LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

Thanks to a generous offer of space within the Maybole Community Development Group office at 48/50 High Street in Maybole and to the grant given from the Heritage Lottery Fund that provided the equipment, we are pleased to announce that we will be opening a small Local & Family History Centre on July 11th. The facilities will be available at all times the Community Development Group office is open. The centre will be open to all including visitors to Maybole, local residents and society members.

The facilities include a microfiche/film reader with microfiche of the International Genealogical Index, an index to the 1861 census for Ayrshire and early OS maps of Ayrshire, and microfilms of the 1851 census of Maybole and the Maybole Old Parish Registers, a laptop computer with Family History software, the 1881 Census of Great Britain on CD-Rom, a gazetteer of Scotland and much more, and a small library of books.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is only £10.00 and covers individuals or couples staying in the same household. Anyone in full time education can join the society free of charge. Membership for all new members joining after 1st February 2002 is valid until the end of August 2003. Please send all membership applications (with the appropriate fee) to

The Honorary Treasurer,
Maybole Historical Society,
Mr Jack Boyd, 9 Kincraig Court, Maybole, KA19 8AQ.

Summer Outings

Saturday 27th July
A guided tour of Dalquharron Castle with David Hunter
Meet at the main gates at 2 p.m.
Anyone requiring transport should contact Helen McAdam or Dave Killicoat.

SATURDAY 25th AUGUST

DAY OUTING TO STIRLING CASTLE AND ARGYLL LODGINGS
WITH A FREE AFTERNOON TO EXPLORE THE REST OF THE HISTORIC CENTRE OF STIRLING.
The societies first efforts during this first ever history week were acknowledged to have been a great success by organisers and participants alike. Although the history fair on the Saturday was not as well attended as we had hoped due to competition from the weather, the Ayr Show and a swimming gala it was still a worthwhile event.

Our thanks go to Fred Wescott for his excellent illustrated talks on the natural history of Carrick which never fail to delight his audience, to David Hunter for his historic tour of Maybole, to Murray Cook for providing a comprehensive display of photographs in the lesser town hall, to David Kiltie for photographs of the events and the outstanding press coverage which we received, to South Ayrshire Council and Tom Barclay for events and displays in the library, and to Alloway Family History Society, the Kilmarnock Family History Centre of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Rev. David Whiteman for their participation in the history fair, and to Mrs Whiteman et all for providing the refreshments.

Thank you to Kevin Wilbraham and Ayrshire Archives for setting up a special display with good examples of the extant archives relating to Maybole and an especially big thank you to Liz Kwasnik and Jilly Boid of the Museums and Galleries Service of South Ayrshire Council who not only provided an excellent display of the Maybole Regalia but manned the display throughout the four days.

The Historical Society have provisionally announced that History Week will be a bi-annual event, with the next one happening in 2004.

Left: Liz Kwasnik, South Ayrshire Council’s Museum and Galleries Officer shows some of the Maybole artefacts to Fred Wscott. Centre: Dave Killicoat shows his family history to Yvonne Symester, Peter Walker and ….. in the new Local and Family History Centre. Right: Jilly Boid, Collections and Acquisition Officer for the Museums and Galleries with Murray Cook a the Ayrshire Archives Display.