



AMY Strang, this year's Queen of Carrick, from St Cuthbert's Primary School.

## Coronation time for Maybole's Amy and Owen

IT'S Maybole gala time again in June and plans are in place for bigger and brighter celebrations than ever, so make sure and join in the fun. Don't miss your programme of events for Maybole Gala week and your gala guide to the surrounding villages in this edition of the Maybole and District News.



KING of Carrick Owen McDowall of St Cuthbert's Primary School.



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# Civic Pride

By Maybole Councillor Brian Connolly

THE Civic Pride initiative launched by the Conservative administration, with much publicity, had my full support. A fund that would be used to establish and continue to set the standard of cleanliness and the appearance of our region was most welcome, especially with the shameful appearance of our road-side verges and dull town centres. The priority would always have been Ayr and the town centre is now awash with hanging baskets and tubs of flowers. However, the large fund, under the administration of the Provost, belongs to all the residents of the region and we expect to receive our share to enhance our local area. Watch this space!

tion. Wind is not in short supply with no shortage of locations to pick from and the scenic choice of the Croy farm may prove to have been an error.

However, am I the only person who does not feel comfortable with local rural communities, and I include Maybole in this, who are not affected by the farm in any way, receiving extortionate sums of money? How can the small communities in the Hadyard Hill area justify sums in the region of £500,000 each year, simply because the country side is suitable for the wind farms? Should all residents in South Ayrshire not receive the financial benefits of this income?

## Wind farm windfall

LIKE them or loathe them, wind farms will be an ever increasing part of our lives, the only question is where they will be situated. The large farm on Hadyard Hill, which generated relatively few complaints, and the proposed farm above Croy are two that exemplified the importance of loca-

## Local community enhancements

ALTHOUGH there is not a surplus of funds within the region we have received requests from various clubs and projects within our area for assistance with worthwhile projects. If you don't ask you don't get and we would encourage any ideas to enhance the



communities as we probably know somebody who can help.

## Maybole road safety

WHILE we await our much needed by-pass we have been discussing the general road safety within the region, particularly Maybole High Street. We have been encouraged by the temporary speed restrictions which will protect children during appropriate school times but a permanent 20 mph speed limit from the Whitehall to Kirkmichael Road is a must.

# By-pass for Maybole

By MSP Cathy Jamieson & Councillor Alan Murray

WE are committed to working with other members of the local community and elected representatives to press the case for a by-pass for Maybole. The amount of heavy traffic which currently travels through Maybole poses serious health and safety problems, particularly to local pedestrians going about their business on Maybole High Street and young people trying to cross this busy road.

We know precisely the traffic problems that affect the town and we are determined to ensure that both South Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Executive are fully aware of the views of local people when they speak to us at our surgeries, and write to us in our constituency mailbags saying clearly that Maybole needs a by-pass.

## Tackling Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

WE recently met with South Ayrshire's new Police Superintendent to discuss crime and anti-social behaviour. Superintendent John Thomson recently moved to South Ayrshire after working in the East End of Glasgow for a number of years. He has a track record of introducing effective and innovative ways of working with local communities to tackle anti-social behaviour. He has also been at the forefront of the work to combat sectarianism.

Maybole is a great place to live and we've got to keep it that way by dealing with the minority of people that cause problems in our communities through their own disruptive behav-



our. We are determined to work closely with Supt Thomson and the police, South Ayrshire Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team and local residents to make the streets of Maybole safer places to live and work.

If there are any local issues you wish to raise with us please contact us at the following addresses: Cathy Jamieson MSP, Constituency Office, Block 1, Ayr College East, Caponacre Industrial Estate, Cumnock, KA18 1SH. Tel: 0845 458 1800. Fax: 0845 458 1801. cathy.jamieson.msp@scottish.parliament.uk. Councillor Alan Murray, South Ayrshire Council, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR. Tel: 01655 884446. alan.murray@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

# Positive action

By MP Sandra Osborne

I WELCOME the opportunity of making a short contribution to the Maybole community newsletter.

Since I was elected to the new constituency of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock in May of last year I have seen a very vibrant and caring community in Maybole.

From social services for all age groups, charitable fundraising, to campaigning activity such as the By-Pass campaign and even creating jobs for young people, it is clear to me that Maybole is very fortunate in having a number of very committed individuals and church and community groups who are a credit to the area.

At a time when cynicism seems to be the order of the day it makes a refreshing change to see positive action from a real close knit community. It is a privilege to represent Maybole as the Westminster MP and I look forward to helping in any way I can in the months

and years ahead.

The specific areas of responsibility of elected representatives can often be very confusing for people and of course we are all very interested in all of the issues which affect our communities, as has been shown by the Health Board proposals for Accident and Emergency. And of course I work very closely with my Council and Scottish Parliament colleagues. However, it may be useful if I outlined what my remit is as the Westminster MP and how I can be contacted outwith my regular local surgeries.

The UK Parliament deals with the Constitution, UK Foreign Policy, UK Defence and National Security, UK Fiscal, economic and monetary system, Common Markets for UK goods and services, Energy, Employment Legislation, Social Security and Pensions, Transport safety and regulation, Trade and Industry CSA and cer-



tain other matters subject to UK Regulation eg National Lottery and Equality Rights Legislation.

My address is Constituency Office, Damside, Ayr KA8 8ER Telephone 01292 262906 Fax 01292 885661 Email osbornes@parliament.uk

## CHURCH NEWS

### Maybole New Community Church Project

MEMBERS of the Church of Scotland Trustees have recently visited and met with the New Church Project Team, our architect ARP Lorimers and Peter Walker, Funding Consultant.

