



Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

The Community Council disbanded at the end of March, coinciding with the end of the financial year. The last meeting of the council dealt with the Cadzow Road project. Members of the council had arranged with the appropriate members of the public to air their views on the proposals. This they did very distinctly and as a result no further action will be taken on this project. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the remaining members of the Community Council for their sterling work and for the many positive achievements over the past four years.

Quarter in Bloom

Yes it is that time of the year when we call upon all our volunteers to get the gardening gloves on and trowels at the ready.

You will have noticed that we have started clearing out the barrels and mangers in preparation for new plants. Feel free to empty any that are located near you, give me a ring at (01698 891627 or 07734 303401) and I will pick up the old plants.

We have an extended group of volunteers this year but could still do with more.

A warm welcome to all who are joining us! We will keep you posted as to planting, painting, clearing up and meeting dates. If you have an e-mail address and wish to join us (this is also for our new team) can you send an e-mail to liz.anderson1@btinternet.com and I will send you the important dates.

The plan this season is to empty the mangers completely and re-line them, putting in new compost prior to planting. The barrels will get a lick of wood stain and the metal bands on them will get painted with hammerite which will make them look fabulous!

Now this doesn't happen by magic, we will all need to work together as it will take a lot of work. The two big planters at the crossroads are also due for a makeover but again I will keep you posted on the dates and times when all this work will take place.

Once this has been carried out we will have the most rewarding part of the work; that of the planting. With the help of Alan Johnstone, Tommy Quinn and Jim Milligan we have agreed on the flowers to be planted. So a 'big thank' you to the guys for their expertise and help.

Once again I have entered Quarter for a Beautiful Scotland Small Village Award and the judging will take place on **Monday 11th of August at 11am.**

Remember it is not just the barrels, mangers and gardens that the judges look at but the village as a whole, so please can I ask that you help in making Quarter fit for another award. Lets try and better last years Two Thistle Award.

I will be contacting the District Council to ensure they do their part with weed control, grass cutting and litter pickup just prior to the judging.

So my green fingered friends this is your chairperson Liz Anderson signing off for another season.

LETS PULL TOGETHER TO MAKE QUARTER ANOTHER BLOOMING GREAT COLOURFUL VILLAGE THIS SUMMER!!!!

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The Return of Quarter Gala Day, 1986

Quarter Parish Church was badly damaged by fire in 1982 and after a long rebuilding programme it was reopened for public worship in 1984. To celebrate the reopening it was decided to hold a fun day within the Church grounds. This was organized by Harry Harris and a committee of church members. All the children, some in fancy dress, assembled in the car park at the pub and proceeded to march from the pub along the pavement on Limekilnburn Road up to the church lawn where games and races took place. It was a lovely sunny day and a lot of local people turned up to what was a very successful and happy day and great fun for the children. Many of the older local people said they could remember 1936 when Quarter last held a village Gala Day and after seeing this very small attempt at bringing the children and the village together in a fun day, a few of the villagers decided that if we could form a committee it would be possible to reintroduce the Gala Day in Quarter. A statement in the local newspaper by Mr. McLennan, Head Master, read, "It is a tradition that went back a long time. After all, Quarter was one of the oldest mining villages in Britain".

After a few meetings in the pub a committee was duly formed and Harry Harris was elected Chairman and the first Quarter Gala Day in present times was under way. It was agreed that Gala Day would be the first Saturday in June. In those days everything had to be organized and paid for by the Committee, so to raise funds we had to organize various activities to raise enough money to pay for a band to lead the parade and prizes for the competition winners. During the year various nights were organized such as Whist drive, Race night, Quiz night and Christmas dance. The Christmas dance was held in the Boolin Club and Jimmy Paterson supplied the band. Pies and peas were supplied at a cost of 50p.each. The raffle prizes were a ½ bag of potatoes, 2½ bottles of whisky and a bottle of Martini.

