

# The Quarterly



## Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

The Community Council has been struggling this year to recruit enough members to make up a quorum to hold an official meeting. Twice we have held meetings in the Church Hall, with advertising throughout the village and nobody from the village has turned up, except the elected office bearers and councillors for the district, for which we are very grateful. It is likely that the Community Council will be terminated unless there is more interest shown.

## Quarter Community Association

The Association has been responsible for producing the Quarterly Newsletter for the past three years. We have always managed to acquire enough articles to fill the pages, although, we have struggled at times. 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 newsletter and any financial contributions, large or small, would be most appreciated.

The Quarterly is funded by the sale of our book "**Quarter And Its People**" which can be purchased from the editor at a cost of £12.00 plus postage. As an alternative we have a CD of the book and all the back issues of our Quarterly Newsletter all for just £10.00 plus postage.

## Christmas Lights

The McKennas will again be staging a Christmas display in aid of St Andrews Hospice. Lights will be on from 1st December until New Year. The display will be at 57 Limekilnburn Road and visitors are invited to the rear of our property where there will be Santa's Grotto and sweets for the children, with a collection tin for the Hospice. We raised just under £200 last year and hope that we can increase that figure this Christmas. Many thanks for your help. Kind Regards, Norma and Eddie McKenna,

## Quarter in Bloom Report by Liz Anderson

In our last issue we told you about Quarter in Bloom entering the "Keep Scotland Beautiful" competition. Quarter in Bloom achieved a "Two Thistle" rating which was very good for a first attempt. However, the more useful aspect of entering the competition was to gain experience and learn where we were going wrong. The judges were impressed by the work that had been put in by all the Q in B volunteers and the excellent state of the gardens along the main road. The areas that came under the most criticism were the local council for not keeping the weeds at bay and generally not cleaning up. This was, however, partly our fault for not notifying them sooner of the date of the judging. Another recommendation from the judges was that Q in B should be more involved in maintaining the garden of the Parish Church. The problem at the Church is poor drainage. Q in B would like to help but is looking for volunteers with suitable expertise as this, unfortunately, is not something Q in B could tackle, however if anybody who has these skills and possible machinery and who would be willing to help is asked to please contact the editor.

This has been a busy time for our small band of volunteers and our very grateful thanks goes to them all.

Matthew Baird snr and his son Matthew carried out the most arduous task of clearing ALL the barrels and mangers ready for the planting. Alan Johnstone planted our mangers at the church with the help of Yvonne and continued to help with the planting of the barrels. Thanks also to Iain MacDonald who also helped with the barrels and mangers.



It took longer than usual as we did not have that many volunteers. So come on villagers of Quarter, come along in the spring and help out! We could really do with a hand! My number will be at end of this article.

As you can see all the barrels and mangers are now boasting their winter plants. The wind is taking its toll on the wee trees and hopefully we will be able to get these staked soon. We will also be painting the barrels in the spring and relining the mangers, so if you can please help us out with these tasks and give me a call :-

Liz Anderson 07734 303 401 or 01698 891627.

Next year we would like to produce the plants required from seed and to do this we would require a strip of land to house a poly tunnel with easy access. If you can help with the donation of land for our poly tunnel, please contact the editor or Liz Anderson with your offer.

Some of the award winning gardens of 2007



## *Quarter Neighbourhood Watch*

Over the past quarter the key areas for reporting relate to the bimonthly meeting held in October and also a senior citizen Information Session held in the local school during the same month.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Meeting**

At this bimonthly meeting the members were joined by two officers from the local Community Police and Councillor Carmichael. The officers were in attendance to find out more information in relation to the community, any associated problems and to answer any specific points raised by the members. The key issues covered during the meeting were

1. Poor condition of Carscallan Road and the lack of response to letters from the SLC Roads Dept.
2. Security and Access to the school grounds outwith school hours.
3. School Crossing Patrol
4. Lack of speed control on Strathaven Road at Limekilnburn

Councillor Carmichael advised the members of the progress made to date in relation to items 1 and 3 and also agreed to talk to the relevant departments in relation to items 2 and 4. Ongoing discussions are taking place with John Cameron of the Roads and Transportation Services in relation to Carscallan Road and Mr Cameron has been invited to the next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in December. Councillor Carmichael also advised that the studies to date have concluded that the activity criteria have not been met in relation to getting a school crossing patrol.

