



Quarter in Bloom

The major project this year has been the Church front garden. Quarter in Bloom had been asked by the Church Board to come up with a plan to freshen up the front garden. After drawing up plans which were approved, we then embarked on acquiring the finance which was provided by Viridor Waste Management via Forward Scotland, South Lanarkshire Rural Partnership, Awards for All, Mr. Gillooly of Inland Engineering, Weir Power & Industrial Division, and all local businesses, thank you very much indeed. Our local builder, David Peffers, began work on June 29th by removing all the old slabs, turf and various bushes. Over the next four weeks he and his assistant did an excellent job of rebuilding the front garden. Once the raised beds and Coal Hutches were in place the Quarter in Bloom team got to work planting them up, and an excellent job they did. With the two front benches, donated by Mr & Mrs R. Anderson, in place, the garden was all set for viewing and taking a restful minute of relaxation. The railings were painted by Mr. R. Wardlaw in black and gold, adding a touch of class.

Once the project was started we kept adding to the work, when we



saw where we could make improvements, i.e. the addition of the four steel planters in the top corner, positioned to give a spiralling down effect. Extra planters were used to give the finishing touches. We would like to thank Newtongrange Mining Museum for the coal hutches, Summerlee Museum for the rails, Jim Baird for the red chips and Matthew Baird for the genuine miners picks.

I think you will agree the Quarter in Bloom Committee did an excellent job of designing, planning and executing the construction of the garden and Miners Monument. Alan Johnstone Treasurer

James Wilson McDowall 1960—2009

James was born on 24th July at Limekilburn and at age 5 the family moved to Quarter where he attended the Primary School and Church Sunday School.

James married Anne in 1984 and moved to Eddlewood, but still thought of himself as a Quarter Villager. He

was a keen bowler and an active member of Quarter Boolin Club. In 2003 James and Anne moved back to Quarter, but sadly Jamie passed away on Saturday 22nd August 2009.

The McDowall family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness, help and messages of condolences received at this sad time.



Quarter Garden Competition

Our independent judge Gerry Devaney went round the village on 18th August and was very impressed by the high standard of gardens throughout, which made the allocation of awards more difficult, however there has to be a winner and the first prize goes again this year to Mr and Mrs Baird of Limekilburn Road. Due to the high standard the judge had difficulty in deciding on the best garden from three in Darngaber Gardens and recommended a fourth prize to all three.

The prize-winners are as follows :-

1st Prize and winner of the Quarter in Bloom shield to:-
Mr & Mrs M. Baird of 10 Limekilburn Road.

2nd prize to Mr & Mrs D. Clay of 24 Limekilburn Road.

3rd Prize to Dr & Mrs M. Simpson of 7 Poplar Crescent.

4th Prize to Mrs Brown of 20 Darngaber Gardens
Mrs Kyle of 26 Darngaber Gardens
And Mr & Mrs Falconer of 28 Darngaber Gardens

The Highly Commended Gardens are as follows :-

Mr & Mrs E. McKenna	57 Limekilburn Road
Mr & Mrs T. Quinn	41 Limekilburn Road
Mrs S. Furley	23 Limekilburn Road
Mr & Mrs M. Parry	12 Merrick Gardens
Mr. C. Dundas	16 Merrick Gardens
Mr & Mrs J. Todd	9 Cadzow Road
Mr & Mrs. W. McGeechan	10 Sunnyside Road.



Along with the Church Garden your Quarter in Bloom Committee still have to plant up the tubs and mangers throughout the village and during the few hot spells watering is very important, young Matthew is looking after the rota for us and making sure that the plants survive. Our team became smaller this summer with the resignation of our chairman giving the rest of us a heavier burden.

If you can spare some time to help make the village better for its citizens then please contact any one of the committee who are:-
Matt Baird, Tommy Quinn, Sheila Falconer or contact the Editor.



The Quarter Boolin' Club

Circa 1920

On Saturday, 2nd June, the bowling green at Quarter was the scene of a most exciting and interesting contest.



The match was the result of a challenge between Nos 1 and 2 pits and the absorbing interest of the game may be explained by the fact that the No. 1 exponents, with true Yankee modesty, consider theirs the premier pit and themselves the high heid yins on the bowling green and in the village generally.

The opposing teams were:- No. 1 pit - Messrs.

