

# The Quarterly



## Quarter & Cadzow Community Council

On January of this year we held the Annual General Meeting of the Q & C.C.C. in the Church Hall. The following members are now on the Committee:- John Furley, Chairman; George MacDonald, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth Anderson, Secretary; Alan Johnstone, Treasurer; Matthew Baird, Committee member; Jean McPherson Committee member; Carol Cain, Neighbourhood Watch; May Hardman, Quarter in Bloom. Should you have any problems that the committee can help with, please get in touch with any of the members named above.

## Quarter Community Association

The Community Association received a grant from the Lottery fund this year and equipment was purchased to assist young members of the village to do a spot of journalism by providing articles for the newsletter. So far we have seen a great response from the youngsters and the first articles appear in this issue.

## Quarter in Bloom

A quiet, relatively mild, winter is over and already we are seeing the first burst of colour breaking through in and around the village. The tubs and planters are hopefully going to be teeming with colour so all our volunteers' hard work is going to be worth it.

I will be sowing some seeds (well, approximately 25 different plant types!) in the coming weeks in my propagator which is roughly three feet long by one and a half foot wide. I may call upon the services of our willing volunteers to bring some of these on once they are big enough and all risk of frost has passed. So be prepared for some plant baby sitting and rearing!

We really need to have a common colour scheme running through the village for maximum impact. I will be looking into the criteria for entering Quarter for Village in Bloom so I will keep you posted on that.

Remember, don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions for Quarter in Bloom and also if you wish to become a volunteer. "Many hands" and all that!

I recently applied for some sponsorship from my employer and I am pleased to say that Quarter in Bloom is now £250 better off, courtesy of BT.

Liz Anderson: Head Honcho, Quarter in Bloom!  
(Chairperson to the uninitiated!)

## Quarter Gala

Unfortunately it looks like there will be no Gala this year due to a lack of interest from the villagers to help on the committee. If there are any volunteers to join the committee then please get in touch with either Monica MacDonald or Linda McKnight.

## PETER McLEAN SMITH 27-02-1920 to 26-02-2007

### Village Loses a Gentle Character

Peter Smith of 10 Cadzow Road passed away after a brief illness on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. After forty years as a resident of Quarter, Peter's friendly smile and unassuming manner will be missed by many. A keen bowler, Peter was active in the Quarter Boolin' Club until recent years and also played dominoes in the local league for Eddlewood. His wife Gemima, who passed away in 2004, was president of the Boolin' Club for some years. A cabinet maker by trade, Peter also sold insurance and later worked in industrial security. During the war years he was a Gunner and saw action in India and the Middle East. He leaves behind him his daughter Jean, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



## Quarter Neighbourhood Watch

**Registration with QNW** - We have received new registration forms from Strathclyde Police, included with this newsletter. Please take time to fill in the form and your NW area co-ordinator will collect it shortly after. It only takes a few minutes and helps us to keep our registration up-to-date. It will not bind you to anything. Many Thanks.

**Neighbourhood Watch Weekend** - Representatives from Quarter attended this event held recently by Strathclyde Police at their Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, Fife. The event was extremely informative. Events such as these help to maintain links with the police whilst encouraging networking with other NW groups, sharing problems and overcoming difficulties together.

**Local Playing Field & Recycling** - QNW were approached last summer by the student's council of Quarter Primary School regarding the cancellation of Sports Day and recycling within the village. Two committee members then accompanied the students to a meeting with the local councillor. This meeting did not address the students concerns nor give them any satisfaction that the situation could be resolved. The whole school addressed these problems by having every child in the school write to the First Minister ensuring he was made aware of the students concerns, posted via QNW. To date we have had three replies, one each from the First Minister, the Local MSP and the leader of South Lanarkshire Council. We are now a recycling village and that is due in no small way to the efforts of the young people of Quarter Primary and their partnership with QNW. The problems of the local field are not resolved but are not forgotten.

**Christmas Gifts** - Thanks to a very generous grant from Hamilton District Council we were once again able to ensure that every pensioner in the village received a gift at Christmas.

## Quarter Primary School PTA

Quarter Primary PTA has been in existence for many years. It presently consists of a small group of parents who organise fund raising events throughout the school session. We are always on the lookout for new members. It is not a big commitment to make—6 meetings a year. Next meeting held in The Bully Inn on Tuesday 24 April. Interested? Contact Fiona Ballantyne on 457735.

