

First Issue. April 2005.

The Quarterly



Welcome to the first edition of the "Quarterly", a new community newsletter for the people of Quarter. Its purpose is to keep everyone up to date about all the activities and events taking place throughout the village.

The newsletter is free and is delivered to every household in Quarter. The first issue has been made possible by a Community Grant from South Lanarkshire Council and the voluntary time and effort given by members of the Community Association, made up of representatives of local groups. The continued success of the newsletter depends on future funding sources and fundraising. There is also the opportunity for businesses to advertise, give help in kind and, of course, any donations would be gratefully received! If you think you can help or want to get involved in any way then please contact one of the committee members listed at the end of the newsletter. In the meantime, we hope you find the "Quarterly" a useful and enjoyable read.

You can also view the newsletter through our web site:- www.quarter-lanarkshire.supanet.com

Quarter Community Council and Quarter in Bloom.

Quarter in Bloom is a group within the Community Council. It is involved in a wide range of projects within the village, to try to make it a brighter and better place for everyone.

The "Bloom" group was formed only last October and, to date, we have planted 23 trees and 3000 bulbs within Quarter. With a generous donation from Gaughan Builders we have also sited 2 wooden street planters at the crossroads, which I am sure you have all seen.

This spring and summer we have big plans! Our aim is to add colour along the length of the main street wherever possible.



Here are a few of the projects we have in mind;

to site a planted feature at the crossroads, marking the farming heritage of the area: to have several large planters along the main street: seven planted wall troughs mounted on the wall of the school: wrought iron mangers on the wall of the Church: to improve the area immediately outside the nursing home.

We have many more ideas for future projects but like everything else, they require funding. To help achieve this summer's projects we are offering the chance to businesses and individuals to sponsor one of the planters etc. A plaque detailing who gifted the planter will be attached to each one. At the school and church the cost is £65 per planter. The large street planters at the nursing home and on the main street are £200 each. We realise this is a lot to ask so we are also applying for grants and funding wherever possible. We have received £250 from the Forestry Trust and £200 from South Lanarkshire Council. Also, through Liz Anderson (a group member) we have been given a grant of £500 from BT. If you would like to sponsor any of the above then please contact Willie McGillivray on 207981 or Margaret Clark in the Bully Inn. Another key to the success of Quarter in Bloom is attracting volunteers to help with the planting and clearing up. Our planting days will be posted throughout the village, so keep an eye out if you would like to help, or contact the committee.

The minutes of all our meetings are on display at the notice board outside the school and on the Quarter website. If you have any issues you think the Community Council can help with then please feel free to come along to one of our meetings or contact a committee member.



Quarter Athletic F.C.

Est. 2001

Quarter Athletic F.C. now has seven teams with an age range of 7 to 17 years with a current membership of 136. We have 16 coaches (all parents) who make it all possible and have helped the Club grow.

We are still attempting to persuade the Council to put drainage into the Football Park but to no avail, which means we have to go out with the village to train. We are going to make a fresh approach which I am sure will be a challenge! I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our sponsorship/fundraising events and hope you will continue to support us in the future.

If anyone would like any information regarding joining a team, please contact me on (01698 425917)

Yours sincerely

Neil McLachlan

Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

Quarter Neighbourhood Watch wishes the Community Association well with this publication and future publications of 'The Quarterly'.

For the past few months it has been business as usual at the Neighbourhood Watch. Some of the issues we took on board last year have stuck around while others have moved on, only to be replaced by other matters. So in no particular order of importance we can hopefully bring you up to date with what has been going on.

Traffic

This is one of those issues that has stuck around and will probably stick around until we are satisfied that the council is taking some positive action. We know that the Community Association is also concerned about the traffic through the village and as long as we both keep up the pressure there is a better chance of some improvement being made. There were a few appearances by the traffic police last year and more are scheduled – although we don't know when. The 'red gates' have also appeared before the 30mph signs and while that was very welcome it does not, in our view, go far enough in the elimination of speeding traffic.

