

Public meeting – all welcome Members Free - Visitors £2

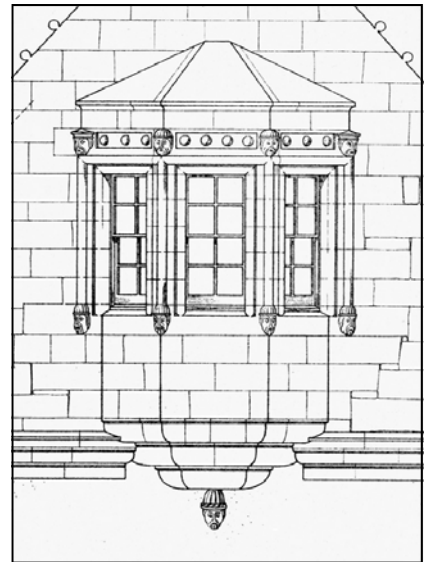
Maybole Castle
Monday 2nd February
7:30pm

Neil Smith:

The Geology of Carrick District

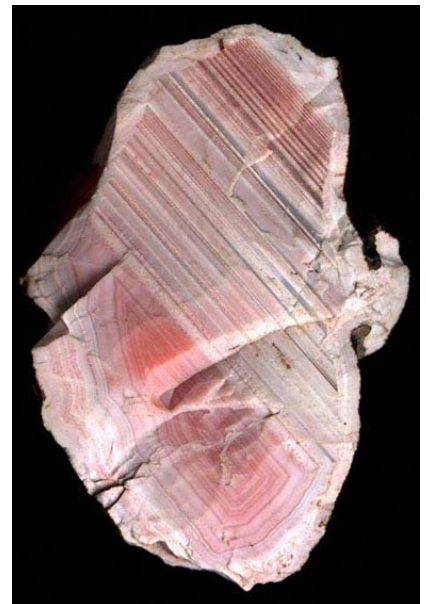
Neil Smith has worked as an outdoor instructor at the Dolphin House, Culzean since 2002. Educated at the University of Paisley in Geology, after time working as a volunteer with the US National Park Service on the volcanoes of Hawaii, and managing the fossil resources at Fossil Butte NP, Wyoming.

Brought up on a dairy farm in Stewarton, Neil has always had a keen interest in the outdoors. His talk will set the Carrick Volcanic formations in context by looking briefly at Scotland's geological history and structures, relating to the South-West and the Carrick Volcanics and Devonian sandstones which are used locally in many of the buildings in Maybole. Much of the talk will focus on the unusual structures and semi-precious agates found in the coastal lavas at Culzean and Dunure. The geological events leading to the formation of Ailsa Craig will also be covered during the talk.



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Crossraguel Abbey
news! See next page.



Above: Agate from Dunure area
Below: Is it an extinct volcano?



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Have you given us yours? If not, please let me know, James Brown
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Gros plan sur la première association écossaise adhérente à la Fédération :

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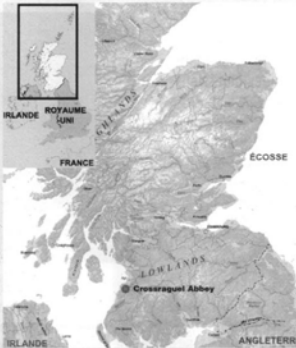
(Maybole – Ayrshire)

Cette association compte 80 membres. Sa particularité ? Être à 1 540 km de Cluny. Maybole Historical Society, en plus d'être la première britannique, est ainsi l'association adhérente la plus éloignée du « cœur » du réseau clunisien !

Son objectif ? Rendre accessible au grand public l'histoire et la culture de la région North Carrick, en Ayrshire (Écosse), par la mise en œuvre de différentes actions :

- huit conférences publiques par an
- édition de bulletins et brochures d'information
- coopération avec d'autres sociétés historiques

Son lien avec le réseau clunisien ? Avoir, dans la région qui l'intéresse, un des sites clunisiens les mieux préservés du pays : Crossraguel Abbey.



ÉCOSSE

Crossraguel Abbey : quelques repères historiques



Vue générale du site de Crossraguel Abbey (photo : Undiscovered Scotland)

sonne le glas de la présence clunisienne à Crossraguel.

C'est en 1244 que l'évêque William fonde un monastère clunisien à Crossraguel, auquel il attribue toutes les possessions de Paisley Abbey (à une cinquantaine de km au nord. Cf. *Lettre clunisienne* n° 26). Au cours du siècle qui suit, le monastère de Crossraguel ne cesse de se développer et acquiert terres et églises dans toute la région de Carrick. En 1404, il obtient du roi Robert III confirmation de ses possessions : l'abbé devient alors la personnalité la plus importante en Ayrshire. Les bâtiments souffrent des guerres entre l'Écosse et l'Angleterre ; les moines reconstruisent l'abbaye pendant les deux siècles suivants et en profitent pour la modifier et l'agrandir. Ils y vivront jusqu'en 1560, date de la réforme monastique en Écosse, qui

Crossraguel aujourd'hui...

Crossraguel Abbey est une des 300 propriétés de Historic Scotland – l'équivalent de English Heritage pour l'Angleterre et du Centre des monuments nationaux pour la France. À ce titre, la gestion de ce patrimoine se réalise à l'échelle nationale, mais en lien étroit avec les associations privées régionales ou locales – en l'occurrence ici Maybole Historical Society. Dans le cadre de Bernon Cluny 2010, l'association (rencontrée le 17 mai dernier à Much Wenlock) a su sensibiliser Historic Scotland qui s'est déclaré prêt à présenter prochainement un certain nombre de projets !... À suivre prochainement !



Mur extérieur de la salle capitulaire (photo : Undiscovered Scotland)

Carrick's French connections

The Gunzo Project at Crossraguel brings France to the forefront of our thoughts for 2009-2010. Did you know that Quintin Kennedy, Abbot of Crossraguel was educated in Paris and was ambassador to the French Court and Sir Hew Kennedy of Ardstinchar led the Scots supporting Joan of Arc at the Relief of Orléans? To make contact with our new friends in Europe, visit www.cluny2010.info and leave a comment on any of the articles there—they don't need to be in French.

Crucial Carrick Project

What do you know about Carrick's history, geology, flora and fauna? If you have knowledge to impart, please contact me as I am doing a one-year research project for Carrick Community Councils' Forum. The earldom of Carrick has a proud, ancient and distinctive identity. We aim to demonstrate that with a new publication as a result of this initiative.

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Cluny 2010 Scotland

Crossraguel Abbey has been chosen as one of only three sites in Europe to be recreated in 3-D digital form. In a competitive bid process the Federation of Cluniac Sites deliberately selected abbeys outwith France to show the European extent of the Cluniac network.

The project is a partnership between Maybole Historical Society, Historic Scotland and La Fédération des Sites Clunisien with technicians from ENSAM Cluny (Ecole National Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers).

This is a great honour for Crossraguel and the parish of Kirkoswald. It will also benefit Ayrshire and Scottish tourism as a complete dossier of information and graphic images will be produced which can boost knowledge of, and visitors to, the abbey.

A seven minute film will be created showing the abbey as it was in its heyday and will receive its premier at a great European gathering in Cluny in September, 2010. Would you like to be there?

Paisley Abbey Forward are planning an organised group visit so watch this space for more news. Scotland's main Cluny 2010 celebrations will take place in Paisley on 14th-16th May, 2010. The programme is being worked on now and full details will follow.