The police officers intimated that any incidents should be reported to the police. This can be done anonymously and it also gives the police an opportunity to assess the information, determine the frequency and magnitude of the complaints and allocate resources accordingly.

### **Senior Citizen Information Meeting**

An information meeting for the senior citizens of the village was held in the school in October. This session was arranged through Strathclyde Community Police with both representatives from the Community Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade in attendance. There was an excellent turnout of senior citizens from the village. Information was provided on the following areas where advice and support can be available;

1. Free home fire safety review by Strathclyde Fire Service.
2. Opportunity to have locks, alarms, intercoms fitted to homes free of charge.
3. Opportunity to have smoke alarms fitted free of charge.
4. The Care and Repair service for the over 60s whereby free labour can be arranged to carry out small jobs around the home.

Anyone requiring more details on the above should contact Carol Cain who has detailed information regarding the conditions applicable to the various initiatives mentioned above.

Again this year there will be a seasonal gift for all householders in the village over 60 years of age (one per household) which will be distributed by the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators before Christmas.

## *“No Cold Calling Zones”*

Community Safety Dept., Hamilton Police

Unfortunately ‘bogus caller’ type crimes are still being committed in the South Lanarkshire area. Although in most cases there is no violence used towards the victim during the commission of the crime, the effects on a person’s health can be devastating e.g. loss of confidence, feeling of embarrassment, post traumatic stress. Because these criminals travel extensively to commit crime and victims are often reluctant to report this type of crime to Police, they are inherently difficult to trace and charge.

Police and Trading Standards in South Lanarkshire have successfully applied for funding to roll out ‘No Cold Calling Zones’ throughout the area. Ten areas have been identified so far. Once these are up and running the initiative will be introduced in other areas.

The initiative is similar in some ways to neighbourhood watch schemes. We will provide road signs, door stickers, info packs and home security checks (including Safe As Houses). We will also provide talks on bogus crime including methods used, knowing your rights, good doorstep skills, how and why to report crimes and the importance of contacting Victim Support for advice and support.

This initiative can only be introduced in an area where the residents want it. Consultation would be carried out by means of a questionnaire.

If you require any further information regarding the initiative please contact  
PC Marie Speirs, Community Safety Dept., Hamilton Police Office 01698 483339 Or  
Lyn Deans, Trading Standards, South Lanarkshire Council, Hamilton 01698 476171

## *QUARTER PRIMARY SCHOOL*

Please do not park across the driveways of the houses next to the school when dropping off or collecting your child from the school or the nursery. A resident, who had a hospital appointment, was delayed as a result of someone blocking their gate.

We were delighted that a number of our pupils were “Highly Commended” in the Road Safety Calendar Competition. Well done to Emma Allardyce, Olivia Robinson, Hannah Pate, Rachel Simpson, Lauren Neely, Ross Findlay, Kate McLuckie, Morgan Woods, Sean Robinson, Sarah Macrae, Lauren Allardyce and Olivia Milligan.

We were delighted to learn that Olivia Milligan has been commended in the above poster competition. Her picture will appear in the official Food Standards Agency Calendar as well as her photograph. Olivia will receive £50 as her prize and the school will receive £250. This is an amazing achievement for Olivia as her entry was one of 4500!

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been given certificates for taking part in the South Lanarkshire Libraries Reading Club - Nicole Lewis (8 books); Emma Lewis (8 books); Ben Guthrie (9 books); Sophie Guthrie (9 books) and Rebekah Robertson

Well done to our netball team who took part in the Netball Festival in Eddlewood Sports Barn. The team won 2 games and lost 2 games and we are really proud of them! Well done to the team and thanks to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Lindsay for training the team.

I’m sure you will be delighted to learn that we will again be selling shortbread, chocolate chip shortbread, fudge and chocolate éclairs, with the school logo on them – all ideal presents for friends and family. More news soon.

Mrs Sandra Rough, our Additional Support for Learning Teacher, has retired. Sandra has been a great servant of Quarter Primary and we wish her well in her retirement. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Sandra on her last day in Quarter Primary. In her place we are delighted to welcome Mrs Aileen Florence. She will be working in the school on a Wednesday morning.

