

# THE QUARTERLY



## Quarter Play Park

An open meeting was held on Wednesday the 10th February at the school to discuss the Play Park and fundraising activities. We had a very good turnout indicating the enthusiasm for the park which will be transmitted to South Lanarkshire Council. Councillor Andy Carmichael took the meeting and gave an account of just what we can expect from the Council, and along with Councillor Jackie Burns will be actively seeking further assistance. Cllr Peter Craig was also present and gave his backing to the project.

From the Council Design Department we had Mr Michael Heald who is responsible for the design, drawing and management of the construction of the park. We all expressed our appreciation of his work so far and the majority were very much in favour of the design shown on the drawings produced at the meeting, as shown below. The financial side of the park is down to the village and although we can tap into many grants i.e. Awards For All and the waste management companies, nothing is guaranteed. Most grant fund holders expect the local community to provide some of the finance and at the end of the meeting many volunteers came forward to offer assistance in fundraising. A further meeting of the volunteers will be held in the school on Tuesday 9th March.



## The Secrets of Knowetop Woods

Knowetop woods is an area of Quarter that has been enjoyed by children for many years and a lovely place for a walk and enjoy the wild life. Some times rubbish is left behind and this can be harmful to the animals that roam the woods, if you do take a walk please take your rubbish home.

On a lovely snowy day while walking through the woods I had a feeling of excessive chill, albeit it was a cold day, but this was a different cold, an eerie cold, and I had an urge to stop and look around me, but there was nothing out of the ordinary, just snow on the trees and ground. The sun was shining through the trees and I thought that this would make a lovely picture of a winters scene, fortunately I had my camera with me so I was able to record this. When I returned home I was showing the pictures to my wife on the computer and she said "what is that pink thing at the bottom of the tree" When I was taking the picture I did not see any "pink thing" and on returning to the woods there was no "pink thing" to be found. Look at the "pink thing" through a magnifying glass and what do you see? Have a close look at the picture and see if you can find the

White bear's face, the young lady in a long dress with black hair, the monkey in the tree and the cross at the sun.

Are these things in my imagination or is there something special in the woods?

By T.J.



## The Garden in March

By Matt Baird

After what seems to have been a never ending winter it is comforting to see the level of daylight increasing, although based on the past three months it is impossible to determine what weather we will get next. The prolonged period of snow and frost has had an adverse effect on many garden plants and particularly some of the more delicate species such as cordylines and phormiums, which are grown in many gardens as specimen plants and take many years to reach maturity. It will take several months to establish which plants have died and which will make a recovery.

One of the most exciting sights in the garden during February and March is the appearance of the snowdrop (*Galanthus*). This perennial, herbaceous plant which grows from a bulb is the classic winter flowering plant and being fully hardy has especially hardened tips to push through snow. Once planted it requires little maintenance. The snowdrop is thought by many to herald the beginning of spring!



There are around 20 species most of which flower before the Spring Equinox (21<sup>st</sup> March in the Northern Hemisphere) but certain species flower in late autumn and early spring. Although it is often thought of as a British native wild flower, or to have been brought to Britain by the Romans, it is estimated that the best known and widespread *Galanthus nivalis* was introduced in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It is native to large areas of Europe stretching from France through to Turkey and Greece. These popular plants however can be difficult to grow depending on the soil composition and it is best to start with the common snowdrop, *Galanthus nivalis*, in a moist soil area with plenty of humus. Snowdrops can also be grown in tubs or pots if space is limited. Although snowdrops can be seen growing in their wild habitat it is now illegal in most countries to collect bulbs from the wild. Snowdrops can be planted in the autumn as dormant bulbs but these have a limited shelf life and greater success can be achieved by buying plants "in the green" which are available from reputable suppliers at the end of the growing season. Clumps should be split regularly as this encourages new growth whereas congested clumps exhibit a reduction in the level of flowering with time.

The impact of naturalized areas of snowdrops on the landscape can be very impressive and many stately homes and estates have special open days where large areas of snowdrops can be seen such as Finlayson Estate at Langbank, Renfrewshire and Greenbank Garden at Clarkson, Glasgow.

