

# The Quarterly



## Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

The coal hutches obtained from the mining museum, Newtongrange, are in need of urgent repairs. They are starting to disintegrate. Mr John Craig of Craig Tractors Strathaven has very kindly offered to repair them at a reasonable cost. The hutches will be reduced in height by at least 6 inches in order to restore them to a reasonable state. Planning permission is now being processed for the vacant plot at Cadzow Road. Necessary notification has gone round to the occupants of the 12 houses nearest the proposed redevelopment. If planning permission is granted then further discussions will take place with the people nearest to the development.

## Quarter Community Association

The Association has been responsible for producing the Quarterly magazine for the past three years. We have always managed to acquire enough articles to fill the pages, although, at times we struggled. If you have any information you would like to pass on to the community or any relevant comments then please let me know. Costs are involved in producing your magazine and any financial contributions, large or small, would be most appreciated.

## Quarter in Bloom

The judging of this years garden competition took place on the first week in September. A very high standard of gardens have been achieved. Quarter in Bloom would like to thank all gardeners for making a magnificent effort this year despite the atrocious weather.

The winners of the garden competition are as follows:-

### Large Gardens

- 1st Mr and Mrs Baird  
10 Limekilburn Road  
2nd Dr and Mrs Simpson  
7 Poplar Crescent

### Large Commended

- Mr and Mrs Moore  
"Powforth View" Sunnyside

### Small Gardens

- 1st Mr Kaprot  
8 Sunnyside Road  
2nd Anne Fearns  
50 Limekilburn road

### Small Commended

- Mr Iain McDonald  
8 Chestnut Way  
Mr and Mrs McGeeghan  
10 Sunnyside Road  
Mr and Mrs Clay  
24 Limekilburn Road  
Mr and Mrs J Todd  
9 Cadzow Road  
Mr and Mrs T Quinn  
41 Limekilburn Road  
Mr and Mrs Harris 49 Limekilburn Road  
Mr and Mrs Wilson 51 Limekilburn Road  
Mrs R Dickson 60 Limekilburn Road  
Mr and Mrs McKenna 57 Limekilburn Road  
Mrs Ann Kyle 26 Darngaber Gardens  
Mrs Brown 20 Darngaber Gardens.



## Quarter in Bloom

On the 6th of August two judges arrived from "Scotland in Bloom" to evaluate our entry into the competition for "Keeping Scotland Beautiful".

Heather Milne and myself were designated representatives of Quarter to show the judges round the village. It had been explained previously that the judges had a strict time limit and only one hour was allotted to each viewing. We met them at Quarter primary school and proceeded on our pre-planned tour of the village. We concentrated on the areas where hopefully improvements had been made to the vicinity and later pointing out the areas designated for future improvement.

Overall they were impressed with what we had tried to do to enhance the village with the tubs and mangers. They were however disappointed that the council had not done enough to fix the broken pavements etc. This is something we will have to urge again with the council. Alan Johnstone had put together a comprehensive portfolio which was given to the judges. This detailed what we had done in the village and what we were hoping to do in the future. So thanks Alan, lifesaver once again.

Heather was outstanding and her ability to answer all the judges' questions regarding the school projects was impressive, so thanks Heather! The judges also pointed out that it was the first time they had involvement from a school child especially one so knowledgeable!

We are one of nine villages up for the awards but as I have stated previously this is our first year so we were looking for more guidance than awards, but hey! still worth keeping our fingers crossed for some recognition!

With the advent of entering "Scotland in Bloom" we are taking Quarter into a new phase of environmental awareness in order to achieve any status within the community we would urge all residents of Quarter to think what you can do for your village. As JFK once said "Ask not what Quarter can do for you but what you can do for Quarter".

We can all improve our homes by the simplest of things. Any litter in your vicinity could you please use your bin and anybody seen dropping litter, or letting their dog foul may tactfully be told that this is Quarter and we are competing for the award "Scotland in Bloom".