Faye McNaughton Head Teacher Website address: [www.quarterprimary.uk.org](http://www.quarterprimary.uk.org)

### *The Winter Garden* by Matt Baird

As the autumn fades into history the garden in many instances looks bare compared with the earlier seasons but it is an ideal opportunity to identify some of the beautiful evergreens that are available from local garden centres that can add another dimension to the harsh reality of the winter garden. Rather than going to the garden centre to look for Christmas presents or decorations treat yourself or better still get someone to treat you to some of these winter evergreens ideal for the winter garden namely

Pyracantha - Orange Glow	Euonymus – Emerald n'Gold	Garrya Elliptica
Viburnum Tinus	Mahonia - Wintersun	Photinia – Red Robin
Skimmia Japonica – Rubella	Elaeagnus – Gilt Edge	

Rather than planting directly into the ground at this stage these plants can be kept in their container until spring in a sheltered position before being planted out.

There are a number of specimen plants being purchased at garden centres which will not withstand prolonged periods of frost in Scotland. If in any doubt move to a sheltered location or wrap in fleece which protects the plant but allows it to breath .Beware of using polythene sheeting as this can lead to the plant rotting away and can cause more damage than good.

One of the great pleasures of winter gardening is to plan ahead for next year by browsing through catalogues and to identify what you are going to grow .Use the experience of last year and also the memory of other gardens which you liked to plan your activities for next year. You need to consider whether you grow from seed, purchase plugs to grow on or to purchase directly from the garden centre or nursery and plant out directly when the risk of frost has passed.

### *Indoor Christmas Plants* by Matt Baird

At this time of the year shops and garden centres are full of indoor plants with two of the most popular being the indoor Cyclamen and also the Poinsettia Providing that the plants have not experienced a wide temperature range fluctuation in transit these plants can provide many weeks of pleasure providing that the required growing conditions are adhered to. Some general tips on maximising the length of flowering are as follows:

Temperature	Cyclamen 60-65C daytime 50C night time	Poinsettia 55-60C
Heating	away from radiators or other heat sources	away from radiators or other heat sources
Light	Indirect light East Window Ideal	Light position needed
Water	Keep plants moist Water away from corm Water from bottom	Water when moderately dry Stand in water for 20 mins then stand to drain
Signs	When plant needs water leaves go limp	Leaf drop means over or under water.
Irritation	None	White sap can irritate skin Keep away from small Children

Although both plants can be kept for a considerable period of time it is unlikely that the Poinsettia will flower again satisfactorily as this is a complicated process which is difficult to achieve without specialist growing conditions. On the other hand the cyclamen is a tuber and can be allowed to experience a dormant period before being re-potted in May/June and then brought back into the house to develop new leaves and flowers.

### *QUARTER PARISH ACTIVITIES*

**OVER THE 2007 CHRISTMAS SEASON** *All Quarter villagers are cordially invited*

**FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE** Sunday 23rd December at 9.45am

**WORSHIP SERVICE** and Sunday School 9.45am every Sunday

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** 11.30pm with CAROL SINGING and REFRESHMENTS from 11.15pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE** 9.45am

**FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP** every Fri at 12.30pm for a light lunch and fellowship

The annual Christmas Fayre at the Parish Church was once again a great success and well attended by the Quarter community. A record amount of over £1412 was raised, and the organizers would like to thank all those who helped and who came along to support the Fayre.



## CROSS ALK

*"She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus- because he will save his people from their sins"* **Matt 1:21**  
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Jesus, born in Bethlehem, did not come to bring us worldly gifts, or rescue us from poverty or sickness. He came as a gift of love from our Father God with a special mission.

His reason for coming is wrapped up in his name. He came to save us from the sin and guilt which has become a part of our fallen nature.

The Apostle Peter understood this so well when he proclaimed in Acts 2:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men, by which we must be saved."

Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of a personal Saviour, a time for claiming his name, and receiving his special gift. Because I live, you also will live" says the Lord of life.

