

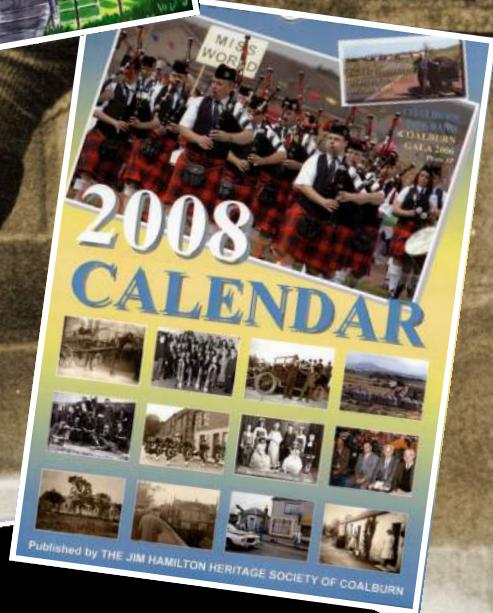
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Message from the Chairman

Peter McLeish

Here we are again with another Newsletter. The big news is the fact that we have moved into the display area and have it open to the public Monday to Friday from 10am until 2pm. This may change if necessary. The official opening will be at 1pm on Saturday 24th November with Mrs Maureen Hamilton doing the honours on the day.

While the display area is open daily I would like to see more volunteers to assist on a day to day basis. It is an ideal opportunity for everyone to be able to find out exactly what items are available and find out where they are !

We have now got our new laser printer and it is anticipated that it will allow John to produce future publications for the Society at a quicker rate than in the past.

The guest speakers we have had have been first class and it is also encouraging that we have had a number of new members in attendance since we resumed in September.

Thanks once again for your support.

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Front Cover Images

- 1 Dr Charles Douglas of Auchlochan, c 1912
- 2 Garden Street Painting by Archie Cameron, donated 2007
- 3 Auchlochan No. 9 Colliery Painting by Jim Williams, Peebles, donated 2007
- 4 Cover of 2008 Heritage Calendar

NEW TROWS WRI

Mrs Margaret Hanney welcomed members to the first meeting on Wednesday 12 September.

After business, Peter McLeish and John Zawadzki entertained the members with a slide show. Peter gave a short talk on the Heritage Society. He then introduced John who gave slide shows called '**A Tribute To The Late Jim Hamilton**' and '**The Late Mrs Douglas of Auchlochan**'. Mrs Douglas was a founder member of the WRI. Scenes of local interest were shown, including Douglas, Coalburn, Auchlochan, Middleholm, Birkwood and many more. The show was enjoyed by all.

Mrs M. Hanney gave the vote of thanks. The competitions were judged by Peter and John. The results were: Raspberry Jam—1 Mrs M Johnstone; 2 Mrs M Shillan; 3 Mrs M Muir. Animal Photograph—1 Mrs B Mayes; 2 Mrs M Faulds; 3 Mrs M Eaton. Tea was served by hostesses Mrs J Frame and Mrs M Faulds. [Lanark Gazette 20/9/07](#)

Reported deaths

Mrs Rachel Shaw (Stewart)

Mrs Betty Young (McGowan)

Meikle Graham

David Wilson

Helen Hamilton (Morrison)

Margaret Milward (Stitt)

Elsbeth McGregor (Eppie)

Alexander Forrest Muir (NZ)

Mary Crawford (Greenshields)

Lily Goldie

Sir Robert (Bobby) Davidson

Coalburn Silver Band are Ayrshire Champions

COALBURN SILVER BAND, the last remaining brass band in South Lanarkshire, continued their excellent form by winning the third section championships at the annual Land O' Burns Brass Band contest held at the Walker Halls Troon in early September.

The band took to the stage mid afternoon and played a most entertaining 15 minute programme that impressed adjudicator Stan Lippeatt.

The band opened their programme with the Duke Ellington/Juan Tizol piece Caravan Music, followed by the theme from Local Hero, featuring Solo Horn player Catriona Squires.

All competitors had been asked to perform a Lennon & McCartney piece and the band chose the Adrian Drover arrangement of Norwegian Wood. The finale was the main theme from the motion picture Gladiator.

It was the band's most emphatic win ever, beating the Scottish champions Campbeltown Brass by seven points and, in the open contest, seeing off no less than three 1st section bands.

