CASTLE VOLUNTEERS: the need, the benefits and the fun that can be had

Last year a small band of volunteers engaged with over 500 visitors to Maybole Castle including groups from The Scottish Castles Association and the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society. Many nationalities were shown round including those from USA, England, Poland, Wales, New Zealand, Spain and Germany.

Helen McAdam will regale us with some of the humorous and unusual incidents with visitors to the castle as well as explaining how easy and enjoyable it is to be a volunteer guide. Nancy MacGregor will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

James Brown will be announcing an active programme of recruiting volunteers to help with our Heritage Lottery application for the Cluny 2010 3-D reconstruction of Crossraguel Abbey.

NEW EXHIBITION

16th May, 2009 will see the opening of a fascinating new exhibition prepared by Nancy MacGregor with help from other members and South Ayrshire Council. It will feature agricultural implements from Hunter, Blacksmith and Alexander Jack and those iconic Maybole products; tackety boots plus many other items.

CASTLE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

The first days when the castle will be open are Saturday 11th April (10 am to 12:30 pm) and Easter Monday, 13th April (2 to 4:30 pm). We need volunteers to help on both those days and for future open days which will be circulated in the next Newsletter.