

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING Turnberry Airfield



with Margaret Morrell
who details her research into the
history of this local wartime
airfield.

Monday 7th November 7.30 pm

MAYBOLE CASTLE

ALL WELCOME VISITORS £0.50

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2005/6

Wednesday 26th October, Maybole Castle, 7 pm – a presentation by Peter Walker of May-Tag on “How the Castle will Survive” – the full details of the proposed Maybole Castle Project and all the ancillary projects that will ensure its sustainability.

Saturday 3rd December – Maybole Community Association Christmas Bazaar, Maybole Town Hall. MHS Display & Stand

Monday 5th December 2005 – Members Christmas Night with Cheese, Wine, Mince Pies and various diversions Monday 6th February 2006 – Burns Supper, Carrick Sports Club – Tickets (priced £12.00) now available from Helen McAdam.

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

PARKING AT THE CASTLE

All members and visitors attending meetings in the Castle should note that parking in the Castle grounds is extremely limited and is meant for our Guest speakers (who invariably have equipment to unload) and those who are disabled or very elderly.

In any event anyone parking within the Castle grounds MUST ensure that all other vehicles are not obstructed and have a clear way of exit at all times.

A check will be made before the start of each meeting and the owners of any cars causing an obstruction will be told to remove them. At the times our evening meetings are held there is ample parking available within a very short walk of the Castle.

MAYBOLE URBAN HISTORY SURVEY

Thanks are due to our friend and Society member James Brown who brought to our attention the fact that the Urban History Survey for Maybole, for which several of our members and other local experts made a considerable contribution, has at last been published. It is sad that after all our efforts, neither the editors, publishers or Historic Scotland deemed it necessary to let us know that it was at last in print – despite several requests in writing from ourselves for exactly this information. The Society has now placed an order for two copies which will be made available to members at our regular meetings.

See also :-

www.britarch.ac.uk/pubs/latest.html

Council for British Archaeology (CBA)

Historic Maybole: archaeology and development

E. Patricia Dennison, Dennis Gallacher and Gordon Ewart

ISBN 1 902771 51 6; 65pp, 30 illustrations. Sept 2005, Price £9.50

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees were due for renewal on 1st September except for those whose subscription was received after 1st February 2005. 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

The Castle has now ceased its regular openings to the public and these will start again at Easter in 2006. A full programme of opening times will be available in the new year. In the meantime, 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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DAILY MUSEUM LEGACY

It was with a great deal of sorrow in September that we heard that the Dalmoalkerran Historical Society was about to fold especially as they used to run a very good small museum in Dailly. There was some good news though when we were contacted by Ronnie Turnbull who told us that because of their constitution, all items in the museum that were not reclaimed by those who originally donated them could be handed over to another body with similar aims and objectives to their own and they would therefore be

offered to ourselves if we could arrange transport from Dailly to Maybole. After a short consultation between members of the committee it was decided that this was too good an opportunity to miss but that we really needed professional help for the move. Our finances are in a healthy state and it was felt that hiring professional removers would be making good use of some of the funds.

Thomsons of Kilmarnock gave us a very good price that included a box van and three men for as long as required and so it was that one Wednesday we assembled down at Dailly and brought two van loads to the Castle. We were also very grateful for the additional assistance and expertise provided by Liz Kwasnik and Mark Fairlie from Rozelle.

Most of the items transferred were in quite poor condition so the next major project is to clean it all up and conserve it and this will be done over the winter months.

Fortunately Dalmoalkerran Historical Society kept very good records of their acquisitions so the basis for a detailed catalogue is already in place. Amongst the items we received were a number of good display cases so it is hoped that they will be refurbished and we can have some of the items on display when the Castle re-opens to the public next Easter.



MAYBOLE COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT POOL

Maybole Community Association has recently acquired some new items of equipment and gathered everything together in the Castle so that a much expanded list of items is available to groups or individuals in Maybole at a very small cost (mainly to cover insurance and replacement). The items available include a P.A. System, four 6m x 4m Gazebos, folding tables, stacking chairs (suitable for outdoor use), bunting and a range of crockery and cutlery etc.

The full list of equipment along with charges and a loan request form is available from Dave Killicoat, Maybole Resource Centre, MAP or the Town Hall. If possible four weeks notice should be given and arrangements will be made for uplift from the Castle.