

THE QUARTERLY



Letter from the Editor,

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers. We all owe a big thank you to our distributors of the newsletter who give of their time most generously and without whom you would not be enjoying your morning read.

This past year has been an exciting one, with the 125th anniversary of the Church and the subsequent celebrations that took place. Quarter in Bloom has again achieved a Silver Award for their efforts in providing some beauty round the village. I have to say that it is amazing what is achieved by a very few and the feeling is that with more willing helpers so much more could be achieved, but gone are the days of having a community spirit of helpfulness without reward. Looking back over the old photographs the same faces appear over and over again but sadly these people need the younger generations to step forward and offer their help. We have lost the Community Council, the Gala Committee and Quarter in Bloom is down to a few hard working souls. It is strange how the village has doubled in size, over the last ten years, yet the people stepping forward have declined.

The Quarter Parish Church has still to find a minister, but we trust this lack of leadership does not allow the flock to lose its way and with a new garden to enhance the Church all the gardeners of the congregation will no doubt be keen to maintain the raised beds if not improve them, because as every gardener knows the initial layout is only the start, constant care and attention is required to keep the beds to the standard that we expect from the Church.



New website quarter-lanarkshire.co.uk

A revised website is now in place and we are looking for ideas as well as information to keep the site relevant and up to date. This can only be done if we receive the co-operation of all interested parties and it is in your own interest to inform the villagers of what is coming up in the near future. There is a page dedicated to events, so by all means let the editor know what requires publicity. If you have a business, Club, Association etc and would like a page all to yourself then email details of your page to the editor.

Quarter Play Park

Quarter Neighbourhood Watch is investigating a possible rebuild of the play park at a cost of over £100,000. The site will be cleared and new fencing, play equipment, benches and a walkway round the site are proposed. Consultations are to be arranged with local children and their parents as to what they would like to see happen to the site, within the financial restraints mentioned above. A plan has been drawn up to show what we can do as regards play equipment. A strong and secure fence will be erected round the children's play area, which is an expensive but nowadays necessary requirement as long as we have the few misguided who like to destroy what we try to improve.

A walkway will traverse the site through shrubbery and seasonal planting with plenty of bulbs to give a spring display. Benches will be provided for the parents to rest and watch their children run wild. Two of our local residents have volunteered to be key holders of the park giving access during daylight hours only.

Neighbourhood Watch News:

LUNCH CLUB -QNW has been working in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council (Social Work Dept) & Councillor Carmichael on a project to provide lunch for senior citizens in the village. The Lunch Club started on Tuesday 17th November and will run every Tuesday for 6 weeks initially in Quarter Primary School. The cost for a two course lunch will be £1.25. SLC Social Work Dept have donated a Wii for entertainment and it is hoped that the residents will enjoy the weekly get-togethers and continue the club long after the initial 6 week period.

TRAFFIC CALMING – Traffic speed at Limekilnburn continues to be a concern for residents. The national speed limit on the Strathaven Road is considered, by the residents, to be dangerous for this stretch of road. QNW is working with SLC and Strathclyde Police to alleviate this problem.

PAVEMENTS- Work on the pavements was delayed due to pressure of work but they are now repaired. All pavements in the top half of the village (i.e. Church to Denholm Gardens) were long overdue and will hopefully be of great benefit to the residents.

PLAYPARK – Work is ongoing with SLC to update the Play park to make it safe and available for the youngest members of the village. Councillor Carmichael has progressed this work with the architectural department within SLC and for this we are grateful. Hopefully we will shortly see improvements to the park which will make sure it is a safe environment for play. QCA is at present searching for funding for the park with local residents help.

Councillor Andy Carmichael's CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Since being elected in May 2007 and the subsequent boundary changes, bringing Quarter and Limekilnburn into the Larkhall Ward 20, I have worked relentlessly with local community groups, schools, church personnel and individual constituents to address local authority matters.

