

*Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn*

# **NEWSLETTER No 41**

**Opening of Miners'  
Welfare Institute,  
COALBURN.**



AND  
**Dedication of War Memorial,  
On FRIDAY, 3rd July, 1925.**

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*The Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn*

*Meetings twice monthly in Coalburn Bowling Club  
at 7.30pm on the first and third Wednesdays.*

*September to April.*

**ADMISSION FREE**

***Guest speakers at every meeting.***

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**Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3 pm.**

*Front cover photo.*

*Programme of the  
Opening of Coalburn Miners' Institute  
and Dedication of the War Memorial*

## Chairman's Remarks

Here we are almost at the close of another year when we look forward to our annual Christmas Dinner.

The guests we have had from September have once again provided a varied programme and among them were four persons entertaining us for the first time. The attendances have been excellent and it is encouraging that so many of you are prepared to come along. Many of the speakers have commented on that fact. This is often a factor when it comes to attracting folk to come along, whether it be a talk or a slideshow.

I am pleased to report that we have been able to put together a varied syllabus as can be seen elsewhere in this issue, which will take us to the end of the session. It is not always easy to compile on occasion, however it has been possible to arrange for a further four new speakers in addition to some whom we have had previously.

For personal reasons, John has not been able to be with us as regularly as before and we look forward to his speedy return.

We continue to receive articles for our collection from members, and also from visitors who have a local connection. Whatever the source, we are delighted to accept any item which is part of the history of the village and its residents.

Peter McLeish,  
November 2015.

# Syllabus

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Quiz	<i>"Weel kent faces"</i>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Robert Chapman	<i>Glasgow Folklore</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Campbell Thomson	<i>Lanarkshire Yeomanry</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Jeff Frew	<i>Nepal</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Jim Arnold	<i>New Lanark Trust</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Paul Archibald	<i>Clydesdale Inn</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Helen Foster	<i>Scran</i>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	AGM and Jim Brown	<i>The Trows</i>

## Deaths

George Naismith  
Margaret McGowan (Morrison)  
Margaret Allan (Banks)  
Martha Eaton (Lott)  
Margaret Morrison (Lawson)  
Alan Payne

# *Congratulations!*

The following organisations are celebrating important dates.

## The Miners' Welfare

90 years

*The building was opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1925.*

## The Church Guild

80 years

*The 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1935 was the date of the first meeting in Coalburn Church.*

## The Darby and Joan Cub

50 years

*December 1965 was the start date in the Scout Hall.*

### **Did you know?**

Paul Archibald one of our regular speakers and Jim Forrest who lived in Muirburn Place in Coalburn, were among the eight people who received Burgess Tickets for their individual contribution over several years within the Royal Burgh of Lanark.

In Jim's case it was for the work he has carried out as a coach with Kirkfield United Football Club and also as a member of the Clydesdale Sports Council.

## Merry Christmas

Ah'm a little fairy,  
On tap o' the Christmas tree,  
It's no' a joab a fancy,  
Well hoo wid ye be like tae be me?

A' tarted up wi' tinsel,  
It's enough tae mak ye boak,  
Wi a couple o' jaggy branches,  
Rammed up the back o' yer froak.

An' these wee lights aroon me,  
A canny get ma sleep,  
An' there's the annual visit,  
Fae Santa-the big fat creep!

Oan Christmas Day I'm stuck up here,  
While you're a' wirin' in,  
An' naebudy says, "Hey you up there,  
Could ye go a slug o' gin.

It's nae joke bein' a fairy,  
The job's beyond belief,  
Ye've goat tae go roon a' the wean's  
beds,  
An' lift their rotten teeth.

Bit o' a' the joabs a fairy gets,  
An' i've mentioned only some,  
The very worst is sitting up a tree,  
Wi' pine needles up yer bum.

When a' the fairies meet again,  
By the light of the silvery moon,  
Ye can tell the Christmas fairies,  
They're the wans that canny sit doon.

