



Quarter in Bloom

A busy summer flowering season has now come to an end and what a wonderful display we have had. So once again thanks to all the willing volunteers. Mind you a few more wouldn't go amiss! If you want to help out with clearing out the old and planting the new plants, look out for the notices in the shop or you can call me directly on the number at the end of the article. Honestly, it's not that hard work!

You will probably have seen Iain and myself trundling through the village on the wee tractor with the water bowser on the back, a sight to behold if you haven't had the opportunity to see us in person. This has proved to be a worthwhile asset to the village as it is also a grass cutter and has taken out the laborious, time consuming ordeal for the Minister George McDonald and Guy Kirkland.

Plans for future planting include growing some of our own plants. Now in order for this to be achieved all you gardeners out there are being called upon to offer a wee bit of space in your green houses to house a tray in which seeds will have been sowed and all you have to do is look after them. So once again contact me Liz Anderson on the number given below if you can help out.

The garden competition went well and congratulations to all and our thanks to Flowers Of Scotland Garden Centre for being our independent judges and for the donation of the prize vouchers.

The results were:-

1st Prize for Best Smaller Garden
57 Limekilnburn **Mr. & Mrs E. McKenna**

2nd Prize for Best Smaller
Garden 9 Cadzow **Mr. Jock Todd**

1st Prize for Best Larger Garden
10 Limekilnburn **Mr & Mrs. Baird**

2nd Prize for Best Larger Garden
7 Elm Court **Mr. & Mrs. J. Milligan**

Gardens earning Highly Commended Certificate:

4 Darngaber Gardens
17 Darngaber Gardens
49 Limekilnburn
51 Limekilnburn
50 Limekilnburn
22 Limekilnburn
24 Limekilnburn
23 Castle Wynd
4 Merrick Gardens
28 Merrick Gardens
15 Poplar
7 Poplar

Iain McDonald
Jean Johnstone
Harry Harris
Jack Wilson
Ann Fearn
Mrs Clay
Janie Allerdyce
Stewart Hardman
Marion Sinclair
John Ross
Sammy Kennedy
Martin Simpson

We hope to hold a sponsored event "A Great Big Bloomin Buffet" in November but I will keep you posted.
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Next newsletter will be in December.



Many Thanks to Flowers of Scotland
Garden Centre, Rosebank, Clyde Valley
Tel:- 01555 860644
for the judging and the donation of
garden vouchers.



Quarter Athletic FC Under 11s

Season 2006 – 2007

This is the players' last involvement in the Soccer Sevens. Next season they will be involved in the competitive 11-a-side game. It's a huge step up for all concerned and will be a real test for us all. The biggest problem will be cutting the squad from 22 down to 15 / 16 players. All the squad members know that this is the time to prove just how good they are, or at least how competitive they can be. This season has started well with both teams being unbeaten in all games so far, probably our best start since the teams began.

We are struggling to secure training facilities that we can cope with financially. We thought that we had found the best solution by training at the Quarter park, but although the playing surface is not ideal, the problems we encountered from certain youths meant that we had to find an alternative location. When you consider that we are essentially a village team trying to train in the local environment with boys that are only ten, it's disappointing that we had to move from the park in the interests of the boys' safety. It's even more disappointing that when we cut the training short that the youths concerned then moved away, obviously content that their job was done. Ruining 10 year olds enjoyment! This problem is not confined to one particular team but seems to affect anyone that appears at the park. Pretty sad really! However, on the positive side we are looking to take the team to a football festival in Blackpool during the May weekend next year. Something that will give the players great experience and hopefully develop team spirit.

At the end of last season we held our awards night at the Quarter Boolin club. Our thanks go out to the staff and the committee who helped the night go so well. We decided against awarding "Player of the Year" and "Players Player" etc, but felt that an award for all players and a personal message from the coaches was all that was required. It went well and the players all enjoyed the evening. They even managed to stay off the bowling green! We must give a special mention to the catering crew, a spread to be proud of, thanks to Jean McDowell (known to most of the boys as Granny Jean) and Alison McDowell for all their efforts. Then if course there is Forrie, his patience is unbelievable. Maybe that's why he smokes so many cigars.

The Squad

Coaching – John Annand & David Webb,

Scott Burns (The best keeper in the soccer sevens – but he wants to play out), Tom Cree (The smallest player but has the loudest shout), Peter Copeland (The quiet one, so far), Brad Taylor (Knows everyone – but talks to them during the game), Lewis (Still don't know his last name), David Webb (Mr Cool, well he thinks he is), Mike Annand (The Volley !! - Only scores hard ones), David McCabe (Probably the next Amir Khan, - competitive to say the least), Aiden Brown (The next Mr Cool in waiting), Ruari Yeomen (Another sleeping Giant), Chris Miller (Went for a year without scoring – can't stop him now, Lucky boy).



Coaching – Stuart McDowell & Rab Dixon

Ross Bowie Conner Cane Cameron Gibb Mark Stuart
Ross McDowell Ross Maxwell Reece Feeney
Reece Mourning Craig Paterson Chris Cameron Graeme
Dixon



Fixtures

Home	Away	Venue	Kick off	Meet	Score	Score	Scorers
Jerviston BC	QFC	TBC	TBC	TBC	1 1	2 1	MA,CM
QFC	Milton Rovers	Bent	10.45am	10.15 D/room	0-0	1-0	AB
Westwood R	QFC	John Wright	9.45	9.15 D/Room			
QFC	Yett Farm	Palace Grounds	9.3	9.00 D/room			
No Fixtures							
QFC	Wishaw W W	Palace Grounds	9.3	09.00 D/ Room			
QFC	Strathaven	Palace Grounds	9.3	09.00 D/Room			
QFC	Wolves BC	Bent	10.45	10.15 D/room			
Mossend BC	QFC	TBC	TBC	TBC			
QFC	Barrachnie	Bent	10.45am	10.15 D/Room			
Blantyre	QFC	Priory	9.3	9.00 D/room			
QFC	Holytown	Palace Grounds	9.3	9.00 D/room			
EK Blacks	QFC	Brancumhall 8	11.00am	10.30 D/room			
No Fixture		Palace Grounds	9.3	09.00 D/Room			
QFC	Edenvale	Bent	10.45	10.15 D/Room			
QFC	Gow valley	Palace Grounds	10.45	10.15 D/room			

Hello Goodbye

As most of you know the Bully Inn is under new management and now in the capable hands of Catherine and Seamus Smith. We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Quarterly to welcome them both to our wee gang hut (that's The Bully Inn for the uninitiated!). We will **try** to behave!!

