NEXT MEETING
CROMWELL’S AYRSHIRE
with Tom Barclay Librarian & Historian
A fortnight before the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Oliver Cromwell assuming the position of Lord Protector, Tom gives us a fascinating insight into that period in time when he ruled the country and his army garrisoned Ayr, a subject on which Tom has done very extensive research and is the local authority.

MAYBOLE TOWN HALL
Monday 1st December 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME VISITORS £0.50

CARTED INTO THE PAST

Having tried our best to encourage people to let us know of any Maybole heritage that might be lying about "undiscovered" it was great to hear from David Killie that someone had been in touch to let us know that they had an Alexander Jack & Co. Turnip Cart - and would we be interested?!?!? After a slight telephonic detour via Glen Luie near Braemar in Aberdeenshire (Sorry, but I am an Aberdeenshire loon! - Ed.) we made contact with the Sutherland family at Glenluie Farm only a few miles south of Maybole. At first I thought that the number in Aberdeenshire had connected at last as the Doric accent was so familiar but I was assured that this was just outside Maybole and yes, they had a Jack's "neep cairt". Immediately we told them that we were interested and asked if it would be possible to take some photographs. The answer was more than we could have hoped for as we were told that if we were able to come down on the Sunday morning they would actually harness a horse and let us see the cart being drawn.

It was therefore with some excitement that our wee party set off at the appointed time, but even we could not have foreseen the wonderful heritage that was to be shown to us that morning. We arrived at Glenluie to find ourselves very welcome guests of Brian and Susan Sutherland and their children Claire, Sara, Kimberley and Connor. Young Connor came out to meet us and ushered us in to one of the many stable boxes where the rest of the family were preparing a magnificent Clydesdale horse for a turn out. What was even more wonderful was that this was only one of the many beautiful horses (mainly Clydesdales) which they keep at the farm and show regularly under their Sans Peur Clydesdale banner. We had already noticed a cart sitting ready in the yard so the lumps in our throats were becoming bigger and bigger.

Murray Cook, our indomitable President, was even found to be searching for words to describe what was being unveiled before his very eyes. At last Sonnie (Sans Peur Sonnie to give him his proper title - justly deserved as a participant in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and one of the few invited to Stella McCartney's wedding) was led out and carefully backed in to position to be harnessed up to the cart. We were then privileged to witness a sight that cannot have been seen (or at least has not been reported to have been seen) around Maybole for many years. According to Murray, he had not seen anything like it for at least sixty years, as Claire and Sara with Connor on the cart for support posed in the yard for photographs. Brian then took over on the cart and off they went around the farm stopping briefly on one of the lanes to give us another photographic opportunity (this appeared to be too much for Sonnie's stablemate Bobby who to everyone's consternation made his own, short lived bid for the freedom of the open road).

Our grateful thanks to Brian, Susan and family for helping to preserve a bit of our local heritage, providing a wonderful setting and home for their horses and making us feel so welcome while at the same time making us feel that it was really only the horses and heritage they were really mattered.
2004 MEETINGS

BURNS NIGHT –
Monday 2nd February 2004
Maybole Town Hall
7.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. (app.)
The evening will commence with a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink followed by a two course meal (traditional haggis, neeps and tatties with Scottish oatcakes and cheeses to follow). The evening will be chaired by David Kiltie, Jack Boyd will provide us with the Selkirk Grace and propose the Toast to the Lassies. The haggis will be piped in by Fergus Cook and addressed by Dave Killiecoat, both of who will make further poetic contributions later, Murray Cook will give the Immortal Memory and musical entertainment will be provided by Miss Alison M. Dixon on piano with Mrs Lesley Rodger, Mrs Jessie Thomson, Mrs Margaret Hutchison and Mr Alex Davidson.
Tickets (price will be advised at the December meeting) will be available at the December meeting or through any member of the committee. A separate mail shot with ticket order forms etc will be sent out to all members during the first week in December.

Monday 1st March – Alastair Dinsmor, Curator, Glasgow Police Museum – Maybole Town Hall
Monday 5th April – Tony Kerrigan – A Photographic Record of Crime – Maybole Town Hall
Monday 10th May (PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND MONDAY IN MAY TO AVOID THE MAY DAY HOLIDAY) – AGM followed by Preserving Artefacts and Looking After Our History – Rozelle House, Ayr (transport from Maybole provided)

SUMMER OUTING (Date to be confirmed) – Hamilton Museum (including Mining exhibition and the Cameronsians Regimental Museum), lunch then to Cadzow Castle and archaeological dig, and Chatelherault.
Monday 6th September – Lead Mining at Wanlockhead
Monday 4th October – Sources for History in Dumfries and Galloway
Monday 8th November – Dalgarven Mill Museum of Ayrshire Country Life
Monday 6th December – The return of our very popular St. Andrews Night (September, October and November meetings are provisional)

MAYBOLE OLD KIRK FONT

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Scottish History Week
Over the last two years the Society has participated in the British Local History Month. This year it is proposed that we participate in Scottish Local history week which runs from 18th – 24th April with the theme of “Scottish Graveyards” and culminates in the Scottish Association of Family History Society’s conference in Stirling entitled “In Loving Memory – a Celebration of Graveyards”. A range of local events and displays will be arranged during the week.
The Society will continue to assist in opening Maybole Castle to visitors and this will be done over the summer months with a full day opening during Doors Open Day in September.

MEMBERSHIP –
ALL MEMBERS WHO LAST PAID PRIOR TO 1st FEBRUARY 2002 PLEASE NOTE THAT THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL.
Membership, once paid, is valid until 1st September 2004.
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 above.