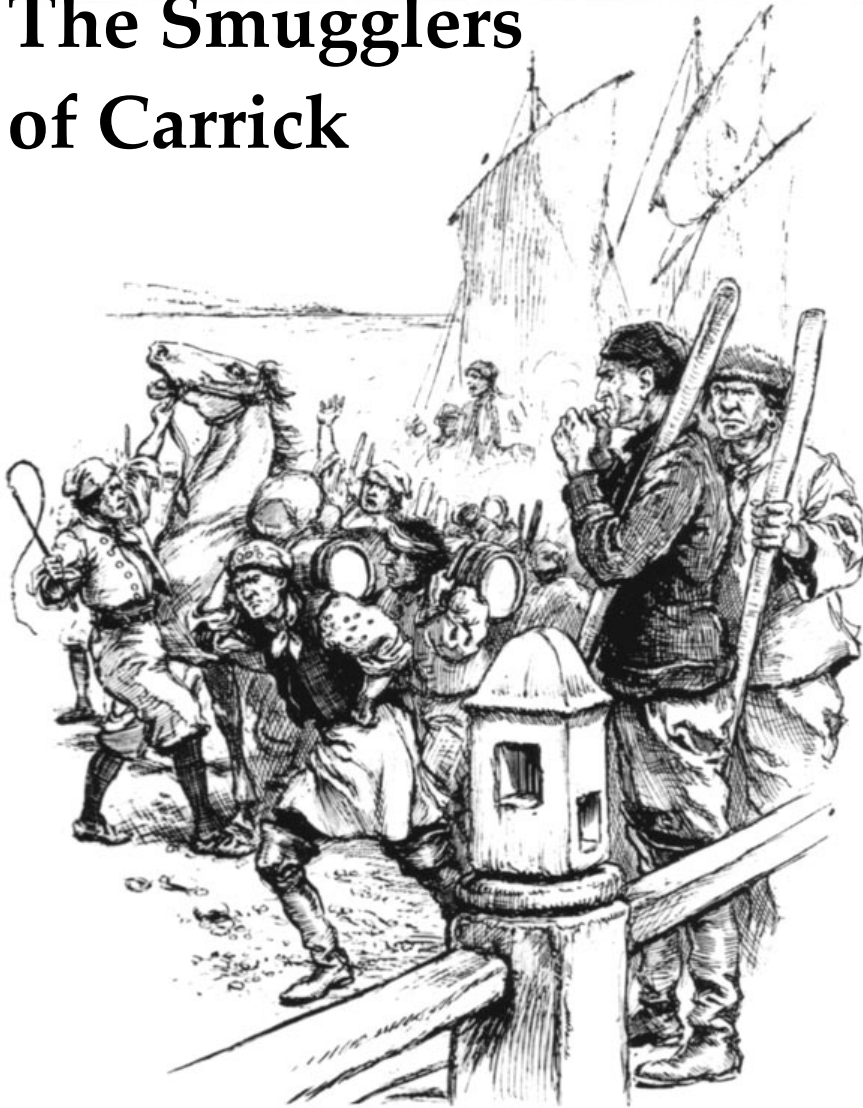


Public meeting – all welcome Members Free - Visitors £2

Maybole Castle  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
7:30pm

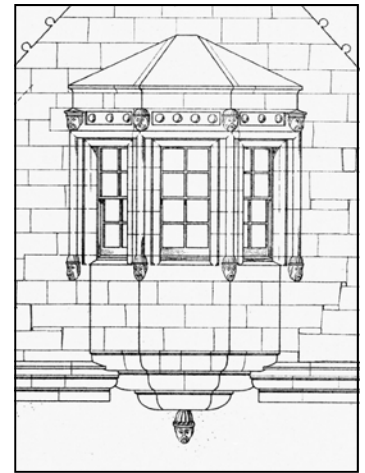
Tom Barclay:

## The Smugglers of Carrick



**T**om Barclay is a kenspeckle figure in Ayrshire as the Council's Local Studies Librarian based at the Carnegie Library, Ayr. He is a native of Stewarton, where he currently resides. He has spoken previously to the Society about the Roundheads in Ayrshire and exiled Covenanters in the Carolinas. His talk will cover the widespread trade in the 17th century involving many Carrick families including relatives of Robert Burns. Recent research names the people and places, such as the "Battle" of Hollowshean Muir between the revenue officers and troops against the smugglers.

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### Future Meetings

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Derek Alexander:

**Estate of the Nation:  
archæological discoveries  
at Culzean**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> December

#### Celebration of Scotland

Social evening including prize draw for the silver bangle and the special issue stamps. Ticket availability will be limited so don't miss out. Entertainers include: **Fergus Cook** : Poetry and Piping. **Murray Cook** : Poetry. **David Hunter jnr** : Songs and Music. **Alistair Hasting** : The Toast to Scotland. **Lesley Rodger and Alison Dixon** : Songs accompanied by piano. **James Stevens and Marie Gibson** : Songs and Music Further details to follow.

#### Looking ahead ...

2010 is the 1,100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Abbey of Cluny. Celebrations are planned for Crossraguel and Paisley Abbeys.

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