

# MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hon. President : J. Murray Cook

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### NEXT MEETING

## TOM BARCLAY



# COVENANTERS IN THE CAROLINAS

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 p.m.

MAYBOLE CASTLE

ALL WELCOME

VISITORS 50p

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 2004 MEETINGS

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Marion Stewart – Dumfries & Galloway Archives  
One of the best Archives and now On-line resources in the country

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – The return of our very popular

#### **St. Andrew's Night at Drumellan House**

**Ticket Price £7.50 – Ticket bookings now being taken**

PLACES ARE LIMITED. Our last St. Andrew's was extremely popular and several members were disappointed as they did not get tickets. Bookings are now being made available to members so if you would like to go please let either Helen McAdam or Dave Killicoat know now or add your name to the list at the next meeting. Tickets must be paid for by 1<sup>st</sup> November.

#### 2005

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – John Steel – The HMS Dasher Disaster.

**March & April** to be confirmed

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Tony Collins – "What did you do in the war Dad?" The untold story of The Sparrows (H.M.R.N. Patrol Service)

## COVENANTERS IN GALLOWAY

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September we were very privileged to be part of the congregation at the dedication of a brand new Covenanter Sculpture in St. John's Town of Dalry.

The sculpture was designed and donated by Bill Dunigan, Managing Director of Mayflower Engineering in Sheffield, a member of the Scottish Covenanter Memorials Association and an old friend of Dave and Gordon Killicoat who have helped Bill in the past with tracing his very strong Scottish roots.



The sculpture takes the form of a central stem with three flames representing the flames and cradled within the fire is a bush with some twenty leaves. The bush is manufactured from stainless steel and several of the leaves have the name of well known Covenanter martyrs representing the veins. The sculpture is 5 metres high, weighs three tons and the fire and flames are made from Corten (a metal with limited rusting properties).



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## MEMBERSHIP

We were very pleased at the substantial number of members who have already paid or renewed their membership for 2004/5. Membership for all those who last paid prior to January 2004, is now due for renewal. Membership, once paid, will be valid until 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

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.

**THANK YOU** – to all the members of the Society who gave up so much of their time to guide visitors through the castle throughout the summer and to Fergus Cook who did such an admirable job with his pipes on doors open day. Rumour has it that there was little need of alarm clocks throughout the town that Sunday.

There is much work to be done over the winter period and more guides will be needed in the spring. If you can spare some time please contact a member of the committee.

Maybole Historical Society  
All communications to the society may be addressed to the society  
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## NEW NEWS ON OLD MAPS

A recent link placed on the Maybole website is a connection to part of the National Library of Scotland collection of Ordnance Survey Town Plans, 1847–1895 and specifically the five sheets for Maybole surveyed in 1856-7 and produced at a scale of 1:500. As you can see from the example below, these maps give very great detail especially of public buildings and show all the old street names which has helped us to resolve a few arguments! There are copies of the maps in the Carnegie Library in Ayr but it is hoped that by the spring we will have our own copies available in the Castle for all to see. In the meantime you can use the ever more easily accessible Internet to see them at <http://sites.scran.ac.uk/townplans/mabole/html>



Another site which has been launched very recently is PASTMAP, a new on-line information service about Scotland's historic environment on a scale not paralleled anywhere else in Europe. This is a major joint initiative by Historic Scotland and the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS). The new website will provide information on Listed Buildings of Scotland, Scheduled Ancient Monuments of Scotland and the National Monuments Record of Scotland. Judging by the number of queries we receive regarding listed buildings, the most relevant section is probably that containing the Listed Buildings with maps precise to 1 metre. The site can be accessed at [www.pastmap.org](http://www.pastmap.org) and contains comprehensive detailed maps showing all buildings concerned.



As can be seen from this example, Maybole has a considerable concentration of Listed Buildings and any area can be selected to obtain full details of individual buildings within it.

Access to the site is free and registration is very simple.