All the stalls for Gala Day were made in timber and covered in polythene and games were also made. The coconut stands were made by the local blacksmith, the roll a penny table was also home made, the crown for the gala Queen was borrowed, the dress for the Queen was an old bridesmaid's dress, the floats were supplied by the local farmers, the grass in the park was cut using Harry's petrol lawnmower, the bunting to decorate the streets was bought from Carstairs Mental Home and erected to the lamp posts using a ladder and tied with string, ice cream was bought from Equi's in a sealed container and the Bar-b-Q was an old oil drum filled with charcoal. During the week



Gala Queen, Audrey Todd

nights prior to Gala Day various events took place, like 5-a-side football preliminary rounds, a pet show, Bonny Baby competition, Cycling skills, Bowling competition etc. The night before Gala Day a lot of the men assembled in the park to erect the stalls etc. and after a hard night's work a crate of beer was supplied and enjoyed by all present. Everyone then adjourned to the pub to start the Gala celebrations.

QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

NETBALL

Our netball team took part in the Consolation Finals of the Hamilton School's Netball Tournament in the Jock Stein Sports Barn on Wednesday 6th May and came in second. This was a remarkable achievement and the team all received a silver medal. The winning team members were Olivia Milligan, Lauren Allardyce, Nicole Lewis, Chloe Lindsay, Zoe Dundas, Loren Brown, Susan Kudla, Heather Milne and Emma Lewis. Zoe Dundas also received another medal for being the best player in the team! The team only lost by 1 point so that was a remarkable achievement. Many congratulations to them all and a special thank-you to their netball coaches Rosemary Lewis and Elaine Lindsay who have worked tirelessly with the team throughout the year.

ENTERPRISE ART

Some of our pupils' pictures from our Enterprise Art Exhibition will be on display in the East Kilbride Arts Centre Cafe from the 2nd – 19th June. If you are in East Kilbride and happen to be passing the café, please pop in and see the paintings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Sports – Monday 9th June – 1p.m. Gala Field
Enterprise Outing – Whole School to Kelvingrove Art Gallery
Whole School Trip to Culzean Castle – Tuesday 17th June
Closing Service – Tuesday 24th June – Quarter Parish Church at 11a.m.
Close for Summer Break – Friday 27th June at 1p.m.
Faye McNaughton Head Teacher
Website address: www.quarterprimary.uk.org

Quarter Primary PTA

In March we had our spring 'Bag to School' event. Thanks to those of you who took the trouble to clear out your wardrobes and deliver your bags to the school gates. Your efforts helped raised the very respectable sum of £170. Thanks also to Mrs Fiona Gibbons who valiantly helped us load the bags onto the van on a very wet and windy morning.

At the School's Easter Assembly we held our 3rd draw of the Quarterly Lottery. First prize was won by Mrs Carol Ann Guthrie and 2nd by Mrs Arlene Woods. Also at this assembly we had a Giant Easter Egg raffle. This was won by Mrs McLuckie whose girls Kate and Laurel no doubt enjoyed helping their Mum demolish the egg.

At the end of last term we organised a 'Mad Hatter Day' when the children came to school with weird, wonderful and imaginative headgear. Mrs Morag Quinn, a well known Quarter resident, kindly agreed to visit the school and judge the best 'Hat'. It was a tough choice as the children had all put a lot of thought and effort into their designs. However Morag finally decided that Sophie Guthrie's creation, which was decorated with pictures of all the teachers, should win the WH Smith gift voucher.

More recently we held a 'Race Night' in Quarter Boolin' Club, which was a fantastic night. All those who came along to support the evening really got into the spirit and had a brilliant time. Furthermore we raised the outstanding amount of £1070 from this event. Thanks very much to all those who either sponsored a race, sponsored a horse, donated a raffle prize or bought tickets and came along on the night.

This means we can help subsidise the school trip to Culzean Castle Country Park and as tradition dictates we will donate the school ties for all those Primary 7 pupils leaving at the end of term to start secondary school after the summer. Good luck to all of them.