Our visitors were very impressed with the design of the new building and strongly encouraged us to submit the plans to them and South Ayrshire Council as soon as possible.

The whole meeting was very encouraging and they and Presbytery are enthusiastic to see this innovative project complete.

ARP Lorimers, Architects, have now applied for a demolition warrant. Once this has been granted work will begin to remove the old warehouse from our site. Then detailed drawings will be submitted to South Ayrshire Council for planning consent, alongside plans for the youth centre.

Several applications have been sent to possible funders.

The local committee and congregation have now raised £18,000. This was raised by the committee holding auctions, BBQs, coffee mornings and the charity shop.

There are also now the choir's CD, coasters and bookmarks for sale. These are available from Maybole Resource Centre. The book will soon be underway about the history of both Maybole Parish Church and the West Church.

There will also be the charity shop once again.

There will now be meetings to discuss future fundraising events for the next year. If anyone has any ideas, please contact the committee who will be happy to hear about them.

Once again well done and thank you for your support!

Lloyds TSB have accepted our application and a meeting to assess the project has been held with Peter Walker, Funding Consultant, Bill Miller, Convener and ARP Lorimers to discuss the plans in more detail.

More applications are currently being worked on and will be sent to possible funders over the coming weeks.

So far we have raised a grand total of around £850,000. With the support of the congregation and continuing fundraising we should achieve the funds required to realise the exciting vision of a modern Church in the Community of Maybole.

Committee Contacts: Convener – W B Miller OBE, Whiteleys, Ayr, KA7 4EG, 01292 443968. Vice Convener – Mr W Copes, 23 Kildoon Drive, Maybole, KA19 8AZ, 01655 882846. Treasurer – Mr J Stevens, 1 Barns Terrace, Maybole, KA19 7EP, 01655 882937. Secretary – Mr H Paterson, 54 Culzean Road, Maybole, KA19 8AH, 01655 882078. Local Fundraising – Elizabeth McCrindle, 01655 882212.

Up to date information can be obtained from our web site [www.maybolenevewkirk.org](http://www.maybolenevewkirk.org) or from our temporary offices at: Maybole New Community Church Project, 64 Culzean Road, MAYBOLE, KA19 8AH E Mail: [funding@maybolenevewkirk.org](mailto:funding@maybolenevewkirk.org)

### Maybole Baptist Church

IT'S good to have this opportunity once again to inform you of what is happening within our fellowship.

We have been pretty busy with our our church café on a Friday, what with our regular customers, and the boys from Carrick Academy and it is a real joy to see our customers satisfied.

If you haven't been to the café, please come along for a snack or a meal or even just a cup of tea and a chat.

The church is again going through a programme called The 40 Days of Purpose which is designed to show what we should be doing as a church, it's a very good programme covering many aspects of the church, again, if you would like to come along to one of our meetings, they take place on each Thursday evening at 7.30pm, you would be made very welcome.

We are currently holding a joint praise service with Maybole Parish Church on the last Sunday evening of each month at 6.30pm, with a cup of tea and time of fellowship after the service, these services are a real blessing as we worship together, as it not only boosts the singing, it gives us all a chance to get to know one another that bit better as we enjoy fellowship together.

Again I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who feels they would like to join with us either at this service or any other service or meeting, you will be made most welcome.

If you would like to know more about anything concerning the church or what we do within the church, give me a ring on the number below.

The Women's Fellowship has now stopped for the summer but there are coffee evenings each month, and their session resumes in October.

Also the Carrick St Kids Club has finished for the summer but will resume after the school holidays, so if you know of a youngster who would like to come along when it begins again, then please feel free to ask them to try the club.

Sunday – Church Services 11.30am & 6.30pm,



with Communion in the morning service each week.

Monday – Women's Fellowship – 7.30pm.

Wednesday – Carrick Street Kids Club – 6.30pm.

Thursday – Mid-week meeting for Prayer & Bible study – 7.30pm

Friday – Café, 11.30am. till 1.30pm.

Tom Barry – (Church Secretary), Tel. 01655 889508

### Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's

HOLY Week and Easter services were well attended at Our Lady & St. Cuthbert's. The week began with Palm Sunday when the congregation, led by Fr. Stephen McGrattan, processed from the little grotto in front of the church house into the church, singing a hymn and waving their palm branches. Rumour had it that Fr. Stephen had been hoping to get hold of a donkey!

The Triduum began with the celebration of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday evening. The ceremony of the washing of the feet of twelve parishioners by Fr. Stephen was symbolic of the service everyone ought to show to others.

The young people of the parish did the readings and after the service the Church looked very bare with all signs of the presence of God and all ornamentation removed and the congregation again processing out of the Church into the hall, where silent prayer was held until 10 pm.

Good Friday saw a goodly crowd gather for the simple service of reading the Passion according to St. John, the veneration of the cross and Holy Communion. In the evening an ecumenical service of Stations of the Cross was well attended.

The highlight of the year, the Easter Vigil began on Holy Saturday at dusk, around 9.15pm. Everyone gathered in the hall and each person was given a candle, and then went outside to see the Paschal Candle being lit from the Easter fire.

As the people went into the darkened church, each candle was lit from the Paschal candle. The whole service was a mixture of darkness giving way to light, of death to new life.