For more info and photos, visit the band's excellent website www.coalburnsilverband.org.uk

Heritage Meeting Wed 3rd October 2007

Guest Speaker:

Alan Court, Coalburn Silver Band

ALAN COURT, President of Coalburn Silver Band, gave an excellent slideshow presentation of the band's history from 1902 till the present time. The show was a mix of text, photos and music played by band members. Alan also read a very humorous poem written during the time work was carried out in the band hall. It was a most enlightening evening and a well deserved vote of thanks was given at the evening's close.

Left to right:

Alec
Sheridan,
David , James
Hamilton,
George Pirrie
and Alan
Court



Heritage Meeting Wed 17 October 2007

Guest Speaker:

Gordon Ritchie, Carstairs Hospital

NINETEEN members turned up to hear local man GORDON RITCHIE give an interesting, thought-provoking talk and Powerpoint presentation on the history of his place of employment—Carstairs Hospital. The evening was concluded with tea and biscuits and a short slideshow by John Zawadzki featuring Dr Charles and Anne Douglas of Auchlochan (1900-1956) and some of John's most recent photographs of Auchlochan, taken in September 2007.



*'The court was piped onto the stage where the children carried out their duties very amicably with this year's **Gala Queen** Ashley Craig, crowned by retiring Queen Robyn Docherty'.*

Coalburn 70th Gala

Sat 7 July 2007

Photos: John Zawadzki

'The day started off sunny but windy. Rain threatened to spoil the day as the parade was due to leave the Victoria Hall but the sun returned to allow the festivities to carry on. Led by the Pipe Band with the Silver Band in attendance, a very colourful parade made its way through the village'.



Quotes from Lanark Gazette report, July 2007

Gala display

The Society's 3rd annual Gala Day Heritage Exhibition on **Saturday 7th**



July was extra-well supported this year, with up to 250 folk calling in at Coalburn Leisure Centre between 12 noon and 4pm. School photos, as the photo above shows, once again proved particularly popular. Thanks to all volunteers on the day—Peter, Betty, Jean, Anna, Allison, Laura, George, Gilbert and Billy, and those members who came along to view. Also on display was a superb collection of photographs by members of Lesmahagow Photographic Society.

Flower Show

Sat 25 August
Coalburn
Primary School

Opened by former Coalburn resident John Kerr after an introduction by Honorary President James Hamilton.

There was a good show of flowers, plants & vegetables and the industrial section had a good selection of cakes, jam, sewing & knitting. Trophy winners included M McNeil, A Maclean, J Hamilton, J McNeil, Mr & Mrs Ritchie, J Dunlop, M Johnstone, Mrs Smith, Vivian Kent and Nicole & Rachel Struthers. *Photos: Betty Bell*



Profile *by John Zawadzki*

Dr Charles McKinnon DOUGLAS

*Philosopher, Politician, Author,
Economist, JP, Entrepreneur,
Farmer, Deputy Lieutenant of
County of Lanark*

Born Edinburgh 1865.

*Son of noted Edinburgh doctor
Andrew Halliday Douglas.*

Died Lesmahagow 1924.

Buried at Lesmahagow New Cemetery.

Education Edinburgh Academy;
Edinburgh and Freiburg Universities.

Occupation Chair of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh University, 1898; Liberal MP for NW Lanark, 1899 - 1906; farmer & agriculturalist, 1900 - 1924.

Married Anne Isabel Todd in 1895. **Purchased** Auchlochan Estate in 1900. Estate included farms of Hillside, Middleholm, Whiteside and Johnshill.

Scotland's foremost authority on agricultural affairs —
Chairman of Highland & Agricultural Society from 1913 until 1918 and its Secretary from 1920 until 1924; Member of Royal Commission On Agriculture in 1914; President of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture; Chairman of Scottish Council of Agriculture from its inception in 1917; A leading Shetland Pony breeder, and exhibitor; exhibitor of 1904 Highland Show Champion Ayrshire.





Can you spare a few hours each week to staff Coalburn's new Heritage Centre ? If so, the Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn would like to hear from you. Please contact Secretary Betty Bell, 820276 asap.

Diary date

Please come along to Coalburn Heritage Centre's **official opening ceremony**, to be held on **Saturday 24th November 2007 at 1pm**. Guest of Honour is Mrs Maureen Hamilton.

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