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The Quarterly



Our Logo

Our logo shows Bellerophon, the son of Glaucus, King of Corinth, a character from Greek mythology. Bellerophon was the hero who tamed the winged horse Pegasus with the aid of a bridle given to him by the goddess Athena and we see him here riding through the night sky on Pegasus. Mr. Tom Reid recalls that a small picture on the back gate of the old Bully Inn was of a winged horse and that the Bowling Club has a trophy called the Bellerophon Trophy and a winged horse as their emblem.



How did Bellerophon come to be connected to Quarter? The number 1 coal pit was called Bellerophon as was, we believe, the local Inn originally. The original name may have come from one of Nelson's ships during the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 and also after the first ship built to a new design of shorter, handier ships, divided into watertight compartments, which was constructed in 1862 and called the Bellerophon. Nicknames in the Navy for various ships are legend. Some are merely mispronunciations and others seem to have no obvious origin. For ages past the ships of the navy have been christened with the most extraordinary names. It is in a way a sign of affection, in the same way that popular people usually acquire a nickname.

The Naval nickname for the old Bellerophon was always the "Billy Ruffian" or "Bally Ruffian". The local dialect probably did the rest, as Billy can be heard by outsiders as Bully with a harsh U and Ruffian, "having no part in Quarter!" was dropped to make the name "The Bully Inn". Another explanation of the name is from the William Wallace book about Pubs in and around Hamilton "To Drink or Not To Drink". I quote "Up at Quarter an Inn seems to have taken its name from the first Quarter mine – The Old Bellerophon. Through the vagary of accent the name of the place seems to have changed to The Bully Inn when the first Irish immigrant miners arrived".

Quarter Community Association

The first newsletter appears to have been well received. However we are interested in your comments as to what should appear in the newsletter and if you have any suggestions regarding presentation, etc., we would be delighted to hear from you. All comments and articles can be sent to Alan Johnstone of 17 Darnagaber Gardens, Quarter.

The Quarter Community Association has been awarded, by the Lottery Fund, an Epson A3 laser printer. With this printer we hope to be able to print our own newsletter and be able to offer a printing service to the other groups in Quarter. As a member of the Association, should you require posters, flyers, or pamphlets printed then please get in touch with either Willie McGillivray (207981) or Alan Johnstone (281321) to discuss your requirements. To cover the ink replacement may we suggest a possible small donation.

You will need to forgive us for being a bit late with this issue, our newsletter should be four per year, but because we started in April and this one being late the next will be in November and therefore all articles should preferably be in by the last week in October to Alan Johnstone.

Quarter Village Gala 2005

The sun shone earlier this spring when we held one of our annual fund raising events, the sponsored walk. The walk started from the Village centre and continued along Limkilnburn Road into Darnagaber Gardens and back down the main street, along Carscallan Road into Beech Avenue and back to the centre.

The picture was taken before the walk, hence the happy smiling faces, though we must add that they were still smiling after they had collected much needed funds for the Gala. Many thanks to those who took part.

Our 20th Annual Gala took place on the 21st of May and the Gala Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who turned out to support us despite the dreadful weather.

Once again the children were wonderful and a great day was had by all.



Our thanks, as always go to our army of volunteers, without whom our gala could not take place. We hope to see another wonderful turnout of floats again next year, so get your thinking caps on and come join the parade.

Our A.G.M. took place on the 22nd June to allow us to elect a new Gala Committee. It has now been confirmed that our regular meetings will recommence on Wednesday the 7th September at 8.15 pm in the Bully Inn. New members or offers of help are always welcome.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any new ideas for fundraising events over the next year. Please contact any committee member. The Quarter Gala Queen with her entourage were as follows:-



The Queen is Claudia Mitchell;
The Attendants are Cara McInnes, Emma Louise Law and Olivia Milligan;
The Maids are Lauren Mooney and Katie Carlisle;
The Pages are Ryan McKnight and Ben Guthrie and last but not least
The Flower Girls are Lauren Neely and Samivah T Javeed.