Anyone interested in becoming a PTA member or wishing to know more about ways in which you can offer help please contact Karen Wood on (01698) 424917.

On Gala Day all the men were at the park again at 8.00am to make sure everything was ready. Home made stakes were hammered into the ground and tape, usually acquired from some building site, was erected to form areas for children's races and football. At about 10.30am the women would appear with rolls in sausage and bacon and any beer from the night before was duly finished off. The main parade started at the top of the village in Dargaber Gardens and proceeded through the village led by The Boy's Brigade Pipe Band to the park where all was ready for the big day.

In the park there were stalls manned by the committee, a tea tent and, most importantly, a beer tent (this was supplied by the pub). There were games like bat the rat, beat the goalie, slippery pole, roll a penny, coconut shy etc.

After the official opening of Quarter Gala, by Mrs. McDowall, the Gala Queen, Audrey Todd, was crowned. The children's races were held and when all the prizes of sweets were handed out, the local boys, who had formed their own teams, took to the field to compete in the five-a-side tournament final. This was a very competitive game as every boy in the village

was desperate to win to prove that they were the best. After all the fun was about to end a tug-o-war rope would appear in the middle of the field and a team from the pub would challenge all comers to a Pull and then with all the kids on one end and all the parents on the other they would pull to see who was the best. This usually ended up with everybody falling about laughing. After everybody had left the field the next job was to clear away all the stalls, etc and the entire field was cleared of all rubbish and left as if nothing had taken place. The rest of Saturday night was spent at a party in the pub. On the Sunday it was back up the ladders to take down all the bunting and return Quarter back to the lovely quiet village that we love. For 20 years a Gala Day had been held in Quarter and each year it grew to such an extent that it was renowned throughout Lanarkshire. It was a highlight in the Village calendar. The last Gala was held in 2006. Unfortunately a committee could not be formed to organize the 2007 Gala due to lack of interest by villagers. Could it be resurrected again??? By T.J.

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Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

Several years ago a group of residents who were concerned about their own environment and that of the older residents living around them formed 'Quarter Neighbourhood Watch'. The group consists of individuals from all areas of the village and all walks of life. Although a small group, they have raised concerns over all types of issues that concern the villagers, including traffic, safety and vandalism, generally with positive outcomes. They meet regularly and work in close conjunction with the local councillor and with representatives of Strathclyde Police Force.

Quarter Community Association

The Quarterly is funded by "Quarter And Its People" which can be purchased from the village shop or the editor at a cost of £12.00. As an alternative we have a CD of the book which includes all the back issues of our Quarterly Newsletter plus hundreds of photographs of the village, all for just £9.99.



Quarter Toddler Group

If you have a child from birth to pre-school age then why not come along to your local Toddler Group. We have lots of fun every Wednesday with loads of toys, colouring in, music and yummie toast. We meet in the Church Hall from 10 - 12am. If you would like to find out anything else then give Jean a call on 427344.

QUARTER PARISH ACTIVITIES

AT THE NATIONAL GATHERING

On May 3rd and 4th the Church Without Walls committee of the Church of Scotland arranged the biggest gathering of church members ever, with over 8000 people coming together to celebrate the life of the church. What was unique about this time together at The Royal Highland Centre at Ingliston, was the fact that individual churches had an opportunity to display some aspects of their church life. Each church could purchase a small tent and use it as a "story-telling" venue. The tents were part of a tent village with more than two hundred churches participating.

The weekend was blessed with glorious weather and people came in their droves to attend the massive opening worship and all the other activities for children, young people and different interest groups.

The Quarter Parish Church had a tent and exhibition showing its involvement and witness over the years in the village of Quarter. The great support given to the Malawi Project over many years was the mission focus, and the Annual Charity Fundraiser for the Children's Aids Ministry in Africa also attracted some attention.