There have been a number of community events that have taken place, family fun days, trips to the Scottish Parliament, the Strathclyde Police museum, church celebrations, which I have been privileged to be involved in. With the advent of the new Police Community Initiative which began in March 2009, the area has had Constable David Wesencraft appointed as the local Community Officer. David is a regular visitor to the area and is progressively establishing good police and public relations, to make Quarter a safer and desirable place to live.

My thanks must go to Quarter Neighbourhood Watch, the Quarter Community Association, Quarter Primary School Head Teacher, Staff and Pupils also Quarter Parish Church members for all the help I have so kindly been given.

I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and very Prosperous New Year and look forward to continuing our association.

SURGERY DETAILS
Quarter Primary School
Second Tuesday of every month at 7pm



Neighbourhood Watch News (cont)

XMAS HAMPERS – The annual event will go ahead as planned for senior citizens within the village with all receiving gifts from Quarter Neighbourhood Watch. This is only possible each year due to a generous grant from South Lanarkshire Council. Sadly, it might not be possible in future owing to financial constraints which we are all aware of. However, we do hope that everyone who receives a gift enjoys their Xmas.

Season's Greetings from Quarter Neighbourhood Watch.

Quarter Toddler group

Quarter Toddler group had their Halloween party on Wed 28th Oct. Prizes were given to Aaron Feely aged 4 and Lori aged 1 for best costume. The children had great fun dressing up and enjoyed their party lunch! The toddlers are planning a Christmas Party in the soft play centre in Burnbank on Wed 9th Dec then on 16th Dec they are hoping that Santa will come to their last meeting before Xmas with a wee surprise for them!! Toddlers meet every Wednesday (term time) in Quarter Church Hall at 10 till 12 noon. All under 5s are welcome to come and join us! Toddlers finish on 16th Dec and restart on Wednesday 6th Jan 2010.



Quarter Boolin Club

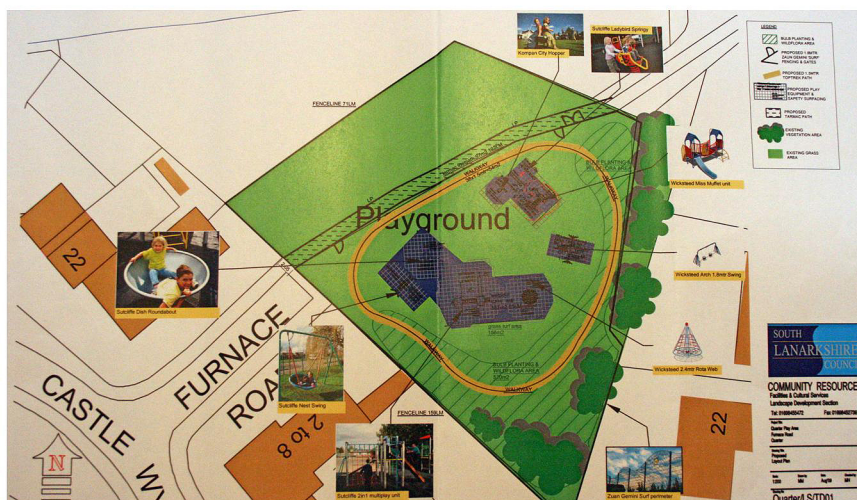
A quiz night every Wednesday started on the 11th of November Teams of up to 4 people £5 per entry Start time 7.30pm Prize money of up to £50 week one

The club hours until the year end :-

Open every Friday from 8pm – 12 Most Saturdays 2pm – 6pm

Next year is the Quarter Boolin Club's 100th 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.

Quarter Play park



The park as it is now and the drawing of what it could look like.

Reflections of a Gardener

By Matt Baird

As the winter approaches and the level of activity in the garden diminishes due to shorter daylight hours and inclement weather many gardeners take the opportunity to reflect on the successes and failures of the previous growing season and begin to plan their plant selections and displays for next year. It is always interesting to review which plants were more successful than others in your own garden and also to reflect and perhaps learn from other displays observed throughout the summer. From my experience the summer of 2009 was excellent for begonias but disappointing for bedding geraniums in that many geranium buds were damaged by rain and rotted away. Many more gardeners are adopting troughs, planters, hanging baskets etc to enhance their garden in summer and when reflecting on the level of success should give a thought to the impact of the compost used in these containers.