May I just take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped make all the tubs and mangers look so good! Yes Mrs May Hardman that includes you!!

We will need your help again to clear out the tubs and mangers and also to plant for Autumn/Winter season! Quarter in Bloom is an independent organisation belonging to all villagers, you are all welcome to help, please contact Liz for details.

It is hoped to have a fund raising event to be held in the Bully Inn on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of October 8.00 pm onwards. A £2 entrance fee will be charged and all proceeds will go to Quarter in Bloom. The theme for the evening will be Hawaiian/Beach, so look out your shades and floral shirts!!!! Look forward to seeing you there!

Liz Anderson  
Chairperson Quarter in Bloom.





## QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Harvest Assembly

This will take place on Friday 14 September at 11 a.m. in Quarter Church. All parents are cordially invited to attend and in keeping with this theme we have been selling lettuces and herbs which we have grown in our school garden at the gate on Friday.

### School Museum

A small museum within the School to the miners, who once were so common in Quarter, has been proposed and a number of items have been donated by the Scottish Mining Museum at Newtongrange. The items for the museum are small as can be seen on the attached photo. I have been enquiring about a display cabinet, but so far without success, but I shall keep trying. If anybody has a suitable display cabinet that they are giving away then please let me know. I thought the students might like to write a short history about each item to include with the items on display. Some of the ex miners may like to help with the descriptions and possibly you might be able to find other items of interest to add to the collection. Any suggestions can be made through the editor or to the School.

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## ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY AT THE MANSE IN QUARTER

After a blustery night the wind settled down, the rain stopped and the sun came out for the 150 plus guests who attended this year's Garden Party which was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2007 on the Glebe at Quarter Parish Church. All proceeds were in aid of Place of Restoration, the care centre for babies and children affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.



The entertainment was of an exceptionally high standard with William Walker and the local Pipe Band; Douglas Suckle and the Bellshill and District Concert Brass; Soloist Ann Paul and last but not at all least, the South African "choir" who sang a traditional South African song - "Ver in die ou Kalihari" adding a little nostalgia to the afternoon's entertainment. All the refreshments were donated by the ladies of Quarter and Hamilton South and judging by how the eats literally "flew" off the tables, everything was delicious.

Honoured guests at the Garden Party this year were the Lord Lt of Lanarkshire, Gilbert Cox and his lovely wife Marjory. In his address he encouraged everyone to give generously for a very worthy cause and that they did.... an amazing amount of £2381.00 was raised. This money will go towards the purchase of industrial washing machines for the laundry at Place of Restoration.

The event was organised by Mrs Monica MacDonald, Lady of The Manse. Unfortunately Monica's father, in South Africa, passed away recently. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathy to Monica and George for the loss of their loved one. That same sympathy is extended to Monica's mother at this time.

### The Autumn Garden By Matt Baird

It only seems like last week that the enthusiastic gardeners were extremely busy planting out bedding plants, tubs and hanging baskets in preparation for the summer display which brightens up both our gardens and the village. Unfortunately the variable weather conditions have made it somewhat of a disappointing summer with a higher incidence of fungus infections and stem rot than we normally experience. As the autumn progresses all we can do is to continue to deadhead and water sparingly to extend the flowering period for as long as possible. Good specimens of fuchsias, geraniums and begonias can be successfully overwintered if kept in bright, frost-free conditions and used to start next year's display.

With the increased numbers of fairly expensive plants being sold at garden centres such as yucca and agave it is essential to determine whether these plants require some protection over the winter period by being brought indoors or wrapped with thermal fleece.

