

# The Quarterly



## Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

Welcome to the second year of our newsletter.



May I say at the start a big thank you to South Lanarkshire Council for providing the village with the Christmas Lights and also to all the householders and the Bully Inn for giving us all a wonderful display of lighting over the festive season.

The Community Council for Quarter is considering a memorial to the mining community in the form of a statue and historical record of mining activities along with photographs. The idea is to create a discovery trail through the village. This would possibly require a plaque outside each historical building and markers indicating where the Blast Furnaces and Pits were situated. Any offers of research details of pictures and stories would be very welcome. Please pass on any information to the Editor Alan Johnstone

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Next newsletter will be in June.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Willie McGillivray and his family every success in their new venture in Spain, and trust that they will not forget the poor shivering souls back home in Quarter!

## The Grass Is Greener On The Other Side?

On one very ordinary Friday the village church had some extraordinary new members join them. They had probably heard all about the fun and games going on in the Friendship Group that meets in the hall each



Friday at lunchtime. Perhaps they thought a game of dominoes and something nice to eat would be just the thing to make the day more exciting. However, our bovine friends were distracted by the lovely patch of green grass between the Manse and the Church Hall, and ducked in there for a good old munch. Saved a bit of grass cutting that week!

## Quarter in Bloom

Our "Great Big Bloomin Scottish Buffet" was enjoyed by all who attended the evening. The event brought in a marvellous total of £172.75 for the funds. Thanks to all those who attended and also to the sponsors for their contributions who helped make the evening such a success. A special thanks to the "Auld Toon Band" for the entertainment.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who came out on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December to help with the planting. Although it was a bright but chilly day, with our intrepid helpers' hard work we managed to get all the tubs, planters and mangers emptied of old plants and filled with new plants and bulbs. Soon we shall see the fruits of our labours, (well not quite fruits but most definitely flowers!).

Despite the best efforts of all those involved we did not get as many verges planted with bulbs as we had hoped. This was an 'adult only' task due to planting taking place at the road side. So please, when the next request for volunteers goes out lets get as many people as possible stepping forward spade in hand and raring to go!

**Remember a little bit of colour goes a long way to brightening everybody's day!!! .**

**If you would like to join Quarter in Bloom or just want some information on any projects please contact Liz Anderson on 01698 891627**

## *Quarter Village Gala*

Things are really hotting up now on the countdown to Gala Day. Our Gala Court for 2006 was elected at the Kid's Disco on 17 February:-

Queen	Sara Clay
Flower Girls	Lynsey Carlyle & Morgan Woods
Page Boys	Stephen McKnight & Fraser Law
Maids	Melissa Pate & Elle Wilson
Attendants	Sara MacRae, Gordon Swan & Heather Milne.

Congratulations boys and girls!!



We are busy compiling the programme for Gala Week and Gala Day, which is distributed to all households in Quarter. We would like to invite all those wishing to advertise their business or organisation to phone either 420892 or 423835. Adverts cost £10 for a half page and just £20 for a full page and we're happy to include any graphics or artwork of your choice. The closing date for submissions is 30 March 2006.

Our Annual Dinner Dance, which was held in the Strathaven Hotel on 4 February helped raise £250 towards Gala Funds. Thanks to you all who came along and supported this event. It was great to see some new faces and also the 'old' regulars. Our final fundraiser will be our sponsored walk around the village on Saturday 22 April. Last year's event was a great success helped by the fact that it was a glorious Spring day. Fingers crossed for this year. Further details and sponsor sheets will be coming through your door nearer the time.

Lastly – it's never too early to be thinking about themes for floats for the Gala Day procession. Anyone can enter not just formal groups or organisations. Why not get your whole street involved? Remember the Gala Committee provides a donation towards the cost of materials for decorating your float. Alternatively, why not decorate your bike, scooter, car or your wee sister's pram? There are prizes to be had! Or how about decorating your house? The house judging takes place on Friday 19 May with a prize for everyone who takes part. We will be providing an Arts and Crafts Tent/Marquee this year and if you would like to participate by taking a stall then please contact Karen Wood on 424917 for further details.

So get your thinking caps on and we look forward to seeing you all on Gala Day.

## *100 Not Out!*

Maggie Scott of the Duchess Nina Nursing Home celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday 21st February. The Duchess Nina hosted a celebration party attended by most of the family, including two of her children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. "Wee Maggie" as she is fondly known, was born in Blantyre in 1906, making her four years older than the Duchess Nina building itself, which was built in 1910.

