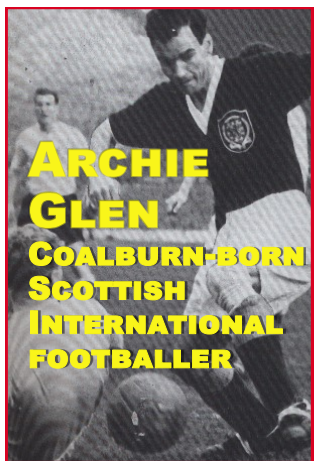


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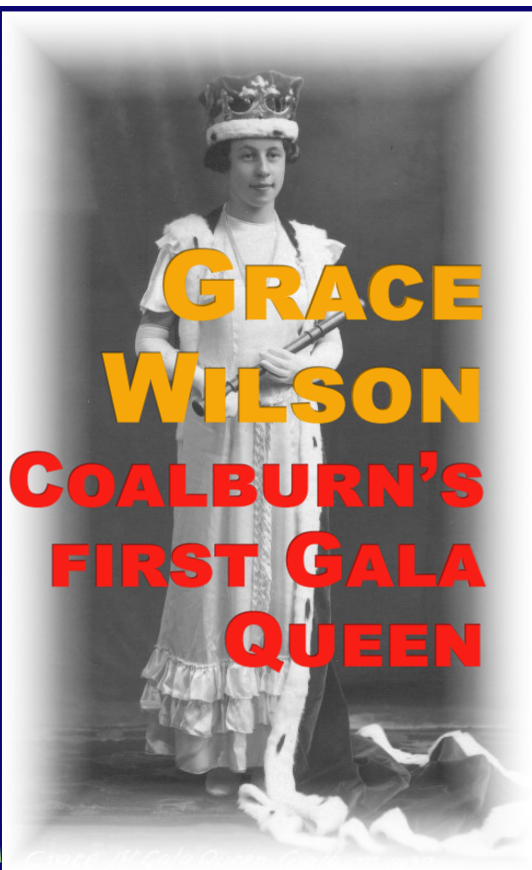
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**Interested in Coalburn's
heritage ?**

Local family history ?

*Then come along to the twice
monthly meetings of The Jim
Hamilton Heritage Society of
Coalburn at Coalbiurn's One
Stop Shop, 7pm-9pm.*

*First meetings of new season:
Wed 7th September
Wed 21st September*



**GRACE
WILSON
COALBURN'S
FIRST GALA
QUEEN**

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Hollandbush captain starts 2005 season



CAPTAIN Don McLeod tees off at the start of the new season at Hollandbush Golf Club. Looking on are vice captain Jimmy Johnston, ladies captain Dorrien Malcolm and ladies vice captain Christine Cooper. [Lanark Gazette 31 03 05](#)

First jack of season at Bowling Club



COALBURN BOWLING CLUB's annual opening. President Jim McLean (left) looks on as his wife Annette opens the green, with vice president Brian Aitken (right). [Lanark Gazette 21 04 05](#)

Coalburn Entertainers drama group

COMEDY PRODUCTION A SELL-OUT SUCCESS

THE CAST of Coalburn Entertainers' fifth annual show 'Kiss Me Casanova', a musical comedy by David Grieve, which was staged in Coalburn Miners Welfare Club on two sell-out nights in April.

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Silver Band concert praise

COALBURN SILVER BAND staged a superb concert at the Jubilee Hall, Lesmahagow on Saturday 22 May.

The band played a most varied and exciting programme, with the highlights of the night being the guest performance of the exceptionally talented Carissa Bovill who treated the audience to some wonderful singing and instrumental playing on the clarsach and fiddle.

The band had a number of outstanding players featured, namely Alex Sheridan on Flugel Horn, Jimmy Buchanan on Euphonium and the band's principal cornet player Joanne Yoker.



Joanne Yoker.

The music ranged from the beautiful piece 'The Ashokan Farewell' to the rousing Cuban number 'Malaguena'. *Hamilton Advertiser* 26 05 05

Saturday 3rd July 1937



“ Research would seem to indicate that gala days for the children of the village started in Coalburn in 1927.

It was not until 1937 that the custom began of the selection of a gala queen by the children at the two schools, Bellfield and Coalburn on alternative years, for crowning at the gala day, traditionally held, since 1933, on the first Saturday in July.”

- Jim Hamilton.

Above First Gala Queen Grace Wilson with Bellfield School headmaster Frank Wills, followed by Reverend Thomas Hawthorn and Gala Committee chairman William Richardson

Coalburn Gala's early years

Saturday 3rd July 1937



Above Mrs Frank Wills crowns Coalburn's first gala queen, Miss Grace Wilson of Burnhead Farm, Coalburn.

