

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Hon. President : J. Murray Cook

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**NEXT
MEETING
Dr Brian
Moffat**

DISCOVERIES AT SOUTRA

The incredible story of the discoveries made at the site of the medieval hospital at Soutra. 12th Century monks with 21st Century knowledge.

Monday 5th September 7.30 pm

MAYBOLE CASTLE

ALL WELCOME VISITORS £0.50

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2005/6

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

Sundat 18th September 2005 – **Culzean Castle Special Day celebrating the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII. MHS Display & Stand**

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 and various diversions**

Saturday 10th December – **Maybole Christmas Bazaar, Maybole Town Hall. MHS Display & Stand**

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

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

Monday 3rd April – John Miller : **The Smugglers Who Saved the Language**

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 arranged a car outing to the actual site of Soutra Medieval Hospital on 16th July. The situation of the original hospital, part of the highest monastic buildings in Britain, really has to be seen to fully appreciate the story behind the monastery. After giving us a picture of life at Soutra in the 12th Century, Dr. Moffat then described some of the amazing finds that have been made during the archaeological dig there.



If you would like to find out more then come along to the September meeting where our speaker is Dr Moffat. If you are in the area over the summer and would like to see the site, follow the A68 south from the eastern end of the A720 Edinburgh by-pass for about ten miles and then turn right following the signs for Soutra Isle. There is a viewpoint right beside it with a very detailed description of the panorama and some details about the Aisle and Medeival Hospital.

DOORS OPEN DAY 2005 SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Maybole Castle is open once again from 10.00am until 4.00pm as part of the European Doors Open Day programme. Last year we had in excess of 360 visitors during the six hours so this year we would like all the help we can get on the day! If you are available please let Helen McAdam or Dave Killicoat know.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due for renewal on 1st September except for those whose subscription was received after 1st February 2005 (and whose membership cards are enclosed with this newsletter). Membership 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

Please see our posters and local press for details of the rest of this season's opening times.

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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ALL CHANGE AT THE ARCHIVES & MUSEUMS

We are sorry to relate that two good friends of the Society have left their posts in South Ayrshire to take up positions in other areas.

Kevin Wilbraham, principal archivist with Ayrshire Archives since its inception nearly ten years ago has accepted the post of Principal Archivist at Stirling where he will be involved much more with collection and education, a part of the job that he is very keen to promote. Kevin leaves behind him a great legacy, as he was the main driving force behind the formation of the Ayrshire Archives as we know it today. Dr Christine Lodge has taken over the position of Principal Archivist until an official appointment is made.

Jilly Boid, Acquisitions Management Officer with the Museums & Galleries has also left to take up a post of National Partnerships Manager with the National Museums of Scotland in Edinburgh. Jilly's position is being filled temporarily by Eleanor Clark until the process of appointing a permanent successor can be completed.

We have passed on the best wishes of the Society to Kevin and Jilly and expressed our appreciation of the work they have done in South Ayrshire and we look forward to a fruitful and permanent association with Christine and Eleanor.



ALF, a combination of Ayrshire Libraries & Museums and Ayrshire Archives have trawled their files to pick out the best photographs of a working Ayrshire and present them on a new website at www.workinglives.org.uk.

MAYBOLE ON THE HOME FRONT

The Society recently joined with the Community Council and the Community Association in a successful application to the Home Front Recall Fund (part of the Big Lottery) for money to help with events to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of WWII. £10,000 was awarded and this will allow the production of a book of memories of the war at home, a Drumhead Service and several events at Maybole and Culzean Castles. More details are available on local posters and in the press. Maybole will more permanently benefit from the acquisition of a PA system and four small 6m x 3m Gazeebos which until now would have had to be hired from outside sources.

NEW FACILITIES AT STRATHCLYDE GENEALOGY CENTRE

The Centre at Park Circus in Glasgow is now fully linked to the computer system at GRO in Edinburgh. This means that access is now available to the records for the whole of Scotland and not just the old Strathclyde region and images of documents appear on the screen in front of you. Unfortunately there is still no facility to print copies of these documents in Glasgow and if the record is difficult to read the microfiche still only cover the Strathclyde region.