The church was decorated for the first time in six weeks with beautifully arranged flowers in white and yellow colours. The cross which beforehand had been a sombre symbol draped in red, now stood bedecked with flowers and gold coloured vestments.

The music from the organ was joyful and accompanied by the ringing of the Church bell. At the end of the service, given that he had preached a homily, sung the Exultet and other parts of the Mass, it was surprising that Fr. Stephen still had a voice!

Easter Sunday morning saw record crowds with many children for whom the service had been specially arranged. The children participated in the ministries and the music - a notable addition to the music being drums which were ably and rousing played by a young parishioner.

We were privileged to welcome Bishop John Cunningham who celebrated Mass with Fr. Stephen whom he formally installed as Parish Priest. Afterwards, the children were rewarded with goodies in the form of chocolate.

All in all the week proved a very spiritual experience for priest and people.

Ellen Hawkes

### St Oswald's

ON Sunday 2nd April we joined with the congregations of St John's, Girvan and Holy Trinity, Ayr, for a United Service in Ayr to bid farewell to our Team Rector, Revd David Jones, who has moved to a new job in Sunderland. A presentation of gifts and a cheque was made to the Rector on behalf of the three congregations. We hope our vacancy will not be too long and that our Vestries will soon be able to appoint a new Team Rector.

Members of our congregation enjoyed joining with friends from the other churches in Maybole for services during Holy Week. On Easter Day we were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to our 11.30am Eucharist.

On Sunday 30th April we joined with the congregation at St John's, Girvan, for a United Service in Girvan when our Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Dr Idris Jones, administered the sacrament of confirmation to one member from St Oswald's and one member from St John's.





# Bypass campaign stepped up

ACTION has stepped up a gear in the campaign for a by-pass for Maybole in recent months as locals take to the streets and raise awareness for their cause.

We asked Maybole By-Pass Action Committee chair Peter Mason for an update on the campaign.

"WE have heard it all before and you all know the story about how long we have waited - 55 years plus.

"We have all talked about the reasons for a bypass, the safety of the residents and visitors to Maybole, the 40-ton lorries thundering along the High Street that was made to accommodate horses and carts. We have talked about the historical buildings that are crumbling."

### And now to today

"THE By-pass Action Committee made the decision to start taking action to protest the fact that we were told at the time that the survey into the traffic problems would be published last autumn 2005.

"We continually phoned to be told that the study was complete but would have to go in front of the Transport Minister before it could be published. To this date we are still waiting! Why is this report taking so long to publish?"

### What we have done and what we are going to do

"IN January of this year we held our first protest at the lack of this report being published. The protest was well attended with 60 residents and visitors taking part. Our second day of action took place in April of this year and again was well attended, even taking into account the fact that the lights were out at the pedestrian crossing (yet again).

"We are planning further days of action until this report is published and the Transport Minister announces that Maybole is getting the by-pass that it has waited so long to get. We are not going to go away, and the Minister should start listening to the electorate of North Carrick.

"We have looked to the future and thought very carefully before taking action, and we can see no other way forward. If we sit back and do nothing, we feel that we would be letting the majority of people in Maybole down.

### Taking action

"TO do nothing would be the easy option; to sit in the pub, café and say "look at the state of this High Street - someone is going to get killed on this road" is easy.

"To do nothing is to sit back and watch places like the three towns Saltcoats, Ardrossan, and Stevenston getting a by-pass, when in our opinion there is nowhere else in the whole of Great Britain that needs and deserves a by-pass as much as Maybole.

"To take action for a by-pass is not easy, we know that we are going to upset some people that are passing through on a day out, we also know that we are going to upset some residents of Maybole, and for this we are sorry but we know of no other way to bring this to the attention of the politicians."

### Listening to the community

"IF anybody has any other ideas that we could use other than the course of action we are taking we will only be too glad to hear what other people are have to say and take a different line.

We will gladly listen to other arguments as to action, but if anybody expects us to sit and do nothing, as the lives of our children, and elderly residents are put at further risk, they are sadly mistaken.

"Why should we sit back and watch the historical buildings in Maybole crumble slowly; especially when a report has been sitting on the Transport Minister's desk for months."

### Join the campaign

"FOLLOW the reports in the local press come and join us in our days of action - which will be many. Don't sit in the house, pub, and say the traffic is bad.

"If you as an individual feel that a by-pass is required, come and join us; don't leave it to other people to fight on your behalf.

"It's time to do something for this town that is being shaken to pieces by the weight and volume of traffic passing through our town.

"If Tony Blair lived in Maybole, this action would not be needed as we would have had a by-pass years ago."

# Update from Rural Community Worker Gillian Anderson



"IT'S a busy time around the villages with preparations getting underway for various gala days and summer events. There is always space for some extra bodies to help, so if you feel you could get involved, or your organisation would like to take a stall at any of these events, please get in touch with me and I will put you in touch with the organisers.

"As well as that, a lot of groups are putting in applications to improve what they are offering to you. Daily Scouts are applying to Awards for All so that they can take a group of young people to the Jamborette at Blair Atholl, and the Bowling Club are attempting to get funding for a new lawnmower and equipment for their coaching sessions for the local primary children. The Young Anglers have applications in so that they can expand their course in Game Angling and Conservation.

"Community Councils are very busy with a lot of them involved in the wind farm developments in the area. If you want to find out about any of their business you will find minutes posted on your Community Notice Boards, or you can find their contact details on [www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk).