Now of course that means John "Closet Cowboy" Clark and Margaret "Green Fingers" Clark have decided to throw in the beer towel. **I mean how hard can it be to run a pub?**

Getting up at 7 o'clock in the morning to do the cleaning, hoovering, checking the beer barrels, restocking the spirits, putting out the out-of-date crisps, that John got somewhere cheap (IT's ONLY A WEE JOKE!!), counting the takings, cleaning the loos, then drying the glasses (all the necessary health and safety guidelines being strictly adhered to of course) going to the cash and carry, restocking the kitchen larder for all the meals and then to the butchers for the meat used for the pies. Anyone seen ma dug?? Then, joy upon joy, dealing with the punters sorry, "clients" ...nope punters. By the time it comes to closing time somewhere after midnight and you're halfway through washing the glasses, cleaning the bar, wiping the tables, chucking big Davy out, you realise the smile on your face isn't through happiness, just sheer hysteria!! Yep, time for a change to the easy life, but no, John and Margaret have decided to buy a new home in need of tender loving care and John's sledgehammer.

This punter for one will miss them dearly and hope they find happiness and **sleep** in their future endeavours.

All that is left to say, John and Margaret, is thanks for all the help and support you have given Quarter. Don't stray too far and whatever you do Margaret don't hang up your trowel. Quarter in Bloom needs you.

Bacardi Betty (Liz Anderson!!)



Quarter Toddler Group

Why not come along to Quarter Toddler Group, held every Wednesday in Church Hall from 10am - 12am. Fees £1per week. From birth to pre-school. All welcome.

For further details contact Jean Currie on 01698 427344 or just turn up.



Quarter Parish Activities

All Quarter villagers are cordially invited

WORSHIP SERVICE and Sunday School 9.45am every Sunday

HARVEST SERVICE Sunday 1st October at 9.45am

Coffee Morning For Cancer Relief Macmillan Nurses: Friday 29th September from 11am

QUARTER GUILD RE-DEDICATION SERVICE Sunday 8th October

GUILD OPENING MEETING Wednesday 11th October 7pm

GUILD SPEAKERS: 11th October 7pm G MacDonald 'Let's Live'

25th October 7pm Mr Martin 'Tales of the Fire Service'

8th November 7pm Rev D Hughes 'Peru Project'

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP begins 15th September and then every Friday at 12.30pm for a Lite Lunch and on the 22nd November at 1.30 pm some "Keep Fit" by Mrs. C. Harkins, Physio. The Friendship Group is for all ages. If you want to get to know your neighbours and make friends with other villagers then please come along to the Church Hall on Fridays.

Quarter Village Gala 2006

There was a disappointing "no response" to our appeal several weeks ago for villagers to come forward to serve on the Gala Committee. However, there is another opportunity for committed villagers who want to see the Gala continue, to come forward and make themselves known.

A general meeting is to be held to discuss the future of the Gala on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

For enquiries contact :- Linda McKnight on 01698 423768 or Monica MacDonald on 01698 424511

Manse Garden Party Goes Vintage

The annual Charity Garden Party at the Church Manse was held on Saturday 19th August and was a roaring success. The theme was 'Vintage' and some of the oldest 'old ladies' present were the vintage cars brought along for the occasion. Under a wonderfully warm sun, the Garden Party was formally opened by the Duchess of Hamilton, and many foreign guests and auspicious locals were welcomed to the champagne and strawberry affair. Other dignitaries present were the Duke of Hamilton, Mr Mushtaq Ahmed the Provost, and visitors from Thailand, Canada, South Africa and Texas. Mrs Monica MacDonald, the organiser of the event and resident of Quarter, set the tone by wearing a dress designed for another era, and most of the guests were dressed in stunning outfits from the 30's to the 90's. Those judged most original, striking or dapper were rewarded with prizes. The entertainment was provided by the Bellshill Brass Band, the Hamilton South Pipe Band and Mrs Elizabeth Wiper accompanied by Mr Johnston Borland, who also walked away with a prize for his original period outfit. The event went off perfectly in wonderful weather, and raised £2,200 in donations for the South African Children's Aids Charity 'The Place of Restoration'. Mrs MacDonald thanked all those in the village who once again so generously helped to make the event such a great success.

The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton with Monica and George MacDonald



CROSS **ALK**

"Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them. The Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." **Matt 19:14.**

Little children are helpless and vulnerable. They must depend in totality for survival on those who love them. Little children reach out with confidence and trust to those who love them. Jesus wants little children to learn that he loves them with a providing, caring and enduring love. He encourages us to do more than satisfy the physical needs of our children, and of ourselves. We are to bring our children under his teaching. We must not hinder them in their spiritual growth or keep them from God's spiritual food.

Jesus wants us also to learn from little children the great lesson of total trust in the one who cares enough to lay down his life for us. So often it is self-sufficient pride that keeps us from receiving good things from God. We need to look to little children for the key of total trust. It is a key to the Kingdom of God.