Compost compositions have evolved significantly over the past few years mainly due to concerns regarding the destruction of the peat bogs in the UK and Europe as a result of the large scale use of peat for the horticultural industry. Each year in the UK around 2.5 million cubic metres of peat are sold to commercial and amateur gardeners which have resulted in over 94% of peat bogs being damaged. Moss peat has the attributes in compost that it increases the total porosity and improves both the aeration and water retaining capacity which contributes to creating stable growing conditions. Peat bogs provide wildlife habitats and are valuable stores of carbon. Globally peat bogs hold more carbon than the world's forests. When peat bogs are drained or disturbed the peat starts to decompose and carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere where it acts as a greenhouse gas. This has led to many peat bogs in the UK being protected.

Many commercial organisations have researched and developed alternative materials to peat in composts and a number of these are now available to the amateur gardener including the use of wood/timber residues, green compost and coconut fibre dust (coir) with the latter being the most popular and readily available.

Coir is a waste product from the coconut processing industry which has excellent air holding capacity but requires more fertilizer and needs more frequent watering as it does not retain water and nutrients as well as peat based composts.

Green compost is produced from garden waste at civic amenity sites with organic material being broken down into humus by micro-organisms and for best results needs to be mixed with wood residues or coir. Green Compost was the material used in planting out the large beds built earlier this year at the front of the Church.

Wood/Timber industry residues need to be stabilised by composting before use and are low in pH and nutrients. These products are normally blended with other materials to improve their water holding capacity before being used.

Consequently as we reflect on the past growing season and plan for the next we need to take into account all the variables that make successful gardening such an exciting and challenging hobby.

Parents Teacher Association

The new PTA committee elected at the Parent Council AGM on 2nd Sept 2009 are- Lesley Johnston (chairperson), Trish Danskin and Fiona Mawer (joint Secretary) and Lynn Pate (treasurer). The PTA were delighted that a few new people joined the committee and more new members are welcome to join at any time of the year. If you would like to join the PTA and help fundraise for your child's school, please come along to our next meeting.

The PTA have spent so far this year: –

On P7 leaving night out to the Ice Skating in East Kilbride and MacDonald's for dinner!!

£500 to help offset the additional costs of equipment the school bought with the Awards for All grant.

£300 for buses to take the children to the pantomime in Motherwell.

Presents, prizes and selection boxes for the pupils Christmas parties.

The Quarterly Lottery at the school was drawn at the October assembly and congratulations to Margaret Ritchie and Audrey McLaren.

Our funds were boosted with BAGS 2 SCHOOL by £180, which was raised by collecting bags of unwanted clothes, bedding and towels. We receive money on the weight of bags we collect, so thank you to everyone who dropped off bags at the school gate last October for the collection.

We are having another Bags 2 School collection on Wednesday 27th Jan 2010. All donations on the morning are most welcome!

On 19th November we held our ever popular GIFTS GALORE event. A big thank you to all who came along on the evening and supported the event. Even though it was an awful wet and windy night, we made £600. Thanks go to all who donated items for the Chocolate Tombola, Bottle Stall and Home Baking. Raffle prizes were donated by some local companies, so thanks go to The Bully Inn, Quarter Village Store, Glendale Electrical, Hamilton Electrical Supplies, The Co-op, Tunnocks Ltd, Upstairs Downstairs and to everyone else who donated and came along to help on the night.

In the spring we are planning a car boot sale and coffee morning in the school. In April we shall hold our fabulous RACE NIGHT, which has been a great financial success over the past 2 years.

The next meeting of the PTA will be held in The Bully Inn on Wed 13th Jan 2010 at 7.30pm. New members are welcome to come along and help boost our fundraising ideas!