Community Police Officer

Our community police officer, in case you didn't know, is Constable Dawson Fairley. He has been very active since his appointment last year in making himself known in the village and has now become something of a regular fixture. As far as the Neighbourhood Watch is concerned the community police officer is a vital link between our role and that of the police. The Police Bus will be in Quarter on 25 April, 9 May & 23 May. One matter the police have been keen to emphasise is the contact phone number for reporting incidents. All incidents should be reported, in the first instance, to the local area control room at Motherwell on 01698 483300. The neighbourhood watch will be updated on reported incidents at our regular meetings with the police.

Carscallan Road Quarry

The clay quarry at Carscallan Road is operated by Ibstock Scottish Brick Ltd. Following a number of complaints to them about the condition of the road around the quarry, two senior employees of the company attended one of the neighbourhood watch meetings. This was an opportunity for us to put the concerns of the village to Ibstock and it was also an opportunity for them to explain what they were doing to deal with the problem.

Overall we were, and still are quite pleased with the outcome. They have responded to our concerns and so far the measures that have been put in place seem to be working.

In addition to this we have managed to secure some sponsorship from Ibstock for the school, which is a very positive move and one that deserves our thanks.

Energy Watch

Through some shrewd wheeling and dealing and a wee bit of brass-neck we managed to secure some energy saving light bulbs that have now been distributed to some of the elderly residents of the village. We cannot guarantee that all deserving cases have received attention and so if anyone reading this feels they have missed out please contact your neighbourhood watch officer who will arrange delivery.

Report incidents to: Local Area Control Room Tel:
01698 483300

Carol Cain, Chairperson, Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

Quarter Village Gala

1985 - 2005

The 20th Annual Gala Day will take place on Saturday 21st May and we hope to see as many people as possible joining in the procession. We would like to see you decorating anything on wheels including bikes, prams, scooters and cars. So get your egg cartons, washing up bottles and sticky back plastic out and come and join in the fun. This year's Gala Court was elected on the 18th February at our Kid's Disco in the village school when the children had a ball!

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 Javeed.

Congratulations everyone!



Our last fundraiser before Gala Day is a sponsored walk around the village on 23rd April. Further details and sponsor sheets will be coming through your door soon. It's an ideal opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise after those long winter months. So get your walking shoes on and we'll see you all there.

N.B. The Gala Committee meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.15 p.m. in the Bully Inn and new members or offers of help are always welcome.



QUARTER PARISH CHURCH

To the new kid on the block! Welcome and congratulations to the First Issue of the Quarter Village Newsletter. All the people of the Quarter Church wish the Editors and the printers every success with this new village venture.

CHURCH PROGRAMME FROM APRIL TO JUNE 2005:

Worship Services and Sunday School every Sunday at 09h45am

Quarterly Holy Communion 12th June 2005-03-09

Christian Aid Week 8th to 14th May 2005-03-09

Services at Duchess Nina Nursing Home at 2.45 pm on Sundays 17th April 15th May & 12th June 2005

SNIPPETS FOR THE SUMMER:

Thinking of joining the **Quarter Guild** in the new Session? Please speak to the Secretary

Mrs Sheila Furley at 01698 423973.

The Guild always offers good fellowship, fun and outings, opportunities for Christian service and a varied programme of entertaining speakers and activities. The last session saw subjects as varied as "The Hats we Wear" "Christian Care" "Craft Card Making" "Traidfare" "The Malawi Project" and the "Real People of South Africa". Village projects included a Christmas Party, a Village Concert, a Burns Supper and an outing to a Pantomime. The Hospitality Evening was led by the "Covenanters Ceilidh Band" and was a great success. The Guild meets bi-monthly in the Church Hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. and all persons in the village are welcome to join.

The Church **SUMMER FAYRE** takes place on **SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2005** at 10h30am. More than the usual Plants, Books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac and Home-bake will be on hand. There will be lots to eat and more to do, with loads of fun for the kids! Don't miss it!

IN MEMORIUM

JOHN DONALD MacLENNAN M.A.

