

# 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.

The site also acts as a valuable source of information for people planning a visit this much loved part of Scotland, either from abroad or from elsewhere in the UK.

Local people are also able to find out what's happening in the area.



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.

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,  
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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

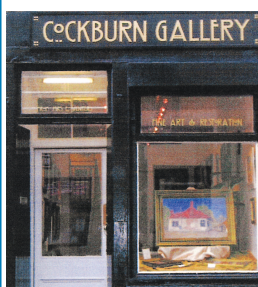
Pam Clydesdale

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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