Gala pictures courtesy of David Watson, for further pictures of the Gala please visit www.firstfoto.co.uk

QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Once again the 2005 school year has ended with excellent results all round. Academic achievement continues to be a source of pride, with results in Reading (92.4%), Writing (89.4%) and Mathematics (95.5%) showing the school to be well above average. Congratulations have to be extended to Mrs Faye McNaughton and her team of teachers, and also the hard-working pupils, for maintaining such a magnificent standard.

The Quarter School Board sadly had to part with its Chairperson Mr Arthur McWilliams, who left the Board in April. A special dinner was held to thank Mr McWilliams for his unstinting work on the Board. Mrs Myra Milligan was elected to Chair the Board and the new Deputy Chairperson is Mr Stuart McDowall.

Mrs Myra Milligan offered the following comments on behalf of the School Board:

The Board have had a very busy year to date. A response to the proposed *Parental Involvement Bill* was drafted by Mrs Pamela McIntyre after discussion with Board members. The idea behind the Bill is a possible merger between the School Board and the P.T.A.

The next area for discussion is the Education Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004. A response to this will be forwarded by the Board before the 3rd August 2005, so no summer break for Board members!

Perhaps the most important avenue that has been explored this year is the issue of road safety. Arthur McWilliams, along with Mrs McNaughton, has worked tirelessly to initiate a move towards the provision of a school crossing patrol. It appears however that the school meets only 34% of the criteria required for this to be instituted. This was a great disappointment for the Board and the staff. Nevertheless, various suggestions were put forward by the school travel co-ordinators and these will be taken up in the new term. The School Board offers congratulations to Mrs McNaughton and all the staff for taking us through another great academic year and wishes all the teaching staff and pupils a restful and safe summer holiday.

The first meeting of the School Board will take

place on Thursday 8th September at 7pm.

SOME SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS



Here we are all ready to go sailing

Scott and Danny after a hard day canoeing



QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL *Pictorial Review*



*"Ahoy there" says Jack McInnes
(On School Sailing activity)*

Primary 6 and 7 at Ardentenny.



*Lending a hand to Euan MacInnes after his leap from a
rock into the sea.*

*The Heartstone Kite made by the pupils in Primaries 5, 6 and 7
before being taken to the Festival of Flight in Edinburgh.*



Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch have been active over the last few months since your last newsletter, as all you weary souls will appreciate, by the provision of a bench outside the shop and with many households now having smoke alarms and energy efficient lights we are not only safer but wealthier.

We would like to thank the local Community Police for their constant support and their very generous grant to the village of £500.00. We would also like to thank the youth of the village for their kind donations at the shop and for the generous donations from Scottish Gas, Bank of Scotland and Road Safety Dept of S.L.C.

The campaign for "Safe as Houses" is still on-going and if you require any safety equipment or security advice then please speak to your area Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.

Remember if you want to report any incident on crime or safety please call the Police on 01698 483300 and for a real emergency it will be 999.

Quarter & Cadzow Community Council Incorporating Quarter in Bloom

Since the first edition of the Quarterly in April this year, Quarter in Bloom has been busy working around the village. We know from some of the comments received that the planters are appreciated by many and it is nice to know that our work is helping to make Quarter a brighter place.

We would like to thank all those who sponsored the wall troughs at the school, for their generosity. For anyone who hasn't seen them, all the troughs bear a plaque with the sponsors' name.

We have, thanks to everybody's generosity through fundraising, also been able to site 40 whisky barrels along the length of the main street and attach six wrought iron mangers on the wall of the church. We would also like to thank local farmer Mr. Craig for the donation of topsoil for all the planters and Mr and Mrs Toner for the use of their front garden as a temporary storage yard!



One of our most successful fundraising ideas was to host a Big Bloomin Breakfast in the Bully Inn. Booker Cash and Carry kindly donated all the food for the morning and Margaret, John and staff very generously provided the hard labour. We managed to raise the fantastic amount of £250.00. Pictured to the left are a few of the Big Breakfast gourmets enjoying the fayre!



