

# The Quarterly



## *Quarter & Cadzow Community Council*

Our Secretary, and indeed the leading light of the Council, for the past few years Mr William McGillivray is stepping down and taking up a position on the sunny coast of Spain as a garden designer. All the Committee and indeed all who know Willie wish him every success in his new venture. Willie acted as Invigilating Officer during the elections of the new Committee for the Q & C.C.C. with the positions filled as follows:-

Chairman:- John Furley, Vice Chairman:- Rev George MacDonald, Secretary:- Liz Anderson, Treasurer:- Alan Johnstone, and Committee Member:- Margaret Clark.

The Committee was disappointed in the level of interest shown in the election process, we would have liked more nominations. Having said that, the incumbents will do their utmost to represent your interests and give you all the latest news of Quarter through this newsletter.

The meeting held on the 16th November regarding the South Lanarkshire Planning proposals for Quarter was very well attended and a lively debate took place with the main reasons for objection being lack of sewage facilities, poor roads, inadequate facilities and use of green belt land. Over 100 forms of complaint have been distributed and hopefully forwarded to SLC for their consideration. Your council will keep in touch with the SLC to find out what is happening and inform the villagers. To contact the Community Council please address letters to Alan Johnstone at 17 Dargaber Gardens Quarter.

## *Quarter in Bloom Garden Competition*



Quarter in Bloom and the Quarter Community Association ran an inaugural garden competition during the summer months for the village. All front gardens throughout Quarter were judged during August, with Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes awarded to the winners. The gardens were judged by Mrs Elizabeth Dunlop, a horticulturalist with some 25yrs experience in the industry. Pictured are the winners of the competition, Mr & Mrs Baird, along with their son Matthew, being presented with their prizes and a shield by Liz Anderson from Quarter in Bloom and Rev. George MacDonald from the Community Association. The Shield was hand made by Mr Bob Pillans from a

piece of African hardwood donated by the Rev. George MacDonald. Liz said "it is a delight to see such a wonderful display of colour in somebody's front garden for everyone to enjoy". The Silver Prize was won by Mr & Mrs Simpson and the Bronze by Sandra Haggerty. Our congratulations to all three winners and it is hoped next years competition will be even better with more categories and prizes available.

The Sunflower Competition attracted a large number of entrants this year with the winner being Ross McDowall, 2nd Gemma Wilson and 3rd John Ballantyne with 17 merit awards. A very high standard was achieved by all.

Thanks to everyone who helped raise the fantastic sum of £172.75 by putting their loose change into the "Bloom Bottle" behind the bar in the Bully Inn. The "Big Bloomin Scottish Buffet" was a great success and raised over £290.00 for the Quarter in Bloom and many thanks to all those who helped, with a special thanks to Yvonne Milne and Lorna Walker. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Network Rail for their donation of £75.00.

We have been busy recently, emptying out all the planters of summer bedding plants and replanting with spring flowering bulbs, heathers, ivies, forget-me-nots, etc., to give us some colour throughout the winter and into spring. Thank you to all the adults and children who turned out to help with the work.

Over the coming months we will be replacing some trees which have either been vandalised or failed to establish, and we will be carrying out some permanent landscaping in other parts of the village.

If you would like to get involved with Quarter in Bloom then please let us know and we will add you to our mailing list and keep you up to date with our projects.



## *Quarter Athletic Football Club*

Our teams are doing very well. Quarter Red under13s won the L.Y.F.D.A Cup at the end of the last season with local boy John Dundas getting the only goal of the game from the penalty spot and Quarter under 17s just missed out on winning the league on the last game of the season. We now have 7 football teams that play under the name of Quarter A.F.C. All of our teams are making good progress and improving with every game.

The under 13s with their trainers and what about that red hair? Nice touch lads.

## *QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL*

The new session at school got off to a good start with 107 children in the school and 14 in the nursery. Two pupils have won national competitions, namely Gordon Swan who was third in the Utterly Butterly Build a Bi-plane Competition, winning £300 for the school and Darren Ferguson who was first in the Jet Smile n' Safe Competition, winning £500 for the school.

The school is working hard at the moment to attain a Health Promoting School Silver Award. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October the whole school took part in a "Chest, Heart and Stroke" Playground Game event. This event not only raises funds for the Association but helps to increase the level of fitness of the pupils taking part. New playground games have been painted on the playground and lots of new toys bought to make playtimes more fun. This also encourages the children to take part in more physical exercise.

On a more sombre note, residents in the village should be made aware of the trouble the school is having with older children who congregate in front of the school grounds in the evenings. At the last Parent's Night a window was smashed at the school, this being the third incidence this year of windows being broken. This poses a danger for our children, and residents are asked to keep a watchful eye for offenders and make reports to the police if any criminal activity is observed. Application has been made to the Education authorities for extra lighting and CCTV to be installed.

The Quarter Primary School Board has welcomed two new members to the Board, namely Mrs Jill Clark and Mr David Black. Mr Arthur McWilliams has also joined as a nominated member. The Chairperson remains as Mrs Myra Milligan and the Vice-Chair Mr Stuart McDowall. The Clerk is Mrs Mabel Anderson and other members are Mrs Christine Marshall and Rev George MacDonald.

The School Harvest Assembly was once again a great success and focussed this year on the Malawi Project. The school is grateful for all the gifts sent in, and these were forwarded to Malawi by Mrs Georgie McMillan, who also addressed the Assembly about the project. The photograph shows Mrs McMillan and Mrs McNaughton with some of the children on the day showing some of the gifts sent to Malawi.





