CROSSRAGUEL ABBEY

[See also various articles, &c., transcribed on succeeding pages, and HS Guidebook]

List 8 — A Cluniac monastery founded by Duncan, Earl of Carrick, in 1244, as a subordinate house of Paisley. The remains are very extensive and consist of the church, claustral buildings, outer court with an imposing castellated gatehouse, and abbot's house with a strong tower attached. Refs: Ancient Monuments Guide, VI, 79-80; Ecc Arch, II, 402-419; C&DA, III, 385-386. A.

Richardson, 44 — The smaller corbels of C15 date are frequently like the oak misericord carvings in England and show subjects other than those taken from natural history, but derived from classical mythology, the bestiary, satires on religion and sports and pastimes. Thus we find at Roslin a mermaid with comb and glass in hand shown with her tail curved round the leg of a mariner. At Crossraguel Abbey on the label corbel of a chapterhouse window a mermaid is represented only with her attributes, while on the capital of the SW pillar of the crossing at the cathedral of Aberdeen, she is again depicted, but in company with a merman, who carries the mariner.

AA, Th 18.6.1840, 2a — Poem by M.P., Maybole. Lines Addressed to the Ruins of Crosraguell Abbey. Strongly anti-Catholic in sentiment. Copy herewith.
[There is an inference in the poem that restoration work is goin on - this would fit with Morris's (1887) 'about fifty years ago.'

AA 11.9.1873 — Article by Mr Galloway.

Stamp [1897] — In 1897, [R W] Schultz surveyed the splendid ruins of Crossraguel Abbey, ... and "advised as to what repairs shd be undertaken", but nothing was done. [Letter Book: 1897]

Glenfield Ramblers, V 10, 1930, p90 — Visited June 1923. Visit led by J Wilson Paterson MBE ARIBA, "who has charge of the restoration work".

Sc.Mag, n.s., vol 98, no.6, March 1973, 538 — Sketch of Crossraguel Abbey by Hubert Fenwick

CROSSRAGUEL MINT

AA 1.1.1920 — Long article on Crossraguel Mint, taken from Scotsman 27.12.1919.

nr — Theory, 1983, is that coins were not minted here.

KIRKOSWALD PARISH CHURCH [1], and GRAVEYARD

List 2 — Ruinous. Presents an ancient appearance, but closer examination shows that it has been modernized beyond recognition when converted into a mausoleum - Graveyard contains graves of Tam o' Shanter, Souter Johnnie and other associates of Robert Burns. Ref: Ecc Arch, III, 582. B.

EACT 6 [AA, Th 12.6.1890, 7d] — In 1563 a number of people were charged with holding masses here, and at the Maybole Collegiate Church. See Ref.

BURNS' MATERNAL ANCESTORS

AA 9.8.1883 — Tombstones of Burns' ancestors. Old stone framed in a new one of durable Annan rock. Restoration has been most satisfactorily executed by Mr Joseph Boyd, Ayr, sculptor, under the direction of Messrs Hay & Henderson, Edinburgh, architects.

AA, Th 25.9.1890, 7c — Referring to recently deceased Dr Charles Rogers: 'In the work of rearing memorials to eminent Scotsmen he has had no equal'. Wallace Monument - Ettrick Shepherd - Robert the Bruce, Stirling, &c - 'he wrought for the restoration of the tombstone at Kirkoswald over the grave of the maternal ancestors of Burns'.

FONT

AP 2.6.1939 — Recently erected in old kirkyard, near entrance, is an old font, allegedly that from Chapel Donan.

KIRKOSWALD PARISH CHURCH [2]

List [P/AL/5/AR - June 1963] 1 — 1777; some late additions, 1677 Dutch bell. Has rusticated quoins and fine Palladian details, but these are now seen to disadvantage since the removal of the harling. Ref: Hay, 91,194 & 249. A.

Hay 91 — Towards the end of the [C18] some admirable T-kirks were built in Ayrshire, not the least attractive of which are those of Kirkmichael and Kirkoswald. [Kirkoswald] built in 1777 has rusticated quoins and fine Palladian detauils, but these are now seen to great disadvantage since the removal of the harling. Inside, the Ailsa loft in the north aisle has a bowed front, Doric pilasters, columns and entablature.

Guthrie — It is traditionally the work of Robert Adam. Dr Alastair Rowan, after visiting the church, concluded that Adam came across the church when it was half finished and recommended a number of changes to the plan. This theory would account for the obvious Adam influence and the total lack of documentary evidence.

