

The Quarterly



Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

The Community Council has lost a number of its committee members this year due to emigration, one to Spain and one to Motherwell, which leaves us with a deficit of members. If you have some time to spare and are interested in helping your fellow villagers then this is the job for you. Please contact Liz Anderson, Alan Johnstone or George McDonald for details and be assured of a rewarding experience as a committee member.

The Christmas lights are up again, thanks to the South Lanarkshire Council, a bit of cheer in the shorter days, and the tubs and mangers are looking good with their winter colour. Remember if there are any issues you would like raised with the local authorities then please let your Community Council know and we will endeavour to find out what can be done.

Quarter Community Association

If there are any villagers who would like to get involved with the editing and/or reporting for the newsletter, or any other aspects of the Quarter Community Association, then please get in touch with the Editor. We would also like to hear from you about what is happening, in and around the village. It could be a story concerning your family or friends or an interesting piece of history about the area. Please send you articles to the Editor. Although the Association's main function is to produce the newsletter it is also there to lend assistance to the other organisations throughout the village, such as printing facilities and help if required on receiving grants etc.

Quarter in Bloom

Another busy planting time has come to an end. Once again I would like to thank our volunteers Yvonne Milne, Heather Milne, Iain McDonald, Margaret Clark and new recruit May Hardman.

We can all look forward to a good spring show, as there are plenty of bulbs in all the barrels and mangers. Castle Wynd can also look forward to some spring colour; again a thousand daffodils have been planted.

We have had a visit from Gerry Devaney from Chatelherault Country Park. He was keen to see what we had been up to, and what areas still needed attention from some Horticultural Therapy! Alan Johnstone very kindly drove Gerry round all the areas we have future plans for. Gerry also provided the thousand daffodil bulbs and has given me some small saplings to bring on. They'll take about two years before they are ready for planting out. He is also willing to give us some shrubs and bushes for planting in some of the "problem" areas. Gerry is keen to get some wild flowers planted in some of the wilder areas; I will keep you posted on that.

Well folks, that's all from compost corner (oops sorry) Quarter in Bloom, until after Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Lights at 57 Limekilnburn Road

(A light hearted letter from Norma and Eddie McKenna. 57 Limekilnburn Road.)

Last year my husband and I decorated our house for Christmas with lights and a grotto for the children. Unfortunately, there were complaints about the noise, so this year, we have decided to put the main display at the rear of the house. It will be bigger and better and we have decided to try to raise some money, through public donations, for the St Andrews Hospice. Everyone is welcome to come round and see it. There will be sweets for all the children and hopefully some snow too! The big switch on will be on 1st of December. I hope that the villagers will support this worthy cause and as many as possible will come to see Santa and all his friends.

Yours sincerely, Norma and Eddie McKenna.

Quarter Gala

Unfortunately it looks like there will be no Gala next year due to a lack of interest from the villagers to help on the committee. If there are any volunteers to join the committee then please get in touch with either Monica MacDonald or Linda McKnight.

Christmas Church Fayre

There was a very good turnout this year for the Christmas Fayre which raised over £1300, and the ladies were kept busy on the stalls and with the teas. Thanks also must go to the organisers and last but not least the generous supporters.

Santa was again handing out presents to all the children, some whom we thought were on the large size.



QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Notes from the school Magazine

“ENTERPRISE IS THE BUSINESS” EVENT – HIGHEST PROFIT WINNERS

Congratulations to our team of Stephen Dundas, Cara MacInnes, John Ballantyne, Mhairi Cantley, Cameron Gibbons, Olivia Milligan, Emma Lindsay and Eilidh Anderson who won a beautiful glass trophy for the team with the highest profit. This was an amazing achievement as fifteen schools entered.