There were exhibits showing the work of the Guild, the Sunday School, the Friday Lunch Club and the Gardening Club who regularly support fundraising in the church. Those who attended the National Gathering were pleased to meet churches from as far a field as the Shetlands and Dumfries. There were many young families who were clearly dedicated to the life of the church, and this was very encouraging. Among the two hundred exhibition tents there developed a sense of camaraderie. There was also a warm atmosphere of friendship and comradeship over the weekend, and those who attended came away with a sense of hope for the future of the Church in Scotland.

Elders Tommy Quinn and Eddie Hawke with Monica MacDonald and Rosalene Roberts, Monica's mother visiting from South Africa



QUARTER CHURCH GUILD

We hope our members are enjoying a relaxing summer and looking forward to the 2008-9 session starting in October. This will be the third year of the three year strategy: "Lets Live: Body, Mind and Soul". With this in our thoughts, preparations are going ahead to produce an interesting and stimulating syllabus. This should be finalised shortly, when the opening date and date of the Re-dedication Service can be announced.

In the meantime, a couple of dates for your diary.

Sat 4th October: Bacon 'n Butty Morning 10am—12 noon

To raise money for our project.

Ann Milligan

Guild President

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group closed for the summer season on May 7th with a day out at 'Burns Cottage' in Ayr. The weather was perfect and the company in good spirits. After a conducted tour and film show at the cottage the group wandered round the grounds and Burns museum before heading off on the long trek to the Tam o'Shanter Experience, a half mile walk from Burns Cottage, and as some of us are getting on a little in years, the walk seemed more like 10 miles. However the walk was well worth the effort. At the Experience we had another film show, this time based on the famous Burns poem of Tam o'Shanter. After the show a number of us took a stroll round the village viewing the Brig'o Doon, Burns Monument and the Alloway Kirk before heading back to the Experience for High Tea. We hope to re-start after the September weekend and will welcome anyone who would like to



join us. Our Christmas Lunch is already booked for December 5th, this is usually very successful. We wish all our friends a pleasant summer and look forward to seeing you all again!
Sheila, Morag, Mary and Louise

CROSS + TALK

"....be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." **Matt 5:48.**

Jesus exhorts us in this Scripture to be generous in our behaviour toward everyone. The example the Lord gives us is not that of a good person, or even a good Christian, but of God himself. In other word, simply show to the other person what God has shown to you. The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing, but in God-likeness.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you. By this will all men know that you are my disciples, that you have love for another."



Quarter Athletic 1996 Season 2007 – 2008

The 1996s had their first full season participating at 11 a side. Games are officially treated as friendlies, there are no points or official league tables but results are recorded, believe me the boys know exactly how they are getting on. They have performed extremely well, playing 27 games and losing only 6. The League is made up of two Divisions, A & B. We started in Division B and did so well that we were moved up to Division A during the second half of the season, an achievement to be proud of. It's been a big step up from the seven a side format. All of a sudden the games are on full size parks with full size goals, referees - who will book you offside and no pass backs. A challenge to say the least. But it's been one that the players have taken on and proved they are up for. Well done to them all.

Next season is another challenge; we will be involved in the official League and cup tournaments. We are all looking forward to this and believe that if the team stay together and believe in themselves they can do very well.

We have 16 registered players who train twice a week and play on a Sunday morning. This is all very time consuming and involves a lot of running around. Our home games are mainly at the Jock Stein complex, training is split between the same venue and Larkhall, not Ideal but seeing as there are no facilities in Quarter we cannot do much about it. We would like to thank the parents who support the team and get the players to all locations. (If some kind benefactor would like to offer a bit of land to utilise, a deal could be done. Remember there are 5 teams involved – over 90 players)

Tournaments:- Blackpool Cup

We are preparing to take the boys to the Blackpool Cup during the May holiday. We entered a similar tournament last year and both teams performed extremely well. To get the team there this year, we had to do some serious fund raising. The boys and parents got involved in Bag Packing days, which is a lot harder than it sounds. We would like to thank the players, parents, Sainsbury's and Morrison's for their help.