"In other areas, Dunure Hall and Park Committee have the go ahead to make disabled access improvements to the Kennedy Hall, funded by the Fair Share Trust, and Kirkoswald Indoor Bowling Club have recently secured a rebate from Scottish Water, which should save them about £3000 over the next four years.

"The Rural Community Conference which

took place on 6th May gave all the groups in the area a chance to get together and exchange resources and ideas, as well as having the chance to find out about the issues that affect them, and speak directly to some of the main funders in the area. If you weren't able to attend, contact me and I can give you a summary of the day and any information which would be relevant to your group.

"Groups also had the chance to ask for resources - either equipment or people, and work will be going on in the next few months to try and match the groups with others who can exchange resources and skills. Again, it's not too late to get your needs to us - you can give me a ring or drop into Maybole Resource Centre to give us your details.

"One last thing - if you haven't returned the questionnaire I sent out a couple of months ago, asking for details of your group, please try to get it back to me! It will help me to put together information about what is going on, and might get you some new members for your group."

● RURAL Community Worker Gillian Anderson can be contacted at Maybole Resource Centre, 48/50 High Street, Maybole, Tel 01655 884022 or [gillian.anderson@may-tag.com](mailto:gillian.anderson@may-tag.com)

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# Read all about it! Carrick Academy

PUPILS at Carrick Academy have continued with many years of tradition by producing their own 2006 yearbook.

This year's hardworking Carrick Academy Yearbook team were Sam Duffin, Iona Fullerton, Janice McLennan, Catherine Butler, Donna Scobie, Shane Cherry, Laura Doran, Marin Hannah, Mack Kelly, Ross McNeil, Leigh Rae, Jacklyn Robertson, Alex Jones, Sarah Jane Madden, Kevin Haywood and Chris Barnes.

The team and the school

would like to thank the many local businesses who have given their support and have advertised in the Carrick Academy Yearbook this year and in previous years including Blainshaw Estate, Fairknowe Home Care Home, Interpak, Hope Homes Scotland, Ayrshire Steels Ltd, James Harper - Electrician,

Main Court - Turbary, Robertson & Orr - Vets, Bank of Scotland, Royal Bank of Scotland, Kossan of Ayr, Gibbins Taxi.

This year the Yearbook will be produced and printed wholly in the school and available to buy in June for only £5 each. Please contact the school if you wish to order a copy.



MEMBERS of the Carrick Academy Yearbook Team hard at work.



SENIOR pupils at Carrick are hoping that the 2006 school Yearbook is popular with everyone in the community.



TAKING a break from the busy schedule to complete this year's Carrick Academy Yearbook.



THREE Carrick Academy amigos.



THESE pupils are happy to be at Carrick Academy.



THESE P7 pupils are looking forward to starting their first year at Carrick Academy in August.



THE school library at Carrick Academy is a popular meeting place for these pals.



CARRICK Academy pupils are a class act.



WITH a little help from my friends.



# - Another great year for



THE Carrick Academy Peer Help Group.



PUPILS think the 2006 Carrick Academy Yearbook will be one of the best yet.



THIS group of smiling youngsters are happy to be pupils at Carrick Academy.



RAISING a 'quick' buck for Children in Need at Carrick Academy.



THE Frocky Horror show at Carrick Academy.



ANOTHER season of successes on the rugby field for Carrick Academy.



OLD pals act at Carrick Academy.





WOODSTOCK Gun Club rabbit shoot in 1904.



DIAMOND Wedding celebrations in 1914.

## Are there any Hays in Dunure?

AUSTRALIAN Graham Hay contacted the Maybole website to find out if he had any relations in the area.

His connection to Maybole was through his grandparents. Graham's family came from Dunure and emigrated in 1853 and 1854. In 1853 Mary Hay and her husband Peter Murdoch and children along with Peter's brother and Archibald, Mary's brother, arrived in the ship Malabar.

In 1854 her mother, Mary (Dickson) along with her oldest son William and Isabella (Orr), daughters Mary, Agnes and Isabella, son James and Jacobina (McCulloch), who were married in Fisherton 23 May 1854 all sailed from Liverpool 9 June 1854 on the John and Lucy.

Graham said: "In September 2004 we had a family reunion at Woodstock near Bendigo in Victoria to mark 150 years since their arrival in 1854. Photo (above) was taken at the family farm in 1914 on the occasion of their Diamond wedding.

"The farm was called Ayr

Farm. James and Jacobina are in the centre behind the girls.

"Would be pleased to find any Hays in Dunure at pre-

sent related to us." The other photo (above) is at the farm and was a rabbit shoot in 1904 by the Woodstock Gun Club.

# www.maybole.org

MAYBOLE'S website has again been attracting visitors and praise from all over the globe.

The site continues to expand and remains a popular resource for Maybole emigrants, genealogists, local historians and scholars.

WE'VE been surfing the site and as always are deeply touched by the people of Maybole. We absolutely loved the story on Drew Ferguson's 60th birthday party (fund raiser for Hospice! yea!) and the story of Wee Mary moved me (Sara) to tears!

We miss Maybole and her people and are very sorry to say that it will be impossible for us to return again this coming fall as we had hoped to. However, we are hoping for spring of '07...but that seems such a long time to go before enjoying once again a steak pie from the Maybole Arms!!

Our very best to you both and keep up the fabulous work!!