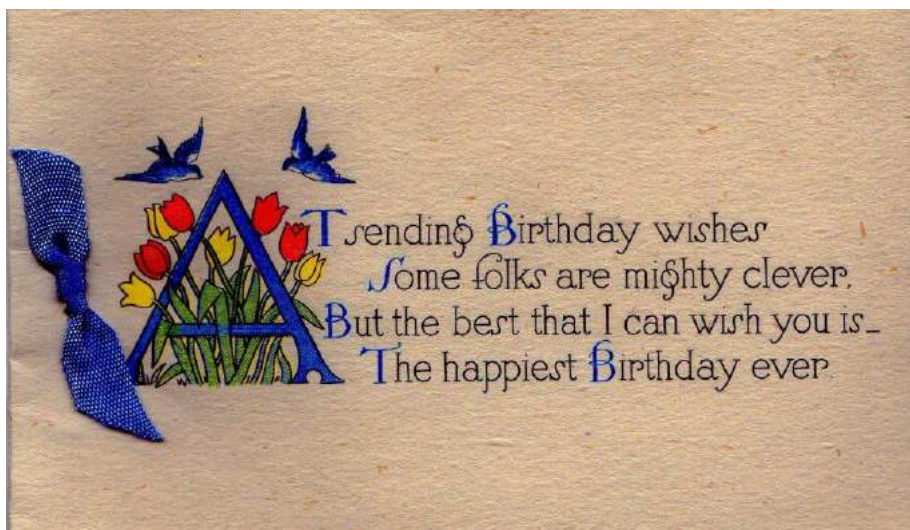
The Christmas tree's a bonny sight,  
As the firelight softly flickers,  
But think o' me, ah'm stuck up here,  
Wi' needles in my knickers.

As soon as Christmas time's right by,  
An' ah stoap bein' full o' cheer,  
Ah'll get awa' back tae Fairyland,  
An' ah'll see ye a' next year.



### Additions to our archive.

Ann Hermes, the daughter of the late Andrew and Nancy Hamilton recently donated a large number of items to the Society for which we are very grateful, and two of them are shown.







ARMS OF JOHN BROWN  
ESQ<sup>r</sup> OF AUCHLOCHAN

## ***RECENT VISITORS.***



***Lauren Lauriston.  
2<sup>nd</sup> September***



***Jimmy Clarkson and Geoff Brown.  
16<sup>th</sup> September***



***Martin Stepek with Peter McLeish  
7<sup>th</sup> October***

**COALBURN ADVERTISEMENTS**

JUNIOR UNIONIST MEETING. --See advert. Under Lesmahagow.

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COALBURN WELFARE BADMINTON CLUB -- A.G.M. in Lesser Hall,  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 8.30 pm.

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COALBURN WELFARE JUVENILE F.C. --Dance in Welfare Hall, Coalburn,  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 7 pm to 11 pm. Admission 1/6. Bus at 11 pm. To  
Ponfeigh, Kirkfieldbank and Lanark.

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**LANARK DIVISIONAL LABOUR PARTY.**

**DEMONSTRATION**

In

**Welfare Hall, Coalburn**

on

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

at 7.30 pm.

**Speaker:**

The RT. Hon. **JAMES GRIFFITHS, M.P.**

Minister of National Insurance.

Supporting Programme:

**GLASGOW SOCIALIST CHOIR**

Conductor: James B. Houston, M.A..

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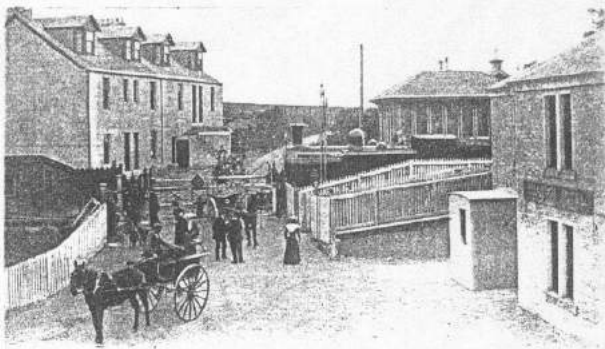
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The Station Hotel was built at Coalburn to provide good accommodation for surveyers and mining engineers visiting to undertake developing work in the coalmines. The Kirk Session of Coalburn Church objected in 1897 to the granting of a licence being of the opinion that no additional facilities were necessary for the sale of intoxicating liquor.



PHOTOS 1 to 4

1 - 1905

Coalburn Station with Station Hotel on right and Station Terrace on left



2 - 1986

Coalburn Station Hotel At Burnside House on the right, the shop had just been demolished.



3 - 1996

Station Hotel from Braehead Brae showing building destroyed by fire



4 - 1996

Building being demolished and ground cleared



## THE STATION HOTEL IN WORDS AND PICTURES.