29th April 1928 - 18th February 2005

John was the Headmaster of the Quarter Primary School for 21 years, a beloved Church Elder, Clerk to the Board of Management for 10 years, President of The Association of Head Teachers Scotland, Chairperson of the Quarter Community Council and Gala Committee and friend of many in Quarter.

Condolences to Mary and Family.

Quarter Toddler Group

Annual Fundraising Barn Dance on Friday 10th June 2005,

8 p.m. till 12.30 a.m. at Knowetop Farm, Quarter.

Live Band Bar & B-B-Q.

Tickets are £9.00 and available from Fiona Mawer 420892,

Susan Frame 426421, or Karen Torrance 423835

Come along for a great night out and help support the local Toddler Group.

The Toddler Group meet every Wednesday in Quarter Church Hall from 10.00 a.m. till 12 noon, (School term times).

We welcome all parents, carers, grandparents and childminders with toddlers and babies.

Come along and meet new friends while the little ones play! The Toddler Group has regular activities and trips.

For more information please call Fiona on 420892.

Quarter Boolin Club

The Quarter Boolin Club wishes the new Quarterly newsletter every success

The Club is looking for a Clubhouse Cleaner required for 9 hrs per week, flexible, Minimum wage applies. Applications to

The Committee, Quarter Boolin Club, Limekilnburn Road, Quarter. ML3 7XA

Tel:- 01698283430

Quarter Primary School Board

The Members of the Quarter Primary School Board and the Head Teacher are grateful to the Quarter Community Association for allowing us to contribute to this first edition of the Village Newsletter.

The Parent Board Members are; Arthur McWilliams, Chairman, Myra Milligan, Deputy Chairman, Stuart McDowall and Pamela McIntyre. Mrs Marshall is the Teaching Staff Member and Rev. George MacDonald is a Co-opted Member. Our Secretary is Mabel Anderson and Mrs McNaughton although not a Board Member due to her role as Head Teacher is critical to the Business of our Meetings. We normally meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm in the School Staff Room and at our January 2005 Meeting we were delighted to welcome to our Meeting Councillor Mary A Smith in her capacity as Chair of the Education Resources Committee.

Duties of the School Board include:

- Consulting with parents and reporting to parents on matters of interest.
- Encouraging the development of links between the school and parents.
- Discussing and approving the head teacher's plans for purchasing books and educational materials.
- Setting dates for occasional holidays in consultation with interested parties.
- Receiving reports from the head teacher and the local education authority.

Quarter Primary is not just our local School but it is in many ways central to the life of our Community whether or not you have a child or relative at the School. We therefore would like to share some news of recent events and successes with you.

BULB COMPETITION

Our children won the shield for the best school overall for the sixth time in the South Lanarkshire Bulb Competition!

BURNS COMPETITION

We held our annual Burns Competition on 10th February with all Classes participating to their usual high standard thanks to the support of teachers, parents and guardians.

NETBALL

Our netball team which was only formed during 2004 and which is going from strength to strength took part in its first Netball Festival at Eddlewood Sports Barn during February.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

The results of the School's National Assessments in 2004 continued to improve. Thanks go to Mrs McNaughton, her staff and pupils for their hard work. The results were, Reading – 92.4%; Writing – 89.4%; Mathematics – 95.5%.

If you would like to contact any Member of the School Board then please do so in the first instance via the School Office who will put you in contact with the Chairman or any Board Member.

Quarter Community Association



Should any business wish to place an advert or anyone wish to contribute to the next edition of the Quarterly then please contact Willie McGillivray:- Tel 01698 207981 or contact the Association through the web site :- quarter-lanarkshire.supanet.com

The web site has been re-vamped to show the newsletter and more information regarding the Quarter Church and Hamilton South Church. Please have a look at the site and if you can contribute to our knowledge of the village then please email such information to Alan Johnstone.

Even if you cannot view the web site you could always post photographs and comments to me at 17 Darngaber Gardens, Quarter. All photographs would be returned.

Lookout for the next edition coming through your door in July 2005.