## TRAGEDY IN THE VILLAGE

Quarter 16th March 1841 [From the Glasgow Herald, March 19 1841]

“On Tuesday last, the town of Hamilton and neighbourhood were thrown into great consternation on hearing of an extensive explosion of fire damp in the coal mine near Quarter, accompanied with the loss of 11 lives. It appears that about 8 o'clock that morning (the breakfast hour) there were six men and a boy in the mine, all of whom, it was too plain, must have perished instantly by the explosion. On the alarm being given, the overseer of the mine not being at hand, seven men who were on the outside of the mouth of the mine spontaneously, and under the impulse of humanity, and vainly hoping to aid their fellow creatures in the midst of this dreadful calamity, rushed thoughtlessly into the pestiferous atmosphere of the newly exploded mine; three of whom were dragged out alive and four dead, by a third party who, becoming alarmed for their safety, went to their assistance. Unceasing exertions were made to relieve the mine of the noxious vapour, but it was not till Wednesday morning that the bodies of the seven first sufferers were recovered, some of whom were shockingly mangled by the explosion, in a way that evidently showed that the death of the whole must have been instantaneous. Of the 11 sufferers, nine were married, who have left widows and families behind them to deplore their loss. The seven first were in the mine at the time of the explosion - the remaining four went in to their rescue: - **William Brounlie** and his son, a boy of 10 years of age; **James Duffie**; **John Duffie**; **Hugh McLean**; **John Smith**; **William Wotherspoon**; **James Fleming**; **George Pate**; **James Fisher**; **James Fyfe**.

The noble proprietor of the mine, the Duke of Hamilton, who is now at the Palace, was in the greatest distress on obtaining intelligence of the sad event, and immediately himself sent pecuniary assistance to the families of sufferers, and has caused every exertion to be made on their behalf, and arrangements to be made, at his own expense, as to their funerals and otherwise, suitable to the melancholy occasion.

By this most painful catastrophe about 60 individuals have been deprived of their bread winners, and it is hoped that their bereavement and consequent destitution will not be overlooked by the benevolent.”

(The Quarter Community Council is working towards erecting a Mining Monument which will include a Memorial for all those who have lost their lives in this tragedy and others over the years in the Quarter Collieries. - Ed.)



### Quarter Friendship Group

We are enjoying our weekly fellowship and light lunches on Fridays. Our Christmas Lunch has been booked for Friday 14th December in the Bully Inn. Some of our friends have not been able to come to some of the meetings due to illness or holidays. We remember them all in our prayers and hope they may be able to join us again soon. The 14th of December will be our last meeting for this year and we wish you all a very happy Christmas, and that the year of 2008 will be a prosperous year and a healthy one. Best wishes to all our friends for 2008, and we hope many new friends will join us in January.

Last years festivities



### Letters to the Editor

Hi.

What an interesting site. I never could place the Darngaber Tile works where my great g'grandfather Matthew Reid was a tile maker. On 1861 census he was living there and the previous entry is Knopwetop farm, mentioned in Elizabeth Barr's chronicle. I came across your site because my grandmother's birth place, according to censuses, was given as Quarter, even though I have never been able to find a record of her birth (1846/7). I also noticed the article about Alex Dunn, the manager of the tile works, who came from Kilmarnock. This may explain why Matthew Reid came to Quarter as he was born in Fenwick. By 1871 he had moved to Dalziel. Apparently it had closed by E. Barr's time; I wonder what kind of tiles were made and why it was closed? Anyway, thanks for the most interesting info. It has all been a revelation to me, although I was brought up in Hamilton and often walked with my mother as a child to Quarter; we used to take the bus to the road end and walk the country lane; all I can remember, is the children's playground where I had a swing before walking back. Regards Margaret Reading

Hi

We have just arrived back in Canada after a couple of weeks great holidays in Scotland and a friend of a friend just gave me your web-site. My Mum, Mary Weir, was born in Quarter. She always told us stories of the Ingles, Lawries and the Pub. I am giving you our E mail address - please E mail us with any information [randm@mountaincable.net](mailto:randm@mountaincable.net) We have been in the Carrigon Arms - The Barley Bree - in Eddlewood on many occasions to see the miners Please E mail us

P.s. I was born in Biggar

(Robert of Canada)



Hi Alan,

Thanks for supply of your book. I am sure I will enjoy the read. As promised I am sending you this photograph of which I am sure is related to Quarter from many many years ago. I found it along with some photo's I have belonging to my Mum which has her name Sadie Ritchie Viewfield cottage Quarter on the reverse side of it. Hope it is of some interest to your readers and if so maybe you could let me know at a later date.

Regards Robert Scott, Burnbank

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