Strathaven Football Festival

This is being held over 2 days on the 7th & 8th of June, the format is 6 a side games played on a round robin format. There has been a big response to the invitations and with a bit of luck the sun will shine and it will be a fun weekend. Several Quarter Teams are entered at various age groups. Our games are on the 8th so feel free to come along and support the boys.

Kits for Kids

We entered the Daily Record kits for Kids scheme again this year. Because it was done jointly with the 1997s, we are going to split the packs, with the 97s getting the team wear and the 96s the training equipment. In total 11,000 tokens were collected. Thanks to Stuart McDowall who once again arranged it all, and to everyone who collected on our behalf.

Future

We are looking to strengthen the team and will put out notices regarding this nearer the start of the new season. But if you know of a player born in 1996 who may be interested please get in touch. We don't have many spaces at the moment and we do have a good squad, so it's important that we look for players that have played football before. Next year we are looking to travel to a tournament in Europe. In fact we are hoping to travel with several of the Quarter teams. Some of the coaches travelled with the under 16s to Holland this year and found the experience fantastic. The boys were a credit to the coaches and themselves. Any queries please call John 07826523629 or Stuart 07918678012

Under 19s

We have had a mixed season this year. We started well and finished well with a sticky part in the middle which I think is down to only having 1 hour training from September to April. This is due to the lack of facilities in the Hamilton area - as we know we have none in Quarter to talk about. As this was our first season at under 19 level I thought we would struggle especially in the Scottish Cup. However, the team surprised me by reaching the last 32 and being unlucky to be put out by a thunder bolt of a shot from 30yds against Lochgelly Albert Colts. We also did well in the Regional Cup by reaching the last 16. We ended up 7th in the league this year but with another 3 points we would have finished 4th. Looking forward to next season and hopefully we can do better.

Under 16s

The under 16s went to a tournament in Holland at Easter and were accompanied by some of the other coaches to see what it would be like for next year. They came home with a cup for being third in the tournament - only beaten by Pro youth teams from England. After travelling all that way – they ended up playing East Kilbride Wanderers in the play off for third and winning 1 v 0! Everyone enjoyed the four days away and the boys all behaved themselves and the coaches too. We hope to return next year with more teams taking part.

Quarter by Vera Wardlaw

*If you're driving or walking in Lanarkshire fair
and you take the country roads, what's to be found there?
Pass Larkhall or Hamilton and keep going up,
Some lambs and three mams, lots of coos, the odd tup.*

Don't rush or run, have time to lose,

If Torrance at Knowetops moving coos.

*The big flagrant girls, will give you the eye
as they munch on the hedge as you try to squeeze by.*

*No shouting or beeping of horns, please don't stress
because these particular Friesians they couldn't care less.*

You'll come to a crossroads, which way to go?

If you see someone walking they'll probably know

Do you want a meal, a pint or a half?

Go to "The Bully" meet friendly locals and staff.

*Across the road is the wee Boolin Club and green,
some really good sportsmen and women can be seen.*

*The impressive Duchess Nina, it towers right next door,
a gift to the miners from days of yore.*

*Be carefully of the roads, the council vans are scary
Call into the shop, you'll find Carol, June, Margaret or Mary*

Each one of them friendly and ready for a chat

there are always lonely people who are very glad of that.

*You'll pass Quarter School, been there for a hundred years,
where teachers and janitors have wiped a million tears.*

*Keep walking past some beautiful gardens and pause, try
to imagine when it was the auld miners rows.*

At the top of the village you will see its heart,

Quarter Parish Church, I cant even start

*To explain how many lives this building has saved
miners and their families who day by day slaved.*

*There weren't any play parks or a fancy swimming pools
the children took pleasure in days at Sunday School.*

*So if you come to Quarter keep going right to the end,
no matter what you're looking for, you might find a friend.*

Something in this village is sure to touch you.

Even if it's the eyes of a big Friesian Coo!

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