Congratulations go to Mr Sinclair Airlie from Hamilton who won the stone bench and planters kindly gifted as a raffle prize by Brian Taylor of Tranquil Gardens, based in the Regents shopping centre. The raffle raised £200 towards future projects.

On the subject of future projects, we have concentrated our efforts this summer on the main street to make as much impact as possible. We intend now, to start moving into some of the side streets to spread as much colour and make as many improvements as we can for the village.

Some of these future projects include the planting of thousands more spring flowering bulbs in entrance roads and grass verges. Also, the development along with South Lanarkshire Council's Countryside Ranger Service and pupils from the school, of a wildlife area on the rough ground to the side of the swing park and at the edge of the park. Some trees and perennial plants will also be planted in the square behind Castle Wynd.



We also hope, through discussion with South Lanarkshire Council's Roads and Lighting Department, to secure the installation of some festive lighting features to be attached to the lighting columns in the heart of the village for this Christmas. The Council have indicated that it is likely they will be in a position to supply, erect and maintain four features on lampposts. They have also said that if the community can raise the funds for the initial purchase of an additional two features that they would install and maintain them thereafter. We have, thanks to the generosity of two donors, secured the money required for one additional feature at a cost of £450. If any individual, group or business would like to wholly or partly sponsor the second feature then please contact one of the committee members.

.We now have a "Glass Bank" situated in the Bowling Green car park. It is for everybody to use, to help the environment.

As always if you would like to join the group or be added to our email list for future project information, then please contact the secretary Willie McGillivray at w.mcgillivray@ukonline.co.uk

Finally, the Community Council as required under South Lanarkshire Council's scheme for Community Council's is required to hold elections to the Council in October this year. Please look out for information in the near future on how to become part of the Quarter and Cadzow Community Council.



The PTA is an association made up of both parents and teachers who work together to raise additional funds for the school, ultimately for the benefit of the children.

For the school term of 2004/2005 we have raised a fantastic grand total of £2,000.

During the last term (April to June) we organised the following events –

Bag 2 School



Bag 2 School is a company who turn unwanted items such as clothes, handbags and shoes into cash. The company picks up all our collected bags from the school. The more we collect the bigger the cheque! So, if you are clearing out over the Summer, please support the school in this successful venture by filling up a bag or more of items you no longer need and leaving them at the school gate between 08:30am and 09:30am on **Thurs 13 Oct 05**. At our last collection in March of this year we collected 1,002Kg of unwanted items which was converted into a total of £201.

Easter Eggstravaganza

A raffle to win a GIANT Easter egg which was drawn at the school Easter Assembly raised £67.56.

Rainbow Day

Rainbow Day was a "no school uniform" day for the children. For just a donation of £1.00, the children brightened up their last day of school before their Spring holidays by wearing lots of different colours of clothes. This took place on **Fri 01 Apr 05** and raised £100.



Cookbook



The Pupils, Parents and Staff brought their favourite recipes into school. There were four main sections to the recipe book, from starters, through main courses to desserts. Home baking was also included. In total there were over 70 different ideas. The recipe book was decorated throughout with artwork by children at the school. 100 copies of the book were produced and sold for £3.00 each. The books sold like hotcakes and £300 was raised by everyone's efforts. Should there be sufficient demand more may be produced.

Overall we have had a busy year and the following events were carried out:-

- ❖ 100 Club
- ❖ Slithering Snake
- ❖ Balloon Race
- ❖ Gifts Galore
- ❖ Wish on a Star
- ❖ Christmas Hampers
- ❖ Bag2 School
- ❖ Eggstravaganza
- ❖ Rainbow Day
- ❖ Cook Book

We thank you for your continuing support of the events organised by the PTA. All monies raised are used by the school to assist in the welfare and development of the children.

All events are publicised at various locations throughout the village.

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday 6th of September at 7.00pm in the school.