As with the other season, autumn is a busy time for gardeners with many tasks to do including:

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| Plant spring bedding plants such as wallflowers and polyanthus. | Plant spring flowering bulbs                                 |
| Plant or move evergreens and conifers before soil cools down    | Tidy the perennials removing dead stems etc                  |
| Plant deciduous trees, shrubs and climbers.                     | Clear up fallen leaves to prevent them rotting on the ground |
| Check plant stakes to ensure they will withstand winter winds   |  |

One of the challenges facing gardeners is to achieve interesting colours in the garden throughout the year. It is amazing how even in the smallest garden a few well selected plants in beds or in pots can add colour during the autumn period. There are a number of autumn flowering heathers that once planted can create an impact year after year with very little maintenance. Visiting the local garden centres is often an excellent way of determining what is available to achieve the desired effect.

Plants providing features during the autumn period fall into three categories namely autumn foliage, autumn berries and fruit and autumn seed heads. Examples of each of the three categories are given below:

Foliage	Berries/Fruit	Seed Heads
Berberis	Malus (Crab Apple)	Pampas Grass
Acer palmatum	Cotoneaster	Achillea
Witch Hazel	Rosa Rugosa	Iris Foetidissima
Cotinus	Euonymus	Miscanthus Sinensis
Virginia Creeper	Pyracantha	Clematis Alpina

Before purchasing a plant always read the label to ensure that you have the space to accommodate the plant as it is growing on to maturity. Often to create an immediate impact plants are planted too close together which prevents them from developing properly and also results in overcrowding, neither of which enhances the impact trying to be achieved.



## Quarters Largest Grape Vine



Bill and Nancy Nicol of Limekilnburn Road have nurtured and matured one of the largest vines in Quarter if not in Lanarkshire. The Quarter vine was started about ten years ago from a cutting from Bills older vine that he grew while living in Hamilton. This would make the vine between 50 & 60 years old. The vine was planted outside the conservatory and lead in under the wall with the stem now reaching up to and covering the roof, thereby giving good shade in the summer. Last year Bill had 98 lbs of grapes which he turns into wine. The black grapes, which are ready for harvesting in September and October, are supported by a steel frame bolted to the floor. The weight of the vine would pull the roof down if not supported.

## Uncovering our Family's History in Quarter by Irene Barkby

Having moved to Quarter in 1999, to a home and environment which I love, I used to constantly comment to all who knew me on how I felt as if "I belonged here"! This was something which was confirmed beyond doubt when in early 2005 I was given a bible which had been passed from generation to generation and dated back to the 1870's.

It was on receipt of this Bible and having read the publication by Alan Johnstone on "the Village of Quarter", which prompted me to search our Family's history with the support of one of my Daughters (Victoria). Between us we have spent endless hours searching the "Scotland's People" website, visiting the local library and even wandering around Larkhall cemetery.

Needless to say the search continues and to date we have found that not only did our descendants live in and around the village but that they did so for over 100 years. *(It's no wonder I feel so at home!)*



To date we have traced back to my great, great, great grandfather **William Pollock** who was born in 1806 in Cambusnethan. The first recorded information of the family residing in Quarter is an entry of his second marriage to a Charlotte Wilson in 1849.

It was their third born **David Pollock** (my great, great grandfather) who started the aforementioned family Bible. David married an Ann Winning in 1872 but tragically by 1880 Ann, David and two of their children were dead. Leaving my great grandfather **William Pollock** and his sister Ann to be raised by his uncle and aunt Gavin and Mary (Frew) Pollock pictured here outside their home in Quarter.

William who worked as a coal pit pony driver married a Jeannie Bryce in 1896 and my grandmother **Annie Winning Pollock** (their 4<sup>th</sup> Child) was born in 1903. Annie attended Quarter Primary and can be seen here age 7 in 1910.



The Pollock family continued to live in and around the village until approximately 1950 *(the search continues!)*

Searching our family history has been and continues to be an absorbing pastime, which I am sure will continue to fill many more hours and possibly years. It has however, been extremely interesting and both Victoria and I continue to get immense pleasure and satisfaction in tracking down even more family members. For those of you who have never given your family history any thought it is something I would recommend. It sure filled our winter nights and the findings have at times been more enthralling than the "soap's" we used to watch on TV.