Greenbank Garden



## 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 on week one

The club hours until the year end :-

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

This year is the Quarter Boolin Club's 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Boolin club will open officially on the 25<sup>th</sup> April

The president and the committee would welcome any visitors to  
visit the club at anytime

We will be open all during the bowling season and have a full  
calendar of Cabaret nights that all are welcome to attend

Our schedule of events are as follows

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

April 24<sup>th</sup> Opening Day

April 24<sup>th</sup> Cabaret Evening

May 1<sup>st</sup> Cabaret Evening

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Balleraphon

May 4<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District

May 7<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District

May 8<sup>th</sup> Ladies 2 Bowl

May 9<sup>th</sup> League Cup

May 14<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District

May 15<sup>th</sup> Club Mixed Triples

May 16<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Under 25's

May 18<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Cabaret Evening

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Courage Cup

May 30<sup>th</sup> Millennium Cup

June 5<sup>th</sup> WB Builders Invitation Triples

June 12<sup>th</sup> Cabaret Night

June 13<sup>th</sup> Ladies Friendship Day

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2 plus 2 Club and Guests

June 25<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

June 27<sup>th</sup> Ladies Club Pairs

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rinks

5 Quarter Rinks v Guests

July 4<sup>th</sup> Lodge Avon

July 9<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

July 10<sup>th</sup> Colin Hutton Invitation Triples

July 13<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2 plus 1 Open Triples

August 1<sup>st</sup> Top 10

August 6<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

August 7<sup>th</sup> Cabaret Night

August 10<sup>th</sup> Parish Match Hamilton Caledonian

August 13<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

August 14<sup>th</sup> Christian

August 15<sup>th</sup> Club Pairs

August 20<sup>th</sup> Lanarkshire Leagues

August 22<sup>nd</sup> Jamie McDowall Junior Competition

August 27<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District (Knockouts)

August 28<sup>th</sup> Central Scaffolding Invitation Triples

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Larkhall and District (Knockouts)

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Finals

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Larkhall and District Finals @ Quarter

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Finals

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Finals

We are also looking for New Junior and Senior members  
(Not sure? Come along and try, it's free)

## Quarter Lunch and Social Club

The Social Club meet every Tuesday in the Quarter Primary School  
at 1.30 p.m. till about 4.00 p.m. where they have a two course lunch  
with tea or coffee followed by a variety of games and eventually  
there will be guest speakers invited to address the members. The  
club is attracting approx 26 to 30 members who have formed their  
own committee and will be investigating possible venues for  
outings. For further information contact Carol on 420629.

## Quarter PTA

Quarter Primary PTA are always looking for new members to come  
along and join us to help with fundraising ideas for the school. If  
you are a parent with offspring at Quarter Primary, please come  
along and help us with ideas for fundraising!

So far, we have held a Dress to School in Red Day, which raised  
£80 towards school funds.

In January, the PTA paid for a performance of Tam O'Shanter by  
the Hopscotch Theatre Company. The pupils really enjoyed this  
performance which linked to the Burns Day and poem competition.  
The PTA have booked the Calderwood Baptist Church Youth  
Puppet Group to come along in March and perform an Easter  
themed show for the school.

The PTA are hoping to hold an indoor car boot sale in Quarter  
Parish Church hall on Saturday 20th March. If you would like to  
have a table for the event (table top sale rather than cars in the  
hall!!) they are priced at £5. If you would like to reserve one to sell  
your unwanted household goods, toys, books etc...Please contact  
Trish Danskin on 01698 458030 or Fiona Mawer on 420892 to  
book a table.

There will be a tearoom serving tea, coffee and cakes...So all are  
welcome to browse the Bric-a-Brac and come for a coffee! Tickets  
are priced at £1.50 adults and 50p per child. We hope you can come  
along and help support the local school.

During the summer, the PTA are having a BARN DANCE at  
Knotetop Farm on FRIDAY 18th JUNE. Tickets are £10 each. So  
come along and have a great night out with the live band, BBQ and  
a few drinks!

Tickets will be on sale soon from any PTA member or from The  
Bully Inn.

**Recipe Book** – If you have not already bought one, I urge you to  
do so as they have been beautifully produced and cost only £4. All  
pupils were issued with another order form on Friday.

## Quarter Primary School

### FAIRTRADE ASSEMBLY

As part of our sustainable education programme and to help us gain  
our fourth and final Eco Green Flag award, we are hoping to  
become a Fairtrade school. Our P6/7 class will therefore be giving  
a presentation on Fairtrade to the whole school at 12p.m. Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> March. In the meantime, we would encourage you to try to buy  
as many Fairtrade goods as you can on your next trip to  
the supermarket and send us in the wrappers. The  
goods will have this logo on them.



### TREES FROM WOODLAND TRUST

We applied to have trees delivered to the school from  
the Woodland Trust as part of our next Enterprise  
Event. We have been successful in getting 30 trees – cherry, birch  
and rowan. Our hope is to keep 6 trees for our school grounds when  
our new school is in place, sell some trees to parents and villagers  
and plant a few in the new play park when it is completed, trees are  
arriving next week.

### VISITOR TOM MCGREGOR

We are fortunate in having a visit from the ranger service at  
Chatelherault Country Park on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30p.m. The  
whole school will be having a talk about nature and in particular  
how to care for the trees sourced from the Woodland Trust.