Warmly, Sara & Briggs Cunningham

(Married Culzean Castle - 25th September, 2004)

I AM thrilled to have come across the Maybole website. My great grandfather, William McNab was born in Maybole on the 26th July, 1831 and I am seeking any information about his family. He had two brothers, Hugh the eldest remained in Scotland and a younger brother Andrew who we think migrated to New Zealand. William migrated to Newstead, Victoria Australia in 1853 arriving in Port Melbourne on the sailing vessel, "Ivanhoe". His son James named his property "Maybole". Family history is an absorbing and frustrating pastime but thrilling when you can add another piece to the jigsaw. Warm regards,

Ina le Bas,  
From the most easterly point in Australia - Byron Bay

I DON'T know if you'll remember us but we visited your township in 2002. My name is Johnna Jamieson. I visited with my sister Cathryn Jamieson searching for information on our heritage. After our fun visits to Cassillis Pub, and other fine places, I never got a chance to thank the folks there and hope you may mention that in a column sometime.

Sandy and her Dad at Cassillis, and another Jamieson we met there Catherine, who had lots of ideas. Also the people at the registrar office who spent hours with us and those old heavy books. Unfortunately, I had the wrong birth certificate for my grandfather during that trip. All the folks we thought we were not related to probably are.

I am planning a return trip hopefully in August of this year with my daughter Jamie Jamieson. I look forward to seeing Maybole again and having my daughter see the land her great grandparents came from. Thanks again,  
Johnna Jamieson

MY name is Toshiaki Kitagaki, and I am a curator of the Kiseki Museum of World Stones, which is located at the base of Mt. Fuji in Japan. Our museum was established in 1971 to specialise in the field of earth science. We exhibit, introduce, and plan educational projects on themes mainly concerning stones.

We have planned and started to produce an easy-to-understand free-booklet for our visitors to arouse their further interests in stones. In this booklet, we are considering of introducing curling stone as an example of a close relation between sports and natural science (earth science, stones). In studying about curling stone, we found a beautiful photo of Scotland's Ailsa Craig, where curling stones come from, in your website. It is the photo taken by Mr. Davie Law and the title of the photo is "South End of the Island and Paddle Boat Waverley".

We would like to know if we could use above-mentioned photo at the size of 1024 x 768 in our free-booklet. If this is possible, credit will be given to your site and/or Mr. Davie Law. Please advise us how we should ask for permission to use the photo. We look forward to your generous understanding and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Toshiaki Kitagaki,  
The Kiseki Museum of World Stones, 3670 Yamamiya, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka 418-0111, Japan

LAST year my Mom, sister, brother-in-law and I visited Maybole. I would like to thank you and the townsfolk for the great hospitality. My Mom and I are considering a return trip to Maybole next summer. I have learned to ask the locals for advice about shelter, food and little known gems of an area. Are there any other bed and breakfasts, motels, inns, etc. in Maybole that you would recommend? Homelea was a wonderful home and our host was very nice, but we would like to check out all the options. Mom and I are coming this time to meet folks and continue our genealogy search. Is there an establishment in the area where we could stay that would have more guests? If not, where might we go during the day or evening hours for friendly conversation? We already know the Welltrees Inn and love it. Also, if we have to fly into Glasgow, do you have suggestions on what mode of transportation we would use to get to Maybole? I saw in the news about the protest for a bypass. I was wondering, will a bypass not hurt your businesses or have I misunderstood your term bypass? Here, shop owners would scream blue murder if a town wanted to put in a bypass. I can understand the pedestrians concern, though. I do appreciate any help you can offer.

Thank you,  
Kathy Bone, West Virginia, USA

I AM a transplanted Glaswegian living in the United States since 1959. I am taking online classes to learn how to create my first Web page. The theme will be "Cruising on the Clyde". I am writing to ask permission to copy a photo of Ailsa Craig from the Ailsa Craig Photogallery on your website to include on my web page. This would not be used for any commercial purposes. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Gwen Steeley

VERY excited to find the Maybole website and the census quite by accident! I am researching for a trip to Scotland later in the year and wanted to visit the town where my husband's great grandfather was born. I think I may have found his gr gr grandparents on the census. I would like to register the surname Clydesdale on the site to perhaps find out further info.

Thanking you  
Pam Clydesdale

WELL I see wee Mary Watson's story has made it all the way to the Maybole & District News. Thank you for honouring her memory. Thanks again.

Carol McLellan

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# A Royal visit 50 years on

By David Kiltie

DO you remember 1956? Outside of Maybole there were a few things happening. There was the Suez crisis, when President Nasser seized the Canal in July; Japan joined the United Nations; there was discontent in Poland and a revolt in Hungary which led to national tragedy as the West stood helplessly by; the first nuclear power station in Britain was opened by the Queen in October; Peter Twiss became the first man to take the world air speed record beyond 1,000 m.p.h.— 1,132 m.p.h. in a Fairey Delta 2; compulsory tests on road worthiness of road vehicles were introduced; Malenkov, a member of the Russian government, visited Burns Cottage; Bulganin and Krushchev visited Britain; Premium Bonds were introduced in the Budget by the Chancellor of the Exchequer (they were described by someone called Harold Wilson as a "squalid raffle"); Joe Grimond became leader of the Liberal Party; Sir Anthony Eden was Prime Minister and Dwight D. Eisenhower was re-elected as President of the U.S.A.