NMRS — 1776, James Smith and Lord Ailsa

AA 29.12.1892 — To be re-opened 1.1.1893 after extensive repairs and improvements.

AA 13.2.1902 — Order for new organ placed with Messrs Norman and Beard, Norwich.

AA 30.10.1902 — Organ to be dedicated 2.11.1902. Norman & Beard Ltd, Norwich.

AA 3.4.1924 — War Memorial roll of honour unveiled last Sunday. Des: Hamish Baikie. Exec: J Wippell & Co., Exeter.

Nr — Restoration after fire, 1997

STAINED GLASS

Honey draft — 2 s.g. windows here (2 light I was a Stranger - I was Thirsty, and 2 light Suffer little Children) are c.1880, probably W & J J Kier, and came from Maybole Kincraig) Installed here in the 1950s.

COMMUNION PLATE

AA, Th 29.8.1968, 15bcd — Description, photograph.

KIRKOSWALD MANSE [1]

List 3 — Built 1771. Ashlar; 2 storeys; 3 sash windows; low parapet and cornice, ridge roof, odern end brick stacks; centre pilastered doorway. Ref: NSA, V, 785-786. B.

NMRS — 1847, James Paton, Ayr

AA 30.12.1847 — Conts - Manse - James Paton & Son, Ayr. Offers to Thomas Dykes, Maybole Castle.

KIRKOSWALD, CHURCH HALL, Kirk Road

SVR 1972-1973 — 19.11.1972

KIRKOSWALD MANSE [2]

CO3/8/7/5 Bldg Wrt BA 1136 — House by parish church - Hay Steel MacFarlane & Partners, Kilmarnock - Warrant granted 3.4.1967. Planning application C4023.

KIRKOSWALD FREE CHURCH

Ewing — 1849

KJ 30.11.1848 — Site granted by Lord Ailsa. [He] is also desirous they should erect their place of worship according to a plan of which he should himself speedily furnish them with a sketch. [From Scottish Guardian]

AA, Th 1.5.1851, 4d — Formally opened 20.4.1851. “Neat and comfortable place of worship”.

AA 8.12.1881 — Re-opened Sunday last; the entire interior has been remodelled. Mr Andrew, Kilmarnock, architect, furnished the design.

KLDC, Planning applcn P/854/76 Conversion to house, approved 15 December 1976.

KIRKOSWALD FREE CHURCH MANSE

Ewing 1862

KIRKOSWALD, BOWLING GREEN

ACC Planning, A4814 June 1952. Bowling Green, Kirkoswald, for Kirkoswald Bowling Club.

KIRKOSWALD, CEMETERY

ACC Planning, 5048 February 1948. New Cemetery, Corrieston Farm, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, HhC 3.5.1951 Brick Wall, &c. T Faulds & Sons (Maidens) Ltd., £640 2s 10d.

KIRKOSWALD, POLICE STATION

County Constabulary, Annual Report, 1970

Closed 1st September 1970

KIRKOSWALD, PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

ACC Planning, A7791 September 1954. Toilets, Kirkoswald, for Ayr County Council.

KIRKOSWALD, RICHMOND HALL

AP 23.1.1925 To be formally opened tonight by Marquis of Ailsa. Cream freestone. Caithness grey slates. Architect: James Miller, Glasgow.

AA 29.1.1925 Sketch. 5 buildings by Miller in south Ayrshire - Kildonan, Barrhill Public Hall, Turnberry, Blanefield and this hall.

AA, CO3/19/1/2 1974-5 extension to form toilet. Ayr CC Architects Department; project architect **H Hendry**.

KIRKOSWALD SCHOOL

NMRS 1850, Reid, Maybole.

ASH 11.9.1858 "A neat-looking schoolroom has recently been built at the entrance to the village".

AA 18.4.1861, 1e Advert for schoolmaster. The school room is "new", and the dwelling house "commodious".

AA 17.6.1875 Conts - additions to Kirkoswald School - James Muckart, Cassillis & Culzean E.O., Maybole.

CO3/12/2/9 FLC 9.1.1925 Alterations, Kirkoswald Schoolhouse, for AEA.

ACC Planning, B52 May 1956. Alterations (to form staff room), Kirkoswald Primary School, for Ayr County Council.

