn collection)

AN APPEAL

We are grateful for the photographs we have but are very aware that there are still a large number around in private hands which might never see the light of day. If you, or anyone you know, have *any* old photographs and would be willing to lend them to us for scanning, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. We do not accept the photographs until we are ready to scan them and we always try to return everything to its owner within 14 days.

The Community Council have one forthcoming project which we hope to assist with so any photographs of Maybole or North Carrick or people connected with the area during WWII are of particular interest.



Mrs Short -the last Crosshill weaver (from the Seymour collection)