**First mention of
a gala queen for
Coalburn**

**“ James Smith
brought forward
a suggestion that
there should be a
queen at the gala
day as it would
be of great
interest and a big
attraction as well.
It was
unanimously
agreed to give
this proposition
every
consideration
prior to the 1937
gala day. ”**

**Minutes of a gala
committee meeting
held on 25 May 1936.**

*Extracts from
Jim Hamilton's
COALBURN
CHRONICLES,
Part 35,
June 1987*

Saturday 3rd July 1937



“ No doubt persons of my era will remember getting dressed-up, with a ‘tinny’ affixed to one’s person by a length of white tape or string, proudly marching in the procession to the public park. There we enjoyed our bag of buns including a ‘Paris’ bun, ‘Empire’ biscuit, currant square (known to schoolboys as a ‘flies’ cemetery) and sandwiches.

We all got new ‘gutties’ to take part in the races on the gala day, and I should imagine these would cost around 2/11d the pair. ” - Jim Hamilton.

Saturday 3rd July 1937



William Richardson on white horse leading the procession.

BORN at Railway Road, Coalburn on 16th April 1929, he was the only Senior Scottish Football Internationalist born in the village.

I can only assume that his father worked in the pits and the family moved to Mauchline in Ayrshire at some time, as can be seen from the following.

Archie played his football at an early age in Burns country, playing for Cumnock Academy and Ballochmyle Juveniles before turning junior.

He had originally been spotted by Aberdeen as a teenage inside forward playing for junior side Annbank United, signing for the Pittodrie club in April 1947.

His early career was interrupted by National Service, during which time he played for the British Army alongside some of the United Kingdom's best young stars. He played in Austria, Belgium and France.

One of his team mates at that time was the legendary Welshman, John Charles. Another was one of the Busby Babes, Tommy Taylor. Archie played behind him and thought he was a special talent.

Although not noted as a goalscorer, Archie Glen scored one of the most significant goals in the history of Aberdeen F.C. when he converted a penalty against Clyde in April 1955. The goal gave the Dons a 1-0 win and their first ever Scottish League Championship.

Archie made his first team debut as an inside left against Falkirk at Brockville in a 2-1 win for the Dons on 19th February 1949 but did not win a regular place until

1953-54, by which time he had been converted to left-half.

A skilful player and the master of the timely tackle, he became a member of the great half-back line of Allister, Young and Glen upon which the Championship side was built.

**ARCHIE
GLEN**
**Coalburn's
one and only
Scottish
International
footballer**

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Chairman of
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HERITAGE SOCIETY OF
COALBURN**

He also found time to fit in an Aberdeen University course and gained a B.Sc., in 1950. He later made use of his degree as managing director of a paint firm.

He went on to skipper the side and played in the 1954 and 1959 Scottish Cup Finals receiving a runners up medal on each occasion. He had more luck in the Scottish League Cup Final, however, playing in the 2-1 win over St Mirren in the 1956 Final.

Glen was capped twice for Scotland, played six times for the Scottish League and captained Scotland "B" in his one game at this level.

His International appearances were against England and Northern Ireland in 1956. He retired at the end of the 1959-60 season after 203 League games (24 goals), 24 Scottish Cup and 42 Scottish League Cup ties (3 goals).

His brother Alec played for a number of years with Queen's Park, Dundee and Ayr United, he was also a half back. He was capped at Under-23 level. On one occasion when both brothers were in opposition while Alec was with Queen's Park, they captained their respective sides.



**Archie's death occurred in
Aberdeen on 30th August 1998,**

Heritage roadshow....

IN MAY The Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn was out and about promoting the village's heritage with a photographic display:

Fri 21 May Coalburn Primary School

Sat 22 May Coalburn Silver Band concert, Jubilee Hall, Lesmahagow

Sun 23 May Lanarkshire Family History Fair, New Lanark

Sat 28 May Lesmahagow Agricultural Show, Brocketsbrae



Chairman Peter McLeish is pictured above, shortly after setting up a display at New Lanark.

JULY DISPLAYS IN COALBURN

Fri 1 July at **One Stop Shop** 10am - 4pm

Gala Day Sat 2 July at **Bowling Club** 1pm - 4pm

Mon 4 July to **Fri 8 July** at **One Stop Shop** 10am - 4pm

Health Fair at Coalburn Primary School

COALBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL hosted a Health Fair on Friday 20 May. All pupils, staff, parents, relatives and a large number of members of the public attended, visiting the displays and exhibits of a wide and diverse number of organisations, including Coalburn's **One Stop Shop**, **The Jim Hamilton Heritage Society**, Strathclyde Fire Brigade, Strathclyde Police and many others.