Quarter Primary School Diary Dates

Quarter Primary's Christmas Show:- IT'S A CRACKER

Please come and join us on Thursday 17th December for a cracking time. The show will start at 6.30 p.m. Mince pies will be served from 6.00 p.m. onwards. Tickets are £3.50 each. The tickets will be available from School Office from the 1st of December.

Christmas Parties

P1/2 Christmas Party 15/12/09 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

P3/4/5 Christmas Party 21/12/09 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

P6/7 Christmas Dance 21/12/09 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

Quarter Primary School Diary Dates (cont)

Eco Council

The children in our new Eco Council would like to ask parents and friends to help our school to achieve 'Leaves from Generation Green'. This website encourages us all to think of ways to help the environment.

We would ask you to look at the website www.generationgreen.co.uk and follow instructions to make our own 'manifesto'. In this you can select ways to help our ecology. After creating your document you will be asked to download it. You will then register 200 leaves which can be donated to a registered school which of course is our school.

Thank you

Quarter Eco School

Schools close at 2.30pm on Tuesday 22 December 2009

Schools re-open on Tuesday 5 January 2010

Achievements to be proud of

Two boys from Quarter who went from the playgroup at the church, through Quarter Primary and Hamilton grammar have just graduated with honours degrees in MASTER OF ENGINEERING at Glasgow University, they are

ANDREW STEEL of Glenmuir, at Crookedstonemuir Farm who gained the degree in Mechanical Engineering

STEPHEN MCEWAN of North Crookedstone Farm who gained the degree in Aeronautical Engineering

Both from the same small class at Quarter Primary.

I'm sure Mrs McNaughton will be proud of them.

Calendar for December 2009 showing when your blue recycling bin and your normal household bin will be emptied

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Frid	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3 R	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 N	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 R	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 N	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 R			

Key to calendar:- A blue box with the letter 'R' shows when your blue recycling bin will be emptied. A grey box with the letter 'N' shows when your normal household bin will be emptied.

The red letters shows glass recycling bins will be emptied.

If you have any queries, or would like to find out more, please contact the Land services helpline. Phone 01698 717777.

CROSS ALK

Mark 10.21:- Jesus looked at him and loved him "One thing you lack" he said ' Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow me.' At this the mans face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!'

We can all make excuses, that I am not rich therefore it does not apply to me. Can we be sure? Who is the poorest, if it is on a global scale then we are all very rich in this country. If it is taken on the village of Quarter the differences are very small, the rich are not terribly rich and even the poorest in the village are by no means starving. Each one must decide the criteria but it will be Gods rules that we play by. Jesus gives us the answer but it is not always what we want to hear, like the rich man he spoke to we may all go away sad.

QUARTER Play Park requires your help in the form of donations which can be given to Carol Cain or the Editor with cheques being made payable to Quarter Community Association.

My Trip to Wembley

I was invited by a well known Glasgow business man as his guest at the football match at Wembley between England and Scotland. We met on Friday afternoon at Glasgow Airport, my wife drove me in to meet up with six other guests, including the owner of a major building company and his fellow director, the owner of a major glass company and director, one of Glasgow's most famous bookmakers, and the manager of one of the largest building material suppliers. I felt really out of place, just a wee guy from Quarter who was desperate to go to Wembley to see the big game. On the flight from Glasgow to London we were treated as Celebrities, with free drink etc. At Heathrow we were met by large black limousines with a flag on each bonnet and driven to the Hilton hotel. Later at the bar we were informed that all drinks were free and on no account were we to try and pay for anything. Our host had his briefcase with him at all times, containing wads of cash.

On to an exclusive club called Churchill's where the most exotic food I have ever seen was served, with king prawns the size of a single fish, the best of wine and cigars to follow. Then London's top night club where topless dancers were the in thing. This was 1977 and had not reached Glasgow so I was wide eyed and wondering what this was all about. After a most enjoyable evening we returned to the Hilton Hotel where champagne and whisky were laid on and we drank well into the early hours of the morning.