HEADMASTER

1899 - April 1932 Lachlan Swanson Baikie, c.1869 - 1956. Obit in AP, 16.3.1956, 10f

KIRKOSWALD, WAR MEMORIAL

AA 3.11.1921 Unveiled last Sunday. H McLachlan, Ayr, sculptor.

MAIDENS, BOWLING GREEN

AA 16.6.1887 New bowling green was opened on Saturday. On the shore close to the convalescent home between Maidens and Culzean.

MAIDENS CHAPEL

RCAHMS, ATD/173/2 Kirkoswald School Board: Plan of Hall at The Maidens: February 1892. From Ailsa muniments. Unsigned. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

sv 071006 — Timber roofed interior. Iron windows with small pane diamond pattern, **James Allan senior & Son, Glasgow**.

BAROMETER

SV 071006 — Fitzroy Barometer. Inscription: Presented/ to the/ Fishermen at the Maidens/ by/ a few friends of the rescued/ in recognition/ of the prompt action/ of/ Andrew Rae, Thomas Girvan, James Boden/ Daniel Rodgers and William Sloan/ in saving the lives/ of/ David McCrindle, Thomas White & James Carey jr./ the crew of the smack/ "Jane of Girvan"/ which foundered off Turnberry/ on Sunday 10th October/ 1881.

MAIDENS, COMMUNITY CENTRE

ACC, YSFE 18.1.1950 — Proposed Community Centre in former Officers' Mess, owned by Sea Cadets.

ACC Planning, A2735 — September 1950. Cloakrooms and lavatories, Maidens Community Centre, for Maidens Community Association.

MAIDENS, POLICE STATION

County Constabulary, Annual Report, 1970
Closed 1st September 1970

MAIDENS, PUBLIC CONVENIENCE (FEMALE)

ACC Planning, A3831 — July 1951, for Ayr County Council.

MAIDENS, PUBLIC CONVENIENCE (GENTS)

ACC Planning, A8299 — March 1955, for Ayr County Council.

MAIDENS, SCHOOL [1]

CO 3/10/2/145 — 1.2.1909. KSB choose J K Hunter
3.3.1909, plans deemed to be too elaborate.
8.9.1909, Hunter's plans approved, and forwarded to Department.

CO3/12/2/4 FLC 21.10.1910 — School, M, for KSB.

AA 31.8.1911 — School opened last week at Maidens

AA, CO 3/10/3/8 PLC 7.7.1926 — Extension is now completed and occupied.

AA, CO 3/10/5/30, GPSC 18.9.1970
The accommodation at Maidens P.S. and at Dalmellington H G School in each case includes a wooden building transferred from Gretna just after WW1.

MAIDENS, SCHOOL [2], Shanter Road

AA, CO 3/10/5/32, GPC 20.10.1972
Let to Thomas Findlay & Sons Ltd., Mauchline, at £90,464.

AA, CO 3/10/5/35, GPC 17.1.1975 — School accommodation is complete.

SVR 1974-1975 — Occupied 27 January 1975.

TOWNHEAD SCHOOL

AA 25.2.1875 — Conts - School at Townhead - James Muckart, Cassillis & Culzean Estate Office, Maybole.

ACC Planning, 4593 — July 1947. Additions and alterations, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, BAHSC 20.10.1964 — Has a roll of 7, and the sole teacher is leaving. To close.

AA, Th 19.11.1964, 22abc — Reference to closure, with references to Gerald, son of -- Moulin, former manager at Turnberry, who is now himself top of profession at Caledonian, Edinburgh, and was a pupil at Townhead.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25, GPC 29.3.1965 — Closed Christmas 1964.

County Council, 28.6.1966 — Disponed to John Laurie.

TURNBERRY, WAR MEMORIAL, 19970727

Girvan TC, 13.1.1919	Letter from Secretary of Committee to provide a Monument at Turnberry to "those who having passed through the Fighting School were killed abroad."
Girvan TC, 16.4.1923	Invited to attend unveiling on Saturday 28th April 1923, by Marquis of Ailsa.
AP 4.5.1923	Unveiled last Saturday [28.4.23: GTB]. Grey granite. 22'. Unique. Crusaders sword and Air Cross badge. Design: Col H R Wallace of Busbie DSO. Sculptor work: Robert Grey, St Vincent St., Glasgow.
ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932	Royal Air Force War Memorial: administration remains with parish council (i.e., not transferred to ACC)

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