HALLOWE’EN PARTY

Our annual Hallowe’en Party was a great success. As usual the children’s outfits were amazing. Many thanks to the Duchess Nina Nursing Home for selecting the winners who were as follows:-

P1: 1st Stewart Black 2nd Kate Torrance 3rd Jack Wilson
P2/3: 1st Shona Swan 2nd Mark Crombie 3rd David Ballantyne
P4/5: 1st James Law 2nd Gillian Black 3rd Aedan Ross
P5/6: 1st Iain Waddell 2nd Reece Mourning /Scott Burns 3rd Susan Kudla
P7: 1st Matthew Griffin 2nd John Ballantyne 3rd Rory Kennedy

ROAD SAFETY CALENDAR COMPETITION

We were delighted to have eight “Highly Commended” certificate winners in this competition. Well done to the following children:- Olivia Robinson, Luke Fallow, Michael Annand, Elle Wilson, Emma Lindsay, Lauren Barkby, Eilidh Anderson and Emma Findlay

JUNIOR REPORTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Eilidh Anderson who was a winner in the Junior Reporter Competition run by Strathclyde Police. Her prize was a visit to Pollok House in Glasgow to meet the dogs and police at the Strathclyde Police Dog Branch.

BARNARDOS

Thank-you to all the boys and girls who raised **£600** for Barnardos. A marvellous sum of money! Congratulations also to Lisa Douglas who won the cuddly Teddy Bear.

EARL HAIG FUND

Thank-you to everyone who bought poppies for this most deserving cause. A total of £51 was sent to the fund.

SHOE BIZ

Well done to Elle Wilson and Emma Lewis for organising the Blue Peter Shoe Biz Appeal. If you have any old, unwanted shoes, please send them into the school. We have 40 pairs already but would love to have at least 100. If you can help, please send in as many pairs as you can. All the shoes will bring in money for the people of Malawi.

GRANDPARENTS’ TREAT

Primary 4/5 are holding a Grandparents’ Treat on Wednesday 13 December as part of their Enterprise Topic. The children will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies and entertaining their guests.

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL

We are still working hard towards our gold award. This session we are looking at the staff’s health as well as the children’s health. So far this session, the Quarter staff have attended a yoga session, spin class, Swiss ball class and swimming and the children have had the opportunity to attend aerobics (P7 girls), swimming (P6&7), curling (P6&7), judo, netball and gymnastics (P1,2,3). An exotic fruit sale has also taken place as has a visit to Asda to meet Andrew Fairlie, head chef at Gleneagles Hotel, who was signing copies of Class Cuisine, a healthy eating cook book being sold on behalf of St Andrew’s Hospice.

Faye McNaughton Head Teacher

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QUARTER PARISH CHURCH ACTIVITIES OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON *All Quarter villagers are cordially invited*



WORSHIP SERVICE and Sunday School 9.45am every Sunday

FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE Sunday 17th December at 9.45am

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11.30pm with CAROLS SINGING and REFRESHMENTS from 11.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE 9.45am

GUILD MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL at 7.30pm :

Wed 13th December Christmas Supper with Tearfund Sale

Wed 17 January 2007 7.30pm ANNUAL BURNS SUPPER

(Tickets at £10 available from Ann Milligan tel 01698 200026)

Wed 14th February 2007 Speaker Mr Sandy Russel (Crossreach)

Wed 28th February 2007 Speaker Lord Lt Gilbert Fox

Wed 14th March 2007 Speaker Mrs Birkett (Glickman’s Confectionary)

please note that all visitors are welcome to attend any of the above. there is no cost.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP every Fri at 12.30pm for a light lunch and some “Keep Fit” after.

South Lanarkshire Community Paths Project

‘Tell us where to go.....’

South Lanarkshire Council, with the help of South Lanarkshire Access Forum, is currently running a consultation exercise across the authority relating to outdoor access in order to fulfil the obligation to produce a core path plan by 2008. The core path plan will consist of routes, both on land and water, which are deemed to provide reasonable outdoor access for the people of South Lanarkshire and its visitors.