With Much Appreciation

The PTA Committee

QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE:

The school and nursery will open after the summer break at 9am on Tuesday 16th August and 10am for the new P1 pupils.

September Weekend: The school will be closed on Friday 23rd September and Monday 26th September.

October Week: The school will be closed from Monday 17th October until Friday 21st October.

In-Service Days: The school will be closed on Monday 24th October and Friday 25th November.

Gymnastics Club: A Gymnastics Club for Primary 2 and 3 children will run for 6 weeks from Thursday 25th August.

P.T.A.: The P.T.A AGM will take place on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm at the school.

All new Primary 1 children will attend for a full day from Monday 12th September.

Harvest Assembly: The Harvest Assembly will take place on Friday 16th September.

Bible Exhibition: the P5/6 and P6/7 classes will be attending a Bible Exhibition in the High Parks Gospel Hall on Monday 3rd October.

Interim Reports: Pupil reports will be issued to parents on Friday 7th October and Parent's Day will be on Wednesday 12th October.

Book Fair: The Book Fair will be in school from Monday 10th October until Thursday 13th October.



QUARTER PARISH CHURCH

The last quarter has been an active one for the village church, with new flower boxes gracing the church walls bordering Limekilnburn Road, new members being added to the church roll, a new trophy in the church for having the best Gala float, and of course new additions being made to the facilities in the church complex. All in all, an exciting time for the church and the village! The church would like to express its appreciation for the creative way in which the Quarter in Bloom and the Village Community Council have brightened up our church, and also our roads with barrels of blooms.

SUMMER SERVICES

Worship Services and Sunday School every Sunday at 9.45 a.m. Sunday School resumes on Sunday 21st August 2005 at 9.45 a.m.

Quarterly Holy Communion 11th September 2005

Friday Lunch Club resumes on Friday 23rd September 2005

Services at Duchess Nina Nursing Home at 2.45 p.m. on Sundays

28th August 2005, 11th September 2005 and 16th October 2005

THE GOOD NEWS SLOT

FACILITY FOR THE DISABLED COMPLETED

Because of the generous contributions from members of the church and people in the village, the new WC facility for the less-able and those requiring wheelchair access, has been installed in the Parish church. A wheelchair has also been made available to the church to be kept on site for use by visitors or members who may need assistance with access. The special fundraising will continue to cover the cost of the installation, together with the later installation of an "induction loop" system for the hard of hearing.

HATS OFF TO THE MANSE GARDEN PARTY

Or should we say "Hats On! for the occasion"? Monica MacDonald has once again arranged a Charity Garden Party at the Quarter Manse for Saturday 13th August 2005 to raise much-needed funds for *The Place of Restoration*, a Christian home in South Africa for abandoned children infected or affected by HIV/Aids. A hat competition will also be held on the day, with prizes in three categories, *Stylish, Unusual and Outrageous*. It is hoped that at least 1000 pounds will be raised on the day.



NOAH'S ARK SAILS AWAY WITH THE TROPHY

Firstly, we need to congratulate those who worked so hard at arranging the Church's "Noah's Ark" float on Gala Day. With beginner's luck the Parish Church walked away with the floating trophy on its first entry in the Gala Parade, having to compete with a host of very creative works of art. When the rain came down on Gala day, Noah's Ark was there to keep the company afloat, even if some of the animals got their feet wet. A hard act to follow for next year!

THE QUARTER GUILD DARES TO CARE

October 12th sees the re-opening of the Quarter Guild which meets every second Wednesday evening at 7.30pm at the church. The first visiting speaker will be Mr Roger Barr (Garden Tips) on 26th October. Anyone is welcome to attend the Guild meetings, which promise an interesting programme as part of the new syllabus. Further details may be obtained from Mrs Sheila Furley at 423973.

THE FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB IN THE SOUP AGAIN

Lunch time meetings will resume on Friday 23rd September in the church hall. Any person who is looking for fun and friendship, with a light lunch thrown in, is welcome to attend any Friday at 12.30pm. Any enquiries to Sheila at 423973 or Morag at 428527