### **Quarter Parish Church**

Remembrance Sunday was celebrated at the Quarter Parish Church on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005. The Service was well attended and began with a procession led by the Piper to the front of the Church. The Memorial Roll was then read and a poppy wreath laid at the

Memorial Plaque in the vestibule. The Sunday School children then brought flowers to the Memorial Plaque and all present were led into the Church by Mrs Kirkland.

#### QUARTER GUILD:

**December.:-** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> "Village Concert & School Choir"

**2006 January.** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> "Burns Supper"

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Turkey / Biblical Asia Minor.  
Mrs. M. MacDonald.

#### **February.**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> "The Role of the Family Liaison Officer" Mrs. C. Turner.

#### **March.**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> "The Role of the Paramedic" Mrs. L. Biggar.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting. Guild.

Unless otherwise stated all meetings start at 7.30 p.m.

#### CHURCH PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2005 TO MARCH 2006

Worship Services and Sunday School every Sunday at 9.45am  
Village Concert & School Choir Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
Holy Communion 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2006  
Christmas Eve Service 11.15pm  
Christmas Day Service 9.45am  
Alpha Supper Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm  
Burns Supper Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at the Church  
Start of Alpha Course Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 6.45pm



REMEMBRANCE DAY: Rev George



## **Alpha**

### **ALPHA IS COMING TO QUARTER!**

The internationally recognized Alpha Course will be presented in Quarter early in the New Year. The course will be preceded by a FREE SUPPER to be held at the church on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 6.30pm. There will be no obligation to attend the course, and the supper evening will be used to give details of how this life-changing course operates.

**"WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?"** In a simple non-threatening video presentation of the Christian faith, the

course aims to answer this all-important question.

**WHO IS IT FOR?** Any person, any age, who would like to know more about the Christian faith in an enjoyable fun way, without having to join a church or feel obligated in any way.

**HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?** About eleven weeks, one evening a week.

**WHAT DOES IT COST?** The course is absolutely free.

If you would like to know more, call George on 424511.

WATCH THE VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS FOR FURTHER DETAILS

The facility for the disabled at the Quarter Church has now been put into use and a plaque installed to acknowledge donations towards its construction. A number of people in the village



Mr Jim Bryson at the acknowledgement plaque.

made generous donations and the family of the late Robert Bryson, a previous Session Clerk of the Church, were responsible for the structural changes that were necessary. Mr Jim Bryson came along to the Church Fayre on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, and was formally thanked by the Church Treasurer, Mr Norman MacMillan.

Church Treasurer  
Mr Norman MacMillan  
thanking Mr Jim Bryson



## ***Church Christmas Fayre***



Mrs Monica MacDonald, who opened the Church Christmas Fayre, greeting Santa, a very close friend of Mr Colin Boston, a local resident.

The annual Christmas Fayre was once again a great success and well attended by the Quarter Community. An amount of £1150 was raised, and the organizers would like to thank all those who helped and who came along to support the Fayre.

## ***Quarter Neighbourhood Watch***

Recently there have been a number of incidents within the village that have caused concern to several residents. The Neighbourhood Watch Committee would like to emphasize the need to report any complaints to the Police. The telephone number for the local police office is :- **01698 483300**

### **NO COMPLAINTS MEAN NO ACTION BY POLICE**

Telephoning complaints into police alerts Senior Officers to the problem and makes them aware of the need to continue Community Policing in the Quarter Area.

As a Committee we have a named co-ordinator for your area and any concerns that you wish brought to the next meeting of the Committee should be made to your named co-ordinator.

Co-ordinators can pass on your concerns regarding less serious matters to the police e.g. traffic, road speed, etc., and make sure that you are kept up-to-date with information from the group. They are not able to request police assistance immediately.

Your Area Co-ordinator is:-

NAME	ADDRESS	TERRITORY
Carol Cain	28 Castle Wynd	Chairperson
Vacant (If anybody can assist with covering	this territory please contact Carol Cain)	Limekilnburn Road, Quarter.
Ian Danskin	8 Hawthorn Way	S.B. Homes
Jim McMenamin	12 Baltersan Gardens	Baltersan Gardens & Rowan Grove.
Grace Neil	7 Denholm Gardens	Denholm Gardens.
Stephen Griffiths	2 Silverbirch Grove	Silverbirch Grove, Gardens & Sunnyside.
Irene Foster	8 Foinavon Road	Foinavon Road & Merrick Gardens.
Nan Bartlett	2 Darngaber Gardens	Darngaber Gardens.
Jayne Allerdyce	2 Furnace Road	Castle Wynd, Cadzow Rd & Furnace Rd.
Jim Christie	309b Strathaven Road	Limekilnburn.

## ***QUARTER VILLAGE GALA***

In September a new Committee was formed and already we're making plans and organising fundraisers for Gala Day 2006. However we would like to say that new members and offers of help or support are welcome at any time during the year. We meet in The Bully Inn on the first Wednesday of every month at 8.15 p.m. Our first fundraiser was our Bingo Night, which was a thoroughly enjoyable night, as always. Thanks to Tommy Quinn for his very professional bingo calling and Quarter Boolin' Club for the use of their bingo machine. Hopefully the Quarterly will have dropped through your doors before our Christmas Party on 10th December in Quarter Church from 1.30 p.m. till 3.30 p.m. when Santa will be paying us a visit. We look forward to seeing all you boys and girls there! (Remember to bring your list for Santa!) For the Mums and Dads, tickets are now on sale for the annual Gala Dinner Dance.

DINNER DANCE STRATHAVEN HOTEL

Saturday 4 February 2006 TICKETS £25.00

from Gala Committee phone 424511or 424917

Meal served at 7.30 p.m. Bus leaves "The Bully Inn" 6.30 p.m. sharp.

The next issue of the Quarterly will be in March 2006 and I would much appreciate if articles could be in by mid February. Thank you, editor Alan Johnstone.

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