But in Maybole 1956 was the year that the Queen and Prince Philip came to town. Carrick's ancient capital had made an all out effort to show its pleasure at the Royal visit. Flags, bunting, banners and flowers were everywhere. The centre of activity was a dais erected outside the Town Hall, where there was a beautiful setting of flowers and potted plants. The sun shone, crowds thronged the streets and Maybole Magistrates were wearing their new robes for the first time. The Royal visitors made their way to the Town Hall via Ladyland Road, Miller Street and Whitehall. In the Town Hall the Queen signed the visitors' book with an

18-carat gold fountain pen while the Duke of Edinburgh used his own pen. The couple then autographed two portraits of themselves. When all the ceremonies were past they returned to their car and left the town by way of High Street and Cassillis Road to the accompaniment of Maybole Pipe Band. The previous occasion on which a Royal signature was entered in the visitors' book was in 1926 when Prince Charles' predecessor as Earl of Carrick and Prince of Wales, the late Duke of Windsor, visited the town. The magistrates' new robes had been bought by money raised from the sale of burgh band instruments, a decision which is still talked about in Maybole. The Rev. A.M. Douglas described the failure of his congregation to decide which of the two churches, Cargill or Kincaig, should be retained as "a great disappointment." 1956 was also Mr. Douglas's Silver Jubilee and he was presented with a television set and a cheque to mark his 25 years service in Maybole. The Rev. Jack Murray, the first missionary from Maybole Baptist Church to carry out evangelical work in the foreign field, had returned, for a short stay, to the town after an absence of 10 years. Ex-Provost T. Hicks retired from the Town Council and it was agreed that one of the streets in the first housing scheme to be erected should be named after him. Little use was being made of the radio set in the library, so the Town Council agreed not to renew the licence. Twelve houses at Ballony were to be demolished. Dancers at the Saturday evening dances were not admitted unless they were "properly dressed".

Maybole's Road Safety Quiz Team brought renown to the Burgh, although they did not win the top prize of a visit to Roy Rogers' ranch in

California. The team was Jean Corbett (Captain); Janie Nimmo; Andrew Eccles and Sandy Nicholson, reserves were Jim Douglas and Evelyn Shaw.

Calcutta Avenue had its name changed to St. John's Lane.

Damage was being done to shrubs in the open space behind Cairn School, apparently through children playing marbles.

There was no election in Maybole for the first time since May, 1949. Councillors re-elected unopposed were Mrs. Mary McLean; Mrs. Sarah Dunn; Mr. W. Cuthbert and Mr. J. McDowall. Local stationmaster Mr. W. Greggan took the fifth seat to replace Ex-Provost Hicks.

64th Ayrshire (Maybole) Detachment of the Red Cross was presented with the Winton Cup.

Winners in Maybole's gardens competition were:—

All round Garden: 1. J. Fergusson, 17 Whitefaulds Quadrant; 2. Robert Paul, 15 Whitefaulds Quadrant; 3. Wm. G. Robertson, 4 Kirkmichael Road.

Flower Garden: 1. John Kenny, 38 Whitefaulds Avenue; 2. John Ferguson, 28 Queens Terrace; 3. Robert McCulloch, 11 Crosshill Road.

Novice Section: 1. Thomas Faulds, 12 Kincaig Crescent; 2. Wm. Mearadie, 11 Kincaig Crescent Garden Plots: 1. Wm. Hunter, 52 Kirkoswald Road; 2. John Kennedy, 11 Wellington Street; 3. Charles Mundell, 14 Whitehall.

Maybole Pipe Band was trying to raise funds to buy new tunics for its 22 members. The tunics cost £10-£12 each.

Elizabeth Gill, 58 Whitefaulds Avenue, left for a year's linguistic study in Lisbon as part of her



TOWN Clerk David Briggs, left, looks on as Prince Philip signs the town's visitors book and Queen Elizabeth examines the Town Mace.

preparations for missionary work in Portuguese West Africa.

The Co-op's Boot and Shoe Department, High Street, won first prize in the S.C.W.S. window display competition.

Miss "CARRIE-KAKADEMY" made her debut in a marionette and glove puppet show presented by secondary 111A in the Kincaig Church Hall.

Dogs in Maybole lost their voices.

Apparently an outbreak of laryngitis affected at least 30 dogs.

The Women's Branch of the Maybole British Legion had their "Parcels for the Soldiers" scheme in operation. Organised annually since 1951, Christmas parcels were sent to Maybole servicemen as far apart as Germany, Middle East and Far East.

And Ayr United, under manager Neil McBain, were promoted to the top division in Scottish Football.



THE Queen waves to Maybole residents as she leaves the Town Hall.

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# Gala to be bigger and brighter



MAYBOLE Gala week takes place next month and promises to be bigger and brighter than ever.

The gala week will run from June 11-17 with plenty of celebrations and activities for everyone to enjoy.

**Sunday 11th June 3.00pm**  
ECUMENICAL SERVICE at Crossraguel  
(buses from the Greenside from 2.15pm)

**Monday 12th June 7.30 pm**  
QUIZ NIGHT (Hosted by Carrick Sports Club)  
Magnificent prizes!!! — to enter a team or if you want to come along on your own and take Pot Luck with a team, call Dave Killicoat on 07776 445033 or come along on the night.

**Thursday 15th June 6.30 pm**  
PET SHOW at the stadium (Free entry)  
No prior entry required just turn up with your furry (or feathery) friends. Prizes kindly sponsored by The Pet Food Co. Ltd., High Street, Maybole

**All week**  
BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION (Free entry). (Two Sections—Hard Landscaping and Soft Landscaping; Entry applications to June Dunlop at June's Flowers in the High Street)  
BEST DRESSED SHOP WINDOW (Free entry)  
No entry form required just dress up your shop window and the committee will judge the best one—prizes awarded on Friday evening 16th June.