## Quarter Primary School (cont)

### BURNS COMPETITION

Our annual Burns Competition on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January was a great success and a most enjoyable event. Our judges Morag and Tommy Quinn did a great job selecting the class winners who were as follows:-

Primary 1:

1<sup>st</sup> Heather Allan 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirsty Ritchie, Maja Robertson

Primary 2:

1<sup>st</sup> Abbie Neely 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophia Fulston 3<sup>rd</sup> Isobel Currie

Primary 3:

1<sup>st</sup> Nathaniel Fulston 2<sup>nd</sup> Hannah Pate 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebekah Robertson

Primary 4:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew McBride 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Wilson

Primary 4:

1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup> Stewart Black 3<sup>rd</sup> Drew Ritchie

Primary 5:

1<sup>st</sup> Alistair Torrance 2<sup>nd</sup> David Ballantyne 3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Alardyce

Primary 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Kirsty Gibbons 2<sup>nd</sup> Jena McClelland 3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Neely

Primary 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Gillian Black 2<sup>nd</sup> Chloe Lindsay

As usual, we held a Burns Supper in the dining room and Mr Quinn performed the Address to the Haggis.

### BULB COMPETITION

The Bulb Competition will take place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

### HAITI APPEAL

We were overwhelmed at the generosity of our pupils and families in response to this appeal. We raised **£200** and the money has been sent to Christian Aid so that much needed supplies can be purchased for the people of Haiti. Thank- you everyone!

### HOPSCOTCH THEATRE

We held a most enjoyable performance of the Robert Burns poem, Tam O'Shanter in the school hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The performance, performed by the Hopscotch Theatre Company, was suitable for children in Primaries 3-7 and it certainly brought the story of Tam O'Shanter to life. A big thank you to the P.T.A. who paid for the performance.

### PUPIL COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Three of our pupils, Chloe Lindsay, Rachel Chambers and Sophie Guthrie represented the school at the Pupil Council Conference on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the Banqueting Hall.

### BEAUTIFUL BIRD TABLE

Our grateful thanks to Mr Lee Robinson, one of our parents, for making a beautiful bird table for our garden. It looks superb and I'm sure all the birds in the area will soon become regular visitors.

### GOING GREEN

The pupils are working towards their fourth and final ECO Flag. The pupils staged a 'Trashion Show' displaying fashions made from recycled goods and remodelled clothes. The Scholars from P6 and P7 created the designs, which were modelled by pupils from the younger classes.

Faye McNaughton  
Head Teacher

## Quarter parish Church Notes

### The Guild

The Guild continues to go from strength to strength. Our theme this year is

"Called to act Justly, what does the Lord require of you"

We have tried with our syllabus to emphasis this theme by having speakers from The Haven Centre at Blantyre, the Procurator Fiscal Mrs. Anne Donaldson and Georgie McMillan who spoke on humility and bringing us up to date with what is happening in Malawi.

At Christmas we had a lovely night at the Pantomime in Motherwell and then in January our Burns Supper was equally enjoyable with a good turnout despite the terrible weather.

Only one meeting had to be cancelled due to the snow and we hope to invite Michael Toner to speak again on Crossreach at our A.G.M. On hospitality evening we invited other Guilds to come and hear the group Haggerdash. I do hope the Ladies of the Guild have enjoyed our session as much as I have

### Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group decided to continue to study God's word, previously held at the Manse, after September at Morag's house. Our first venture on our own was the New Testament characters which we found of great interest. After Christmas it was agreed to choose the study of Galatians, which we are now halfway through. This study is far more taxing than first envisaged, however after discussion we usually come to the same conclusion.

The ladies all seem to enjoy the challenge and we would welcome new faces and discussion to learn more of God's word.

### Friendship Group

Our Friday lunch time group is growing week by week, only last Friday every seat was taken despite there being some regulars on holiday. We will be up to five full tables at this rate, Excellent!

A huge thank you to those who supply the delicious soups, bread, cakes and scones not to mention the butter, milk and jam which is provided every week.

The group is looking forward to our outing on 21st May to East Fortune Airfield, the home of Scotland's Concord, and then on to North Berwick for high teas at the Nether Abbey Hotel.

Please note our door is always open and there will always be a welcome to those who come.

### Indoor Bowling

On Thursday afternoon in the Church we all have a great time playing indoor carpet bowling, complete with tea and a chat half way through.

We now have two carpets and would like to thank Guy Kirkland for setting out the Church for this friendly and enjoyable afternoon Church articles courtesy of Morag Quinn.

### Easter Services

Thursday 1st April at 7.00 p.m. (Communion Service)

Sunday 4th April at 9.45 a.m.

## CROSS ALK

Jesus prays for all believers

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one. I in them and you in me— so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and loved them even as you have loved me.