W. Jamieson, J. Ritchie, J. Lennox, Torrance, Fleming, Kane, McConnachie, Hanlon, McBeth, Higgins, Murphy and Williams.

No 2 pit - Messrs. Jas. Lowe, J. Cassidy, W. Davies, John Lowe, Geo. Lowe, R. McLare, G. McLare, Todd, Reid, R. Lennox, J. Lennox and J. Davidson.

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A KEEN CONTEST



Top—Winners. Bottom—Losers.

The various rinks were, as regards their recognised playing abilities, pretty evenly matched, but despite all Wee Willie's personal prowess, despite all the "wicks," "chips," and "rubs," despite even his new Panama, big Jamie's warriors rubbed out the flower and the pride of No. 1 to the tune of 13 shots up.

The day was one of glorious sunshine, just such a day as one would enjoy a victory or make light of a defeat and the players rose to the occasion manfully and the best of harmony prevailed throughout. At the tea which followed, the No. 1 men proved their superiority (?) by joining enthusiastically in the harmony, forgetting for the time being the bitterness of their downfall and - paying for the tea.

The purvey was in the capable hands of Mrs. Brodie of the Institute and the excellence of the catering fittingly rounded off the "best day on Quarter green." As it is intended to renew the contest at the first favourable opportunity, it has been suggested that next time the winners should pay for the drinks.

Quarter Boolin Club 2009 Competition Winners

Gents Championship	Scott Allardyce
Runner-up	George Gardiner
Ladies Championship	Aileen Law
Runner-up	Nancy Crawford
Junior Championship	Ross McDowall
Runner-up	Loren Brown
Under 25's	Graeme Cowan
Runner-up	Ross McDowall
Junior Pairs	Sara Clay & Loren Brown
Runners-up	Ross McDowall & Christopher Cameron
Handicap	Graeme Cowan
Runner-up	Bobby Walton
Presidents	George Gardiner
Runner-up	Scott Allardyce
Gents Vice President	George Gardiner
Runner-up	William Baird
Ladies President	Betty Mayes
Runner-up	Aileen Law
Ladies Vice President	Aileen Law
Runner-up	Betty Mayes

Quarter Boolin Club would like to thank all members and visitors for their support throughout the bowling season.

The President would like to remind all villagers and friends that the Boolin Club can be booked for private functions all year round. Please contact the Secretary on 01698 282512.

Next year is the Quarter Boolin Club's 100th year Anniversary. To celebrate the club is looking for any old photographs, letters or documents relating to the history of the club. You can contact either Danny McLare, Jim Love or leave information with the Editor of this newsletter.

New members are always welcome, all ages, contact Club House, Quarter.

Village Minister moves to new Parish

The Minister of Quarter Parish Church the Rev. George MacDonald has moved to take up a new charge in Bonnybridge and was inducted on Thursday 10th September, 2009.

George and Monica arrived in Quarter from Durban, South Africa in 2003 and George was inducted as minister of Quarter Parish and Hamilton South Church on Thursday 15th January, 2004. During his ministry he has been involved in and around the village being Chaplain to Quarter School and a regular visitor to the Duchess Nina Nursing Home taking along members of the church choir. He was a member of the local Community Council and was involved in many of their projects and Monica was a member of the Gala Committee. They also held their Annual Garden Party in the grounds of the church to raise funds for their charity called The Place of Restoration which looks after African children who have Aids.

Over the last 5 years George has been involved in many areas of work for the Ministry in Hamilton Presbytery and Monica was latterly training to be a Reader which she will continue in Falkirk Presbytery. It was a surprise and a disappointment for Quarter to hear that they had decided to move on but we give thanks for the years of their ministry with us and what we shared with them especially our Celebration of 125 Years of Quarter Parish Church and the completion of the Memorial Garden to the Miners.

We hope they have many happy memories of their first charge in Scotland and we wish them well in the future.

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Ed:- I would like to add my thanks to George & Monica for their friendship and help over the years with the Quarterly.



Quarter Parish Church 125th Year Celebration.

Quarter Parish Church would like to thank all those who gave their support to our events for the 125th Year of Quarter Parish Church Celebrations and to those who made or donated Flower Displays for the Flower Festival. The flowers were beautiful and were a delight to see at our Worship Service to Celebrate the 125th Anniversary where many people turned up who were past members or lived in the village years ago. Many of them had not seen one another for many years. Our "Back to the Past" event proved to be a talking point, with many people trying to remember the faces and places in times gone by. The many artifacts of the farming community and the mining community brought back many memories of the past.

