Public meeting – all welcome Members Free - Visitors £2

Maybole Castle
Monday 6th October
7:30pm

Tom Barclay:

The Smugglers of Carrick

Tom Barclay is a kenspeckle figure in Ayrshire as the Council’s Local Studies Librarian based at the Carnegie Library, Ayr. He is a native of Stewarton, where he currently resides. He has spoken previously to the Society about the Roundheads in Ayrshire and exiled Covenanters in the Carolinas. His talk will cover the widespread trade in the 17th century involving many Carrick families including relatives of Robert Burns. Recent research names the people and places, such as the “Battle” of Hollowshean Muir between the revenue officers and troops against the smugglers.

Illustration © Frances Wilkins, author of several books on smuggling such as The Loans Smugglers and The Smuggling Trade Revisited.

Future Meetings

3rd November
Derek Alexander: Estate of the Nation: archaeological discoveries at Culzean

1st December
Celebration of Scotland

Looking ahead …
2010 is the 1,100th anniversary of the founding of the Abbey of Cluny. Celebrations are planned for Crossraguel and Paisley Abbeys.

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