Easter is the most important message of the Christian Faith. Jesus brought the word of God to all mankind. We have no excuse we know the word, we know what is right and what is wrong, but Jesus prays for us that we might listen to the message.

## A Nightmare on The Clyde

I decided to buy a boat so that I could take my family cruising at week ends on the Clyde.

Sam, a very good friend, said his boss had a 32ft cabin cruiser he was thinking of selling. I said I might be interested and where could I see it. After discussion with his boss it was decided that we could borrow the boat for a day and sail it from its berth at Inverkip out into the Clyde.

Myself and four of my mates thought it would be a good idea if we all went out for the day, so early one Saturday morning we all set off from Hamilton and headed for Inverkip. On the way we stopped at a shop in Gourrock for provisions, pies and whisky, and proceeded to Inverkip to prepare for our day's cruising.

On board we found a brand new radio, still in its box, so we thought we'd better not touch it as nobody new how to operate it and we were only going out for a wee sail on the Clyde.

On this beautiful sunny Saturday we set sail out into the Clyde and headed for Rothesay.

As we got nearer to Rothesay and the weather was so good we decided to head up the Kyles of Bute, past Tighnabruaich and out into the open sea, we then headed towards Tarbert on Loch Fyne

The sea was lovely and calm, we decided to stop and do a wee bit fishing with some rods we found on board. As we were fishing eating pies and drinking whisky, to our delight along came The Waverley paddle steamer full of punters out for a sail doon the water, and we exchanged waves and cheers to the delight of all on board.

After an hour of fishing and drinking we then checked the time and realized that dusk was approaching and it would be better if we sailed to Tarbert and spend the night there and sail back to Inverkip in the morning, so Tarbert here we come.

None of the crew being sailors, we tied the boat to the harbour wall as tight as we could and proceeded to consume the remainder of our "carry oot".

Pat, being a true patriot, offered the English family on the next boat a drink and proceeded to carry a tray of drinks from one boat to the other but needless to say he slipped on the wet deck and disappeared under the sea, tray drinks and all. Poor Pat actually cracked a couple of ribs but did not tell Annie, his wife, how he got his injury. We then headed to the nearest fish and chip shop; we hadn't caught any of our own. My mate Sam, an utter gentleman, stood at the back of the queue while the four of us got our fish suppers and said "the guy at the back is paying" unknown to Sam this old lady had nicked into the queue, so when Sam got his fish supper the counter assistant said "that will be 6 fish suppers please".

Now that we were fed we decided that we should inform our loved ones we were staying overnight in Tarbert and we would set sail first thing in the morning. That done we headed for the pub. We visited all of the pubs in Tarbert and were made very welcome, so much so Pat got landed with this old worthy and as we left the pub one at a time, unknown to Pat, he was left with the old guy. On arriving back at the "ship" we discovered that the tide had gone out, and as we were tied up tight to the harbour wall the boat was lying at a angle of 45 degrees, so in the dark and well oiled we had to lower the boat into the water. This done we now had the problem of getting down to the boat and as there was no ladder handy. We tied a rope to the ring on the harbour wall and lowered ourselves one at a time down into the boat.

Kyles of Bute

By this time we were in hysterics and ready for our bed, but this being a four berth boat and there were five of us it was first come first served, I actually do not remember where I slept.

When we woke in the morning we decided to have breakfast at sea so we immediately set sail for the Kyles of Bute.

I was to be cook, so down to the galley I went to light the stove and prepare breakfast while the remainder of the crew were topside trying to navigate us out of the harbour and into the open sea.

Yesterday the weather was lovely but today it was wet, windy and the sea very choppy, so much so I had difficulty, keeping the flying pan on the stove and asked if we couldn't go a wee bit slower to find out we were hardly moving at all due to the high waves. After a while I gave up and we decided that we should all concentrate on trying to get over the open sea to the safety of the Kyles of Bute.

After about three hours sailing through high seas we managed to get into the shelter of the Kyles and have breakfast.

By TJ (To be continued.)

## Quarter Football Teams

One glorious Sunday in February the Quarter under 13s football team were victorious over the Newmains Hammers. A score line of 5 - 1, a remarkable feat since the Hammers had been unbeaten this season. It had been a close match until a late burst from Quarter to score three goals in 20 minutes. Goals from Reece McMahon, John Cunningham two goals each and Jordan Rodgers the other. The under 14s team played Strathaven Dynamo in a thrilling game which they only just lost 6 - 4.

Quarter under 19s team played a friendly against Holytown Colts. They drew one all in a game that Quarter should have won if only they had taken their chances.

## Quarter Stores Opening Times

Opening hours are :-

Monday to Saturday

7.00 a.m.—7.00 p.m.

Friday

closed between 1 & 2.30 p.m.

Sunday

7.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m.

## Mobile Library

At Quarter:- Mondays every fortnight 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

## 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.



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