

The Jim Hamilton
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Newsletter



Front cover

Photo of **Derek Philips** of Galashiels during his recent visit to Coalburn on Wednesday 6th April 2011.

Derek, an active member of the American Civil War Society, has kindly agreed to return on Wednesday 4th April 2012 to give a talk on another episode of the American Civil War.

Deaths

Agnes LAMONT (Smith)

Phyllis MONKS

James BLACKWOOD

Mary HILLAN (Naismith)

William WHYTE

John KENNEDY

Robert LIGHTBODY

Thomas JARVIE

Charles WEIR

Helen BRYSON (Muir)

Ann DYET (Miller)

Catherine McAFIE (Overend)

DIARY DATE

Saturday 2nd JULY

ANNUAL GALA DAY

HERITAGE EXHIBITION

COALBURN LEISURE CENTRE

11am-3pm. Adm. FREE

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OPEN
TUESDAYS
& THURSDAYS
10am – 3pm

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 28th May

LESMAHAGOW FARMERS SOCIETY
ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The Showfield, Brocketsbrae, 9am – 5pm

www.lesmahagowfarmerssociety.co.uk

Friday 3RD June

JIM HAMILTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY

AT TESCO STORE, LESMAHAGOW

Saturday 2nd July

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Saturday 20th & Sunday 22nd August

SCOTLAND'S FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

SPECTACULAR ANNUAL EVENT

THE RACECOURSE, HYNDFORD ROAD, LANARK

Saturday 27th August

COALBURN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL SHOW at COALBURN SCHOOL

Starts 2pm

Upperward Almanac

A year ago I compiled an article regarding the Almanac of 1890 and the following is further information from that publication.

LESMAHAGOW SCHOOL BOARD consisted of Chairman, J.B. Greenshields of Kerse, James Duff, J. Lancaster, J. Lindsay M.D., John Harrison M. B., Thomas Mitchell, Merchant, Thomas Mitchell. Clerk, Isaac Lamonby; Treasurer, John Houston; Officers. W. L. Weir and J. Weir. Sum asked from rates, 1889-90, £1800. Meets first Thursday of each month.

SCHOOLS-Public, Lesmahagow, boys, (Pupils on roll, 215), Matthew Glover, M.A.; assistants, David Dickson, Peter Clemenston. Girls' (225), Margaret W. Grierson; assistants, Isabella Dickson, Marion Perrie. **Auchenheath** (180), J.L.Tait; assistants, Christina S. Barr; Gavina Brownlie. **Bellfield** (178), John Weir; assistants, C. Campbell, Jane Scott. **Bent** (95), W. Martin **Blackwood**, Boys' (192), D. Ferguson; assistant James Adamson; Girls' (160), Christina Campbell; assistant, Agnes Grant. **Hawksland** (58), Robert Morris. **Underbank** (264), R.S. Dewar, M. A., assistants, J. G. Bailie, Marion McGill, Martha Gilchrist. **Waterside** (50), Robert Gibson.

Additional bits and pieces from the same source

1881 Census details

Lesmahagow Parish

Families (2022)-Inhabited Houses (1877)-Windowed Rooms (5134)
Males (5149)-Females (4800). Total (9949) an increase of 1240 from 1871.
Children under 5 (1600) 6-14 (2371) and under 15 (209)

Polling Places and voters in 1890

Blackwood (358), Douglas (402), Lesmahagow (608).

In the year to 31st March 1889 there were 290 births, 158 deaths and 54 marriages in the Parish.

The following were members of the County Road Board (of the Upper Ward of Lanark) in 1890.

J.B Greenshields of Kerse, James Duff, Blackwood, John Lancaster, Heathfield and Thomas Hamilton, Poneil.

Message from the Chairman

Now that British Summer Time has arrived, we can look forward to a wonderful spell of lovely sunny weather!

The Burns' Supper was a great success and thanks to all who made it so. I am sure that a similar event will be arranged next year and as Jean Savage did such a wonderful job making all the arrangements for the initial venture it is only proper that she is awarded the task of doing so again.

John has been out and about again, firstly with a visit to New Trows WRI and in April he entertained Blackwood Darby and Joan Club.

A funding application was submitted to South Lanarkshire Council and a grant of £240 was made available and this is being used to provide an additional display cabinet and storage facilities in the Centre. We are anticipating a number of young visitors to the Centre in the next few weeks as children from the school are being taken on walks through the village and when time permits they will conclude their walk at the Centre. We are always glad to help with local information as required and a number of people have been assisted in this way.

Our thoughts will be soon be turning to the forthcoming Gala Day and I look forward to seeing many weel kent faces on 2nd July in the Leisure Centre.

Peter McLeish

3rd May 2011.

Sample of recent email enquiries via website.....