Our aim is to improve access opportunities for everybody regardless of age, ability or interest in the outdoors. Through a series of community consultation events, a network of routes will be identified around settlements in the area that enables residents to leave their front door and access their local green space or the wider countryside.

What we are looking for is information on where people currently walk, cycle, horse ride, paddle canoes, any issues with these routes, information on routes that people would like to use, and any general issues with access e.g. for people with disabilities. This information is gathered by asking people to draw lines on maps and to fill in questionnaires. Both path users and landowners are invited to put their views.

“From the Editor :- As a disabled person myself I would be very pleased if all you keen walkers would like to describe the terrain of the walk. Are there stiles to climb over and in general is the path suitable for wheelchair, crutches or a walking stick users? A rough distance of the walk and what we can expect to see along the way would also help. If you would like to take a camera and give a detailed study of the area so much the better. This would be a great boost to the tourist trade and combined with the Quarter Community Association’s project of detailing the history of Quarter, would add up to giving a fuller picture of Quarter and surrounding area.” Please pass on your information to Carol Cain or the Editor Alan Johnstone, at 17 Darngaber Gardens, Quarter and I will relay this information to Alan Bannister the Access Development Officer of South Lanarkshire Council.

Quarter Primary School PTA

Quarter Primary PTA has been in existence for many years. It presently consists of a small group of parents who organise fund raising events throughout the school session in order to raise money for the school. Last year we had a very successful year raising over £2,000 which is quite a considerable amount for a small school like ours.

This money was used to pay for the following:

£1,000 was used to pay for all of the pupils to go on their school trip

£500 was donated to the school to purchase new spelling books

£132 paid for all of the presents and prizes for the Christmas Parties

£275 paid for 2 separate Theatre Company performances

£45 paid for the School Ties which were gifted to the leaving P7 parents

We are always on the lookout for new members (fresh faces with new ideas) - It is not a big commitment to make—perhaps 5/6 hours a year. Meetings are held in The Bully Inn on a Tuesday evening. Interested?

Contact Fiona Ballantyne on 457735.

Bags To School

A big thank you to everyone who donated unwanted items for Bags to School. Over 100 bags were collected and this raised the sum of £128.80 for PTA Funds.

Pantomime

This month the PTA has donated £500 to the school. This will pay for every child to visit the Pantomime at Motherwell Civic Centre in December.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Once again this year, the PTA will be holding the Christmas Hamper Raffle. There will be 4 lovely hampers available to win and tickets will be £1 per strip of 5. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Nativity on Thursday 21 December. There will also be a Children’s Raffle this year—with the prize being a Santa Sack full of Christmas Presents. Tickets for both will be on sale in the school in December.

Quarter Toddler Group

Why not come along to Quarter Toddler Group, held every Wednesday in the Church Hall from 10am - 12am. Fees £1per week, from birth to pre-school, all welcome, for further details contact Jean Currie on 01698 427344, or just turn up.



“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” [Jn 3:16](#)

The message of Christmas is a message of life and love given from heaven.

The world received three great gifts on that first Christmas day:
the Love of God, the Son of God, and the Life of God.

As with any gift, each of these Christmas gifts has to be received to be enjoyed.

The only way to receive them is by using God’s way for us- *faith*. We have to believe it.

As we trust God for his gifts, we put Christ into Christmas, love into our celebrations, and life into our futures.

Letters and Emails sent to the Editor:- Any replies can be sent via the editor.

I hope you don't mind but I have been looking at the Quarter web site. I have an old birth certificate for a family member which states that the child's birth was registered on 22nd December 1866 to a William Gillespie and an Elizabeth Gillespie (nee Cherrie) which took place at Quarter Iron Works. I'm not sure if this is where they were married or where the birth was registered? Can you help? The child, a Janet Gillespie, was baptized by Rev A C McPhail at Darngaber Row which is miners cottages. Would the child have been baptized at home? Or is this where Quarter Iron Works were? From your web site I see that the church wasn't built till a few years later and that religious services were held in the Old Works School but I can't find anything about this school. I would appreciate any help or if you could suggest where to look for this local information.