**PLUS THE BIG GALA DAY ON JUNE 17**  
Grand Parade from Carrick Academy to the Glebe Park at 1.00pm with prizes for best groups & best parasol/umbrella, Maybole Pipe Band, Dalmellington Brass Band then the crowning of the Gala King and Queen and the Trooping of the Colours of the Royal British Legion Scotland (Maybole Branch) the first branch in the country followed by Fancy Dress, entertainment, local groups' stalls, races, tug o' war, pony rides, fairground and our local emergency services with a theme for this year of the Queen's 80th Birthday and the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the British Legion in Maybole.

## Opening time again for castle

MAYBOLE Historical Society in conjunction with Culzean & Cassillis Estates is again opening Maybole Castle to the public.

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June – Sunday 4th (2 – 4.30); Saturday 17th (10 – 4) Maybole Gala; Wednesday 21st (2 – 4.30).

July – Sunday 2nd (2 – 4.30); Saturday 8th (2 – 4.30); Sunday 16th (2 – 4.30); Tuesday 18th (6 – 9); Saturday 22nd (10 – 1); Sunday 30th (2 – 4.30).

August – Saturday 5th (2 – 4.30); Thursday 10th (6 – 9); Wednesday 16th (2 – 4.30); Sunday 20th (2 – 4.30); Saturday 26th (10 – 1).

September – Sunday 3rd (09.30 – 12.30) Doors Open Day; Thursday 7th (6 – 9);

Saturday 16th (10 – 1); Sunday 17th (2 – 4.30); Monday 18th (2 – 4.30); Sunday 24th (2 – 4.30); Wednesday 27th (2 – 4.30); Saturday 30th (2-4.30).

Last entry one hour before closing. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

If you wish to arrange a special group tour of the Castle, a meeting or a function please contact Dave Killicoat Tel. 07776 445033 (e-mail maybole@scotsfamilies.co.uk)

Helen McAdam Tel. 01655 884255 OR Murray Cook Tel. 01655 883235

## Get in step and gear up for town twinning

THIS year sees the return of the successful walking and cycle tour hosted by Maybole Town Twinning Association, and visitors will be arriving from Crosne, Schotten, Bogen, Arco, Beloeil and Rymarov.

The guests will be staying at Auchincruive, and will take part in the two day walking and cycling tour of Ayrshire.

The tour is open to anyone who would like to take part, you don't have to live in Maybole or be a Town Twinning member, and as well as the walking and cycling, there are some excellent social events over the weekend.

The programme will be:  
**Wednesday 5th July**

● Guests arrive at Auchincruive and get fed in preparation for the next days' activities.

**Thursday 6th July**

● Breakfast at 8 am, followed by a 9:30 am

start, with walkers starting from Alloway and walking approximately 5 miles and visiting the beach, Greenan Castle and Robert Burns sites.

● The cyclists will start from Auchincruive and visit Alloway, Dunure, Maybole, Crosshill and Kirkmichael – approximately 35 miles!

● The expected finish time is around 6:30 pm, and dinner and entertainment at Auchincruive will start at 7:30, so just time for a quick shower and change out of the cycling shorts.

**Friday 7th July**

● Again, breakfast at 8 am for those who can face it, followed by a 9:30 start. The walkers will leave from Auchincruive and walk along the River Ayr, into the heart of Ayr and return. In Ayr there will be some sightseeing. Approximately 5 miles.

● Cyclists will do a circular tour of

Auchincruive, taking in the villages of Coynton, Hollybush, Dronan and Mossblown. Approximately 30 miles.

● Again everyone should be back at Auchincruive by around 6:30 pm in time for the Grand Barbecue and music at 7:30 pm.

**Saturday 8th July**

● Breakfast at 8 am, followed by a 9:30 pick up for a visit to Glasgow, and a chance to see the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

● Return to Auchincruive for the farewell dinner at 7 pm.

**Sunday 9th July**

● Guests leave to return home tired, but happy!

If you feel like taking part, please contact Hugh Anderson on 01655 883150 or William Grant on 01655 883312.

## New activity putting Maybole on the map

GEOCACHING is a new activity which is emerging in the UK.

Already popular in the United States, it is a kind of treasure hunt using a GPS (Global Positioning System) – a bit like orienteering. For those of you who have never heard of GPS, and I'm sure there will be quite a few, it takes positions from satellites and calculates your position, anywhere on the planet, to within a few metres. They are commonly used on boats, and more and more in cars for people who can't read maps!

Maybole Resource Centre has just secured funding from South Ayrshire Adult Literacies Partnership to run a course in Geocaching for 16-25 year olds in Maybole

and the surrounding villages.

The aims of the course will be to teach the basics in map reading, how to read and understand co-ordinates, how to plot a route taking into consideration the terrain, weather conditions and the ability of the participants, and calculate the time it will take to get to your destination.

On top of this, there will be locations to be reached which contain geocaches (the treasure!) which have to be found and logged on the website – www.geocaching.com.

The idea is that when you find the geocache you take something from it, and leave something new. Quite often it will be something like a Tupperware box, or a plastic bag

with little items like toys, pens or notepads inside.

Participants in the course will have the opportunity to get out and about in the countryside to find the geocaches, and also to create their own for other people to find.

It will be run in partnership with ACE – the Activity Centre for Education, by Chris Saunders and his staff who have a wealth of experience in all kinds of outdoor activities.