We were delighted to see so many people out watching our "Vintage Vehicle Parade", especially considering how bad the weather was, on Saturday, following the parade through the village and the children and families who came to the children's events for the 1 to 5s in the School.

A big thank you goes to the children of Quarter Primary School who amazed us with their enthusiasm at the Painting and Poem Competition and the singing of their choir at the Worship Service, well done! The final event also had a big turn out at our Craft Fayre and we thank all those who gave their time to come along to display and sell goods, not forgetting the tea room staff, a huge thank you goes to them, without whom we would not have survived! QPC

125 Committee

Georgie McMillan, Jean Hawke, Jean Kirkland,
Monica MacDonald, Sheila Falconer, Rev. G. MacDonald
Louise Ross, Joan Parry, Sheila Strachan, Morag Quinn.



CROSS ALK

Jesus said 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites, as it is written:

" These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. "

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.

Mark 6:38 7

Being a Christian is a 24/7 kind of job, don't just pay lip service, work at it all the time.

The Quarter "Jelly" Mystery

One morning recently as I was letting my dog out of my patio doors to the back garden I noticed this mysterious blob of "Jelly" lying on the top step. It looked like frog spawn without the black spots. How did it get on the top step? I do not live near a pond so it was unlikely to be frog spawn, so what was it?

A sample was sent off to a scientist laboratory for testing and the reply stated that all tests were inconclusive. D.N.A. tests on the sample have also been returned as inconclusive, so what is this mysterious jelly?

Several comments have been recorded as follows,

- 1 A slime mould
- 2 A kind of fungus
- 3 Hair gel
- 4 Alien substances
- 5 Star snot, a substance from a shooting star.
- 6 Excrete from a UFO
- 7 Or could it be a substance called "Star Jelly" or PWDRE SER is an alleged compound purportedly deposited on the earth during a meteor shower and is a foul smelling gelatinous substance.

It is quite a coincidence that recently there was a report of an UFO seen over Larkhall, could this be related? This "Jelly" lay on my step for about a day and despite heavy rain I had to scrub the step to get rid of it, so what was it?

Was it from outer space?

Was it from a frog?

Was it Star Snot?



Was it from an UFO?

Who knows but I am still wary when I go outside at night and wonder will something land on my head.

T.J.

Quarter Primary PTA

Anyone interested in becoming a PTA member or wishing to know more about ways in which they can offer help please contact Karen Wood on (01698) 424917.

A Scottish Love Poem

*A' coorse ah love ye darlin'
Ye're a bloody tap notch burd.
An' when ah say ye're gorgeous
Ah mean ivry single word.*

*So yer bum is oan the big side
Ah don't mind a bit o flab.
It means that whin ah'm ready
There's somethin' therr tae grab.*

*So yer belly isny flat nae merr
Ah tell ye, ah don't cerr.
So long as when ah cuddle ye
I kin get ma erms roon' therr.*

*Nae wummin wha is your age
Hiz nice roon' perky breasts.
They jist gave in tae gravity
Bit ah know ye did yer best.*

*Ah'm tellin ye the truth noo
Ah nevir tell ye lies.
Ah think its very sexy
Thit ye've goat dimples oan yer thighs.*

*Ah swerr oan mah grannies grave noo
The moment thit we met.
Ah thocht ye wiz as guid as
Ah wiz ivir goanie get.*

*Nae maitter whit ye look like
Ah'll aywiz love ye dear.
Noo shut up while the fitba's oan
An' fetch is anither beer*

Councillor Andy Carmichael

Councillor Carmichael's Surgery will be on 6th October at Quarter Primary School 7.00 pm And every 2nd Tuesday of the month thereafter.

Quarter Community Association

Should anyone want to be a newspaper reporter or just offer a good story, or an event coming up that you would like publicised, then please get in touch with the editor.

"Quarter And Its People" cost £10.00. As an alternative we have a CD of the book which includes all the back issues of our Quarterly Newsletter plus hundreds of photographs of the village, all for just £5.00.

Letters/Emails to the Editor

Mobile Library

At Quarter:- Mondays every fortnight
Silverbirch Grove 1.35—1.50 p.m.
Primary School 2.00—2.50 p.m.
Quarter Village 3.10—3.50 p.m.
Beech Avenue 3.55—4.20 p.m.

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