## CROSS ALK

Have you ever read a good book and then gone to see the film and wondered if the people who made the film had read the same book.

Well with the story of Jesus it's as if we got the film first and then the book came out 1500 years later and 500 years after we got another film. Confused? Then how about doing as all good genealogists do and go back to the original document which Christians believe, and that's the main thing, the Bible. I say the Bible but it's the New Testament that we get our blue print for a good and rewarding life. Jesus made it simple for us lesser mortals to understand. As long as you keep it simple and think like a child, but not childish, it will come to you. To be like Jesus might be simple but it is very difficult to achieve and we have to work at it all the time. Can you go through a day without cheating, hurting, insulting or just being cross with someone? Doing good, helping others, a kind word, making someone feel important, is all simple stuff but can we do it?





Winners of Carbrain Plate Tournament 2007  
Quarter Athletic 1990s

The 1990s competed in the Carbrain Tournament over the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the final outcome being decided on penalties and of course the last penalty of the day won it. The under 17s had a good start to the 06/07 season by reaching the last 32 of the Scottish Cup, they were eventually put out by Syngenta Juveniles in December who went on to reach the Semi – final.

Club News

Quarter Athletic have received the sum of £7746.00 from Sport Scotland Awards For All. This was mostly due to the hard work of Liz Anderson & Alan Johnstone. The Coaches and Players would like to take this opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to Liz and Alan for their efforts.

To continue our run of good luck, all of the Quarter teams won their games on the first match of the Season! Long may this continue!!

***Letters & Emails to the Editor***

Hi Alan

I was looking for the time of the church service and came across your web page of which I found most interesting. My name is Robert Scott and live in Burnbank. My interest is my mother who was from Quarter but as she died when I was twelve in 1962 and have little knowledge of the family history and would appreciate any information you could help me with. Mum's name is Sarah Ritchie and her home around the forties was Viewfield Cottage of which I believe was two cottages at that time through the wall from the Hornal family. Also Dad name John Scott an incomer to the village lived at the Station House for a short period and married at Quarter on 1st June 1940. My wife Catherine and I often pass through the village when out for a drive and visit the church on the odd occasion as I enjoy visiting different churches in the District. Information on the village would be appreciated and not just family matters., many thanks in anticipation. Robert.

Dear Alan,

Can you tell me how long a Robert Broadwood stayed there? His address in 1911 is given as Duchess Nina Institute, Quarter. Was he the caretaker or is the building housing? Thank you for your prompt reply. On looking more closely at Robert Broadwood's military record I find a reference in pencil for 1914 to a Lingerwood cottage, Quarter under that of his official residence. Do you know where the Valuation Rolls for Quarter circa 1908 to 1914 could be found? Is there a local history library in Quarter or is it in Hamilton or maybe Lanark? I am so pleased to have the information about the Duchess Nina Institute yours sincerely, Margaret Laidlaw

Dear Alan,

Once more thanks for feedback. If its convenient for you I'd be grateful for your help. Robert Broadwood, gave his address as Duchess Nina Institute in 1911 when buying a house in a village in East Lothian. He'd married in 1903 and had two daughters by 1911. At the time of his first daughter's birth in 1904 he was living near Hawick. He did eventually come to stay in the village where I remember him as an erect old soldier who had served in the army from 1880 to 1902 and then again in World War 1. He returned from the Boer War in 1902, married 1903 and I want to try and fill in his movements between 1904 and WW1. Scribbled in pencil beside his address on his enlistment in 1914 is the reference to Lingerwood Cottage. I presume he came to live in the village after 1911 but shall check the Valuation Rolls for that period. yours sincerely, Margaret Laidlaw

Replies to the letters and emails can be made through the editor.

***Quarter Friendship Group***

The Friendship Group starts again on Friday 28th September at 12.30 pm in the Church Hall The group is open to anyone who would like to meet new friends and neighbours and enjoy good fellowship with a light lunch.