Now the big day had arrived and the black limousines were outside waiting to take us for lunch close to Wembley, the same hotel that the Scottish team was staying at, but unfortunately they had already left. When at lunch a friend of mine from Hamilton, who was entertaining guests through his work, saw me and was as surprised as me at the company I was in and thought for a minute that I had won the pools, but no it was my moment of fame.

The game itself was fantastic and we beat the Auld Enemy 2-1 and as the game ended the whole stadium erupted and as the tears were running down my face I turned and this big bruiser of a guy beside me was in the same state.

All of a sudden all the Scottish fans broke from the stands and invaded the park. My seat in the stand was on the first tier but somehow I managed the dleep down and as I tried to get on the park this big policeman stopped me "you are not going on the park". I said to him "look at that" as he turned I slipped past him and on to the park. On the park this guy said to me "do you have a pair of scissors" I asked what for he said "to cut a piece of grass", I said "don't bother" and proceeded to rip up a bit of turf. By this time the turf was being ripped up all over the place and I was in the goal mouth area when all of a sudden the goal post beside me collapsed and was broken in two. The police were trying to clear the pitch and we were herded towards the side and the exits, so clutching my sacred bit of turf I reluctantly headed towards the exit. On reaching the exit the guy behind me shouts "hey pal could you give me a hand with this" it was the cross bar. We managed to get it out and it was then broken into manageable pieces for transport home.

On reaching back at the hotel the celebrations continued well into the night and the bookie guy reckoned by Scotland winning he had lost about £50,000 to the various punters back in Glasgow.

The next day, Sunday, was spent very quietly with a walk around London. The Limousines picked us up and drove us back to the airport for our flight home.

My son married an English girl and at his wedding I took a small piece of the turf and handed it to his father in law as a peace offering. My piece of turf still has its pride of place in my back garden.

By TJ

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Next newsletter will be in March 2010.

Quarter Stores Opening Times

24th DECEMBER - 7.00 am - 10.00 pm

25th DECEMBER - 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

26th DECEMBER - 7.00 am - 5.00 pm

All other dates, including New Year trading, the shop will be open from 7.00 am - 7.00 pm for newspapers, batteries, milk, bread and those last minute essentials. The shop will be stocking Christmas items during December, including selection boxes.

Naz wishes to thank all his customers for their support of his new venture over the past year and would like to take this opportunity of wishing all his customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mobile Library

At Quarter:- Mondays every fortnight 7th/21st Dec

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.

Books issued at other South Lanarkshire Libraries may be returned to the mobile library. For further information on the mobile library service, please contact: Area Librarian

Phone:- 01555 661144 Email:- Scott.Main@library.s-lanark.org.uk

Low Parks Museum

Looking for somewhere to go or something to do?

Visit South Lanarkshire Museums.

There's lots to see and do. View information on What's on in South Lanarkshire Museums web site southlanarkshire.gov.uk. For more information. Contact:- Low Parks Museum Phone 01698 328232

Lanarkshire Family History Society

The Society's new Resource Centre opened on 21st February 2009. The building was originally the "Old School House" also known as the "Janitor's House" at 47 Crosshill Street, Motherwell. Now with larger premises they can offer better and more comfortable facilities for members to carry out their research. Access during the open hours on Monday Wednesday & Saturday from 12:00 to 15:00pm & Thursdays 5:00 - 9:00pm (closed 2nd Thursday every month) other times by arrangement. The Society offers a research facility to members and non-members. The more information you provide the more likely the search will be successful though we cannot guarantee that we will find your ancestors.