Hi, I am a Coalburn lass,. My dad was Wullie Walker, the butcher. My mum was Marigold Mathieson the hairdresser. I now live down south and on a recent visit came across the Coalburn Chronicles. I would love to see more. Is it possible to purchase them or a PDF file of them, and is someone else carrying on producing them since Mr Hamilton death. I am very interested in anything that has been produced and I have a large number of old photos of my granpas Jimmy Walker who resided in Garden Street. You can't imagine my joy when I watched a recent Taggart and was transported back to my granny's street. Thanks for your time. I am waiting with anticipation for your reply . Regards **Marie Sneddon**
ps yes, I married one the of the baker Sneddons marie.sneddon@tiscali.co.uk

Hi, I am researching my Family Tree and know that one of my Great Uncles worked at either Low or High Whiteside Farm near Lesmahagow. His name was Allan Cameron and he was married to Elizabeth Thomson. On his Death Certificate the informant was Robert Cameron, his son, whose address was Whiteside. Would anyone be able to help me find out any more about the family. The Camerons lived in Lesmahagow, latterly at Milton Cottages. I would be very grateful for any help. I have tried in the past to contact Lesmahagow Heritage Society, but to no avail. Many thanks **Isabel Hamilton**.ihamilton222@yahoo.co.uk

Hi, My query is 'What does IOR stand for in the name of Coalburn IOR Pipe Band?' Many thanks **Paul Sykes** paul.sykes01@yahoo.co.uk

Hello there, Currently tracing my family history and it has lead me to Coalburn. Just after any help you can give me if possible. My great grandfather was called John McClure and he was born in 1891. He lists his fathers address (his Father was called Alexander McClure) as Wood Lea Cottage, Coalburn. I assume this is no longer there? I am assuming that Alexander McClure was a coal miner. On the 1891 census there is an Alexander McClure and a Margaret McClure, listed as living in Wishaw. I did a quick search on this and it appears to be 20 minutes drive from Coalburn. Is it feasible to say this is probably the correct person and that he would have somehow commuted to work in Coalburn earlier in his life then moved to Wood Lea Cottage later? Any info would be great
Thanks **Pete McClure**.petemcclure@hotmail.com

The Parish of Lesmahagow

This parish, in 1860, second in acreage, but first in value in the Upper Ward, the area being, by Ordnance Survey, 41,533 acres, Crawford parish only exceeding this, with its 68,839 acres, but the rental of Lesmahagow was £43,475 against that of £11,250 for Crawford. This was exclusive of railway values in both cases.

Lesmahagow parish has the river Clyde for it's boundary on the east, from Wygateshaw southwards to the Clydesgrove in Carluke, and Holmfoot to opposite Harperfield in Lanark parish; on the south, by Douglas Water from Crookboat to the Ponfeigh Burn junction in Carmichael; and by the Poniel Water from Wolfcrooks westward to near the Ayrshire border below Auchinsilloch; on the south-west by the parish of Muirkirk, Ayrshire, from near the dam at Glenbuck, at the base of Cairn Hill, to Forrest's Cairn, but a short distance; thence north-west to Nether Kypeside by Strathaven; and by Stonehouse north-eastwards to Cander Water, on the marsh of Dalsersf parish; thence north-east to the Clyde at Wygateshaw in Carluke.

The parish has been described as being "of a broad, oval figure, the largest diameter being fourteen miles, and shortest about twelve".

On the Douglas, Muirkirk and Strathaven borders, the hills are of considerable height and number; that of Nutberry, 1712 feet, on the south-west, and the source of the Nethan Water; Priesthill, 1615, on the Ayrshire border; Auchinsilloch, mickle, 1609 and little, 1479, on the Douglas border; Auchengilloch 1514, east of Strathaven, and at the head of Kype Wwater, Auchenrobersnout, 1193; Dunside Rigg, 1308, the source of the Logan Water; the Law, 1376, near the head waters of the Poniel; Dillar Hill, 1017; Woodend,1072, and a range of heights upwards from the Clyde to the water-shed for the Vale of the Nethan.

The flood of the River Clyde occupies a large area in the parish and eastward of the upland heights. The parish is chiefly drained by the Nethan Water, which, from Nutberry Hill to the Clyde, has a course north-eastwards of about thirteen miles, and its banks are richly wooded and of surpassing beauty. The Logan Water is next in importance of the streams of the parish, but is scarcely half the length of the Nethan, into which it flows. The Kype Water is also of fair size, as it divides the parish on the west, and falls into the River Avon, above the village of Stonehouse; the burns are as many as might be expected to be found in a district so hilly.

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Syllabus 2011

Admission is FREE

ALL WELCOME – BRING A FRIEND – Tea/Coffee at 9pm
Wednesday, 7.30pm start. Access from 7pm

Coalburn Bowling Club

7 September Terry WOODS & Paul McGOWAN

Lanark Philately Society – History of the post in Clydesdale

21 September Dane LOVE, Scottish author - The Covenanters

5 October Ed ARCHER, Lanark archaeologist/historian

19 October John VEITCH, History of pharmacy in Lesmahagow

2 November Paul ARCHIBALD, Lanark historian – Mauchline Ware

16 November Dr ADDISON of Douglas

7 December Robbie ALLAN, My life with motor-cycles

16 December ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

WEBSITE

www.coalburnheritage.org.uk



PS

Please send another pair of socks

Photo: JZ 2010