At the celebration party special greetings were offered by the Provost Mr Mushtaq Ahmed and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr Stevenson-Hamilton, who presented Maggie with a letter from Her Majesty the Queen. The local Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Hanibode, presented a framed certificate, and Rev George MacDonald brought greetings from the community and the Quarter and Hamilton South Parish churches.



## *Quarter Parish Church Friendship Group.*

The group started in 1998, a small gathering every Friday around 12 noon, till 2pm. Volunteers make a light lunch for members with home baking, which is brought to the Church Hall. Our numbers have increased over the years and we all look forward to our friendly meetings. The group is open to anyone who would like to make friends with neighbours, villagers and indeed all are welcome. In the past we have organised outings to Stirling Castle and the Falkirk Wheel and more are planned for the future. Our Christmas lunch, normally in the Church Hall, took place in the 'Bully Inn' last year, giving the volunteers a chance to enjoy themselves along with the members. Financial help from South Lanarkshire Resource is provided for the lunches and for the bus when we go on outings. The group is for anyone who would like company and if we can help with advice or practical help then so much the better. We close during the Summer months and at special times, such as Easter. There are games available to enjoy and to keep your brains active i.e. Scrabble, dominoes and solitaire. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who would like to come, for further information phone Sheila on 423973 or just come along to the meetings on a Friday.

# Quarter Primary School

## Schools Bulb Competition

Amazing News!! We won the shield for the best school overall at the Schools Bulb Competition for the fifth time in a row. What a wonderful achievement for the green-fingered pupils of Quarter Primary!

Congratulations to the following pupils who were our school winners in the competition and thanks to all our pupils who took part and helped us to win the shield again. All the children who participated will be awarded a certificate.

Daffodils :- Rachel Hannen. 2nd and 3rd Matthew Griffin

Hyacinths :- 1st and 2nd Heather Waddell; 3rd George Ballantyne.

## Screen School

The Screen School last month was a terrific success. The fifteen pupils, Mrs Ireland and Mrs McNaughton all learnt such a great deal about how a film is made. The pupils came up with the idea and title of the film "The Ring Returns". The story is loosely based on the story of St Mungo and the ring in the trout's mouth. Some of the scenes were filmed outdoors on Saturday with the school garden, fields and hills as a backdrop. The children all learned the script and were shown how to operate the cameras, sound boom and how to direct.

We are indebted to Peter, Matthew and Thomas of fps media who taught us all there is to know about making and acting in a film. The finished film will take about two months to complete and then we are hoping to have a showing in a cinema on a large screen. We can't wait!



## QUARTER EASTER SERVICES

All Quarter villagers are cordially invited



"The Last Supper" Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Church at 7.00pm  
Holy Communion followed by the solemn service remembering the approaching darkness of Calvary.

"He is Risen!" Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April Dawn Service at 6.30am

An early praise service at the front of the Manse (with a marquee tent cover available in event of rain).

Followed by a good Scottish breakfast in the Church Hall.

"Jesus is Alive!" Easter Sunday Family Service 16<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45am

## QUARTER PARISH CHURCH

### SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY MORNING 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2006

Everything from Books to BBQ and Toys to Teas  
PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!





## *Quarter Athletic FC Under 10s*

The team consists of players born in 1996 or later. We now have 19 players in the squad, with a good percentage from the Village or surrounding areas. The team is now in its third full season. Games are played mainly in the South Lanarkshire area on a Saturday morning, with home games played at either the Bent or at Hamilton Palace. Training is on a Tuesday evening at Bothwell Pavilion all weather pitch. The lack of facilities in our own area means we have extensive travelling even for home games. Up until recently we have concentrated on players from within Quarter or players that attend the school. We have had to expand the net to boost the squads and 4 new players joined in November. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to the team and we hope they enjoy being with the Club.