Web site :- lanarkshirefhs.org.uk

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BRITISH GAS HEATING REPAIRS -	08450 777 111
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POLICE LARKHALL -	01698 202300
POLICE STONEHOUSE -	01698 791922
SCOTTISH WATER -	0845 601 8855
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CITIZENS ADVICE DIRECT -	0844 848 9600
SAMARITANS -	08457 909090
NATIONAL DEBTLINE -	0808 808 4000
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TRAVELINE -	0871 200 2233
RAIL ENQUIRIES -	08457 484950
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EDINBURGH AIRPORT -	0870 040 0007
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL -	01698 454444
SSPCA -	0870 737 7722
BIRTHS/DEATHS REG' OFFICE -	0845 740 6080
POST OFFICE ENQUIRIES -	0845 722 3344
TRADING STANDARDS -	0845 740 6080

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The Closure of Carscallan Clay Quarry

Inland Engineering, in light of the poor economic climate and the continuing bad weather, has decided to close Carscallan Clay Quarry and turn the site back into pasture. In order to achieve this they require planning permission for the change of use of the land. The site is approx 7 hectares in size and at present 1/3 to 1/2 of the complete site has been mined.

A series of meetings are to be held over the three month consultation period before the full planning application is submitted to South Lanarkshire Council. The planning application will be considered over a 12 week period and at this stage any objections will be considered.

The first of these meetings was held on Tuesday 24th November at 7.00 p.m. in Quarter Primary School. The meeting was attended by Mr P. Gillooly from Inland Engineering and two of his colleagues, Councillor Andy Carmichael, and from Quarter, Jim and Carol Cain, Irene Foster, Matt Baird, Harry Russell, Dr Martin Simpson, (all members of the Neighbourhood Watch) and Alan Johnstone.

Mr Gillooly explained the reasons for the decision to close the mine, most of these being market driven. Talks have taken place between Inland Engineering, SLC Roads Dept, Planning dept and SEPA, to ensure that the project is managed in an acceptable way to all concerned. Inland Engineering will be ferrying materials from outside the village to backfill the mine and this material will be entirely inert, i.e. soil, stones and concrete. SEPA the regulatory government body who oversee all environment issues in Scotland, will monitor the process and have the legislative power to halt operations should they find anything which may give cause for concern. No toxic or household waste will be deposited on the site.

The process of back filling the quarry will depend on the market forces of the building industry and therefore the time scale for completion after full consultations have taken place will be six months to two years if the economic climate is favourable with a worst case scenario of up to six years before back filling is completed.

The lorries quota delivering the material to the site will remain as it is at present, i.e. , there is a limit of 30 lorries per day permitted on site. Clay will not be carried from the quarry and thus there should be less mud or colouring deposited on Carscallan Road. Inland Engineering do have a strict code of conduct for the drivers entering and leaving their site and one of the main rules that they have stuck to over the years is that the lorries travel to the site via Carscallan Road and not through the village of Quarter. All present were assured that any breach of the company rules should be reported to Inland Engineering and the offending driver would be dealt with.

A number a of concerns raise by the villagers were laid to rest by Mr Gillooly's explanation however it was stressed by Councillor Andy Carmichael that he would be working closely with the Planning authorities, SLC Roads department and Strathclyde Police to ensure there is little or no disturbance to the residents travelling along Carscallan Road and the village in general. Cllr Carmichael asked to be kept informed of progress and reported that he had asked SLC to keep him up-to-date with ongoing plans for the site.

The meeting closed with thanks to all who attended



South Lanarkshire Council Draft Core Path Plan

South Lanarkshire Core Paths Plan -
collated responses from informal consultation (January - March 2009)

The following is a collation of all the comments received in response to the South Lanarkshire Consultative Draft \Core Paths Plan.

Map	Route/Site/Area	Organisation commenting	Consultee comment/suggestion	Comment category
15	Quarter-Limekilnburn			
	National Cycle Route 74	Scottish Natural Heritage	If the sections of the proposed NCR 74 could be completed within the 2-year post-adoption period they could appear on the plan. This raises the issue of core path criteria and the approach adopted for on-road routes.	Route addition Route Status
	Quarter	SLC Countryside and Greenspace Service	Lack of CP's could look at changing some WN and ASP to CP	Route status