The course is going to run over twelve weeks, beginning in June, and recruiting will start soon, so if you, or anyone you know would be interested, please contact Gillian at Maybole Resource Centre on 01655 884022.

## Village Galas and Fun Days

### CROSSHILL GALA WEEK

**Sun 21st May**  
FUN RUN followed by BARBECUE

Main Run 7 miles  
Family Run 3 miles  
Registration 1pm at Community Centre

**Tue 23rd May**  
CAR TREASURE HUNT followed by BARBECUE  
Registration 6.30pm at Community Centre

**Thu 25th May**  
PET SHOW and VILLAGE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT followed by BARBECUE

PET SHOW starts at 6.00pm and FOOTBALL at 6.30pm  
Both events at Football Field

**Sat 27th May**  
GALA DAY – Gala Queen and Page, Parade, Kids Races, Pillow Fights, Water Stocks, Home Baking, Music, Burger Stall and more.

### DUNURE HARBOUR GALA

**15th July** – Live music, stalls, kids entertainment, home baking, plants, fresh fish, barbecue, Girvan Lifeboat and lots of competitions.

### MAIDENS HARBOUR GALA

**26th August** – Maidens Mermaid, entertainment, bric-a-brac, home baking, kippers, barbecue, kids entertainment, Girvan Lifeboat and beer tent.

### KIRKOSWALD AND MAIDENS FÊTE

**15th July** – Traditionally, the church fete, but this year opened up to community groups from the two villages. Lots of stalls, entertainment, afternoon teas and fun for kids. Held at Maidens Bowling Club.

### STRAITON FUN DAY

**26th August** – This year the theme is Science Fiction, so dress up if you dare! The annual Hill Race starts at 1 pm, and there will also be kids' races, fancy dress competitions, "Toss the Sheaf", Stalls, Cream Teas and a beer tent. New this year is the addition of a Craft Village.

## Carrick Contacts List

### CROSSHILL VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Carrick Round Table	Mr Alan Thom	01655 750226
Crosshill & Straiton WRI	Margaret Logan	01655 770275
Crosshill Beavers	Adelle Ross	07917 844 730
Crosshill Brownies	Elaine Campbell	01655 740521
Crosshill Community Association	Amanda Jackson	01655 740 275
Crosshill Cubs	Mrs Moira Paton	01655 770384
Crosshill Mums and Toddlers	Emma Broun	01655 883994
Crosshill Village Club	Mrs B White	01655 740391
Crosshill WRI	Mrs K Hamilton	01655 740378
Crosshill Yoga Group	Jenny	01563 511246
Crosshill Youth Club	Brian Robb	01655 740327

### DAILY VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Daily Bowling Club	Gavin Sloan	01465 811376
Daily Homing Society	George Morrison	01465 811414
Daily Ladies Indoor Bowls Club	Margaret Scobie	01465 811529
Daily Over 60s Club	Gerry Scobie	01465 811529
Daily Scouts	Ronnie Turnbull	01465 811424
Daily Sports Project	Kenny Anderson	01465 816600
Daily Women's Guild	Mrs D Coleman	01465 713104
Daily Yoga Group	Fiona de Faye	01465 811427
Daily Young Anglers	Brian McLintont	07834 127 745
Daily Youth Club	Vera Wilson	07870 314 140

### DUNURE VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Dunure Community Council	Jean McGinn	01292 500227
Dunure Harbour Committee	Andrew Banyard	01292 440807
Dunure Mums and Toddlers	Jane Cruise	01292 500221
Dunure Youth Club	John Eaglesham	01292 500420

### KIRKMICHAEL VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Happy Hours Playgroup	Val Easson	01655 750318
Kirkmichael Bowling Club	Robert White	01655 750401
Kirkmichael Carpet Bowls Club	Robert White	01655 750401
Kirkmichael Craft Guild	Mrs Thom	01655 750373
Kirkmichael Mums & Toddlers	Angie Woods	01655 750518
Kirkmichael Over 60s Club	Mrs J Whiteford	01655 750305
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Kirkmichael PTA	Margaret Allan	01655 750285
Kirkmichael Sunday School	Mrs Jones	01655 750286
Kirkmichael Women's Group	Jackie Bryan	01655 740002
Kirkmichael Women's Guild	Mrs Jones	01655 750286
Kirkmichael WRI	Mrs Elizabeth Veitch	01465 713796
Kirkmichael Youth Club	Kenny Anderson	01655 716622
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### KIRKOSWALD VOLUNTARY GROUPS

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Kirkoswald Kids Club	Ann McLean	01655 883894
Kirkoswald Mudy Thai Club	Sharon Cruikshank	0771 606 6695
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### MAIDENS VOLUNTARY GROUPS

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Maidens Harbour Committee	John Thornburn	01465 813120

### MINISHANT VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Association of Scottish Smallholders	J Riome	01292 443440
Minishant and District SWRI	Helen McAdam	01655 884255
Minishant Wednesday Club	Mrs Glynis Tuck	01655 883613

### STRAITON VOLUNTARY GROUPS

Straiton Carpet Bowls Club	Margaret Logan	01655 770275
Straiton Hall Committee	Margaret Logan	01655 770275
Straiton Toddlers	Carol Mason	01655 770365
Straiton Whist Club	Margaret Logan	01655 770275
Straiton Women's Guild	George Watson	01655 770628

If your group or club is not listed, it means that we don't have your contact details. If that is the case, please contact Gillian at Maybole Resource Centre on 01655 884022 or email: gillian.anderson@may-tag.com