OUR SPEAKER FOR MARCH IS

Angus Hogg speaking on “THE CHANGING FORTUNES OF AYRSHIRE’S BIRDS”  Angus will tell us how Ayrshire’s birds have fared during the past 40 years, with an attempt to offer explanations as to why these changes have occurred. Often the causes of a decline in bird populations are difficult to detect and may involve influences outwith our control, while the increase in some species within the county may not always be so easy to explain by selecting an “obvious” reason. With the recent RSPB Big Birdwatch in January just past, it will certainly be interesting to hear Angus’s talk on our county’s bird life.

Angus and Mary on Salisbury Plain, South Georgia with the Penquins

VISIT FROM DAVID WHITE.  David, from Lismore, Argyll visited MHS on Tuesday 5th February.  He is the five times great nephew of William Niven of Maybole, one time friend of Robert Burns.  Other distant relatives include David Doig, the school master and the Montgomery Cunninghams of Glenmoor Estate, now Kirkbride, Crosshill.  David brought with him several old photograph albums crammed with photos taken in the 1890’s and copies of letters from William Niven and his Last Will and Testament.  Over the page are two photos of Members and David reviewing the documentation.
Girvan & District History Society—Thursday 28th February 2013 at 7:30 p.m. In the McKechnie Institute, Dalrymple St. Girvan.

Subject:- Life in the Glengarnock Iron & Steel works.

By William Craig.

William’s lifelong hobby is photography, a Scottish Photographic Judge & Lecturer since 1977. As a boy, William began working in the lab of the Glengarnock Steel Mill, and eventually became the Melting Shop Manager until the plant was closed down in 1978. William intends to share with us the drama of the steelmaking process from the raw materials to the Casting if the Ingots, using all his own photographs. He will also show us a collection of interesting old pictures of the Glengarnock Iron & Steel works and the Rolling Mill.

Entrance; Members £1, non-Members £2, this includes a cup of tea and a biscuit! All interested parties most welcome.