Many thanks Irene Lawn

Hi

My name is Bill Cleland living in Albuquerque, NM USA. I was referred to your site by Jim Monie of Stonehouse, when I asked him about the Village of Plotcock. You have put a great site on line.

In the 1861 Census, James Cleland (my great great grandfather and his family were listed in the Village of Plotcock; Jame's father Thomas died in 1858 in Plotcock and is buried in Stonehouse Parish. I have never been able to find anything about Plotcock prior to my correspondence with Mr. Monie. I still have questions about Plotcock; Perhaps you can help or direct me to someone? Was Plotcock an Ironstone Mining Community? A Company owned town? What company? What were the names of the pits or mines being worked in Plotcock in the mid 1800's? Is Plotcock part of Quarter? Any information that you have on Plotcock will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much Bill Cleland wjcleland@comcast.net

I have just found this site & I am delighted. I was born in Quarter in 1927, next door to the Hornal's. My name is George Williams & my grandparents lived in the Furnace Row & moved to the New Buildings. I have in my possession photos of Quarter School & Bowling Green where my father was President. I am now living in the U.S.A. & would be delighted to hear from you.

George Williams

E Burns

I have been doing some research into my family history (all were miners) and have discovered in the 1891 census they lived in Allanton Row & in 1901 in Furnace Row. Later in 1924 when my great grandfather died his address was Eddlewood House. I am looking for any information on Eddlewood House. His name was Francis McGlynn. I would love to know if anyone has any information they could pass on to me.

Hello Alan,

I was in touch with you a couple years ago regarding the Flemings of Quarter in the 1800's. Though I wasn't sure at the time, I had a strong feeling that they were my ancestors. After lots of research and a little help along the way, I now know that most, if not all, the Flemings on the 1851 Quarter census were my Flemings.

I'm wondering if you know of any Fleming descendants still residing in Quarter, and if so I would be thrilled to make contact with them.

I will forward my family history and a letter written by John Fleming, son of my great great grandfather William. John was a master mariner and made several voyages to the UK in the late 1800's. The visit he tells about in this letter was around 1874, and the aunts he speaks of visiting were Christy and Sarah Gilmour.

When I visit the Quarter website I almost feel like I'm "home". Thank-you, Sharon Murray

Hello,

I'm trying to search for my grandfather who according to my mother's birth certificate was a gamekeeper at Quarter residing at Lady Mary Lodge. My grandmother was Betsy Robertson Kidd and although I traced her from Quarter to where she died in Hamilton I cannot get anything on my grandfather whose name was Alexander Paterson. My mother was illegitimate, which was a disgrace as you know in those days. Although they were both present when they registered her birth, as both their names are on the birth certificate. My mother's name was Elizabeth Scott Robertson Paterson born 16th February 1910 at Hillside, Bothwell. Her birth was registered at Uddingston on the 3rd March 1910. Can you give me any information on how I can get further information. I would be entirely grateful for any help or advice you can give me. With Kind Regards Christine Torrie

Hi Alan

Just a note to say thank you for your site. I have found it very interesting reading. My relatives, MOFFAT, RODGER and NEILSON all spent time in this area. In fact John RODGER and his wife Margaret (Peggie) nee NEILSON both died at 1 Furnace Row in 1921 and 1915 respectively.

At the time of the 1901 census they were living at 23 Furnace Row and prior to that at Limekilnburn. My great uncle Samuel MOFFAT was born at 21 Carscallan Row Quarter in 1905.

I was interested to see the photograph of houses at Quarter and wondered if you had others that were not published on your site. I would be interested in any other information you have about Quarter or any of my family in particular Thank you for your time.

Regards Joan Mohr, Australia