We would also like to welcome David Webb to the team. David is well known in the area for his involvement with several football teams at various levels / age groups. His main role with us is to introduce correct stretching exercises during the warm up and warm down. Although he is very busy with his own business looking after clients with sports injuries, golf injuries, doing massage, etc, he has found time to help us out. I can recommend David for anyone with an injury; from personal experience he works wonders on an injured back. He is based in Hamilton and can be contacted on 01698 420800

The Team:- Coachs: John Annand, and Stuart McDowall, Player Protection Officer: Jim Cameron Physiotherapist: David Webb

**Yellow Squad:-** Scott Burns, Thomas Cree, Brad Taylor, Mike Annand, David Webb,  
David McCabe, Callum McCutcheon, Ruri Yeoman

**Red Squad:-** Ross Andrews, Conner Kane, Cameron Gibb, Graeme Dickson, Craig Paterson,  
Ross Bowie, Chris Cameron, Chris Miller, Ross McDowall, Ross Maxwell, Reece Mourning

We have struggled for players recently so we are glad to see the new boys joining us. Hopefully with a bigger squad we can cope better with the games. The Soccer Sevens is a very well set up association with our age group having over 30 teams. Some are very good and play to a very high standard. Several of the teams have been established for many years and they are well known in all age groups throughout Lanarkshire. Although we are a very new and young team we are starting to get settled and hopefully in 2006 we will start to make an impression. The association rules mean that there are no points to play for; no official league tables and all games are classed as friendlies. The intention is to get the players introduced to football and being part of a team. Having said that the games can be deadly serious at times.

We are looking at setting up a second training night during the week to try and give the boys an edge to their play that is lacking at the moment. However this all costs money and there is only so much self-funding that can be done. The team recently issued letters to over 30 local businesses requesting financial assistance in return for a sponsorship deal. We felt that if we ask for a small amount from several businesses it would be more appealing than asking for a large amount of money from one business. The successful sponsor would be drawn out of the hat. Although we had a good response we unfortunately did not reach the target amount. The intention was to raise enough to purchase new strips, kit bags and training tops. At this stage we are starting with the new kits and are pleased to announce that the successful sponsor is Ballantynes Milk.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket. Some bought several and others donated more than we asked for:- The Bully Inn, Grant Cleaning, CS Robertson, MRK Kitchens, Ian Swan, Neil McLaughlan, H McClelland, Quarter Boolin Club, Tranquil Gardens, Cameron Nielson, George Gibson, James Craig & Co, Ballantyne Milk, Bed Centre, William Paterson.

Although our target was not reached, some players did turn out on a cold Sunday in November to go round the village selling raffle tickets to raise extra money. They were pretty tired by the end but their efforts were worthwhile, raising £160. The main prize - 4 tickets to a dinner dance at the Popinjay went to Jim Ramage. Congratulations Jim! Various other prizes went to 5 other lucky people.

I would like to thank the players for their efforts;- Mike Annand, Ross McDowall, Craig Paterson, Brad Taylor, Scott Burns, Cameron Gibb, Reece Mourning and David Webb.

We have been selected by the Daily Record as 1 of 500 football sides in Scotland to be given the chance of receiving new strips and track suits from them and CIS Insurance. What we need to do now is collect the vouchers printed in the Daily Record over an eight week period starting the 11th of March.

**Can you help us reach the target of 4000, please drop your vouchers in at the Village Shop or contact Stuart McDowall on 428496.**

### *Neighbourhood Watch*

**South Lanarkshire Council Grant** — SLC gave Quarter Neighbourhood Watch a generous Christmas Grant with which the committee were able to make up emergency packs for the village pensioners. These packs contained leaflets on what to do in an emergency and some handy information, hints and tips for everyday living. The packs also contained a torch, a flask and some food items for use in times of severe weather. Over 100 packs were handed out to village and surrounding area pensioners.

**Strathclyde Police Grant** - A grant from Strathclyde Police enabled the committee to purchase a full set of netball strips for the Netball team at Quarter Primary. The team look resplendent in their new strips, which actually fit perfectly, and the results haven't been too bad either!

**Security Box** - The police grant stretched to the purchase of a security box for the outside toys used by the children in the lower half of Quarter Primary. The last one having been vandalised.

**Reminder** - Several residents are being plagued by youths disturbing the peace over the past few months and the committee urge anyone experiencing difficulty to inform the police in the first instance, ensuring that you receive a crime number when reporting your concerns. This enables the police, committee and local councillor to track the complaints and ensure that they are followed up.

Local Police office Tel: 01698 483300 NO COMPLAINTS MEAN NO ACTION BY POLICE

**Police Bus** - The police bus visits Quarter village regularly and residents will be made aware of the dates when it will be parked in front of the shop. Villagers are welcome to report any concerns they may have to the officers on duty in this facility. Dates will be posted at shop, church and village notice board.