On Friday 23rd March we will be holding a Non Uniform Day for pupils which will have the theme of House Colour Day.

The School Calendars raised £91.49 and the competition to design the cover was won by John Ballantyne (P7). The calendars were printed and bound professionally and were sold at the Gifts Galore and in the School.

## Quarter Toddler Group

Why not come along to Quarter Toddler Group? We have lots of fun playing with toys, colouring in and enjoying the toast and biscuits. We are having Jo Jingles (Music and Movement) visit us on the 21st March if anyone is interested in coming along. We meet every Wednesday morning from 10-12 in the Church Hall from birth to pre-school kids. Hope to see lots of new faces.

## FED UP WATCHING TELLY EVERY NIGHT? GET UP AND GO!

You are invited to take part in  
"A SILENT AUCTION"

In Quarter Parish Church on Friday 23rd March 2007 -

Bidding from 7 pm

Unable to attend? Help by donating bric-a-brac.  
Phone 01698 200026 or 428527 to arrange collection.

Admission Charge £1 - to include Tea/Biscuit

# Fish In The Classroom

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Quarter P7 went to Glasgow Science Centre with several other schools. We were there to learn about a new project which we are about to take part in. This project is called "Clyde in the Classroom." We will be receiving 250 Brown Trout eggs to look after for six weeks.

We received the equipment for the eggs on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. A man came and taught four of our children and those four taught the rest of the P7. The water temperature has to be kept between 2-10 degrees. We have to freeze 500ml bottles and take the labels off. The tank has two compartments, one for the pump and another for the fish. Any dead fish will be lifted out and put straight in the bin. The compartment with the pump is where the frozen bottles will go to keep the water cool. Once the fish hatch they will have a yolk sack. {We will not have to feed them.} After that they will start to swim about.



Of the 250 eggs; sadly only about ten will live. This is better than in the wild where only one in a thousand survive. The fish will live in the school for six weeks, then after reaching a suitable size, the hatchlings will be released in a local burn or stream.

This project is teaching us about wildlife and how important it is to keep the correct conditions for animals to survive. It makes us think about the effects of "GLOBAL WARMING". By Pupils of QPS

## Q.P.S. Netball

Quarter Primary School has had a Netball team for three years. The Primary 7's, 6's and some Primary 5's have attended netball tournaments in Eddlewood Sports Barn. In these tournaments we compete with other school netball teams from Hamilton. When we go to these events we wear a tracksuit with the school colours and badge for travelling and we wear our polo shirts and netball skirts when playing.

The team also works towards netball badges, which is really improving our netball skills. The children that attend this netball club are very grateful for the help of Mrs Lewis & Mrs Lindsay.

At the end of last term, the team enjoyed a Parent/Teacher/Pupil match. There were no real winners but all had a terrific time with lots of laughs. By Emma Law

### *The Storm in the Garden*

*On Hogmanay there was a terrible storm in Quarter. The school garden has suffered damage. The green house has been battered by the wind and some of the glass that came off is missing. The door was also blown down.*

*The wind has damaged a lot of plants as well. It will cost a lot of money to repair all the damage in the garden but we hope to have everything sorted and ready to plant our spring seeds.*



By Fraser Law

### *Annual Burns Competition*

The Burns Supper, consisting of the traditional Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, was held at lunch time in the School. The picture is of the winners of the Poetry Competition. Each winner was awarded a specially made medal with a Burns emblem as the centrepiece. Every child in the School received a certificate.

(Bob Dalziel, Burns Federation; Mabel Anderson, Bagpipes; Cara MacInnes, Emma Lewis, Heather Milne, George Ballantyne, Gordon Swan, Chloe Lindsay, Lewis Findlay, Jena McClelland, Alistair Torrance)



### *South Lanarkshire Schools Bulbs Competition*

Quarter Primary School won the Shield for the Best Overall School for the 7th time. George Ballantyne was 1st overall in the Hyacinths and Jamie Jennings was 1st overall in the Daffodils.

Proud Competitors:-

Gillian Black, George Ballantyne, John Ballantyne  
Stewart Black, Jamie Jennings, David Ballantyne.



## South Lanarkshire Community Paths Project

'Tell us where to go.....'

South Lanarkshire Council, with the help of South Lanarkshire Access Forum, is currently running a consultation exercise across the authority relating to outdoor access in order to fulfil the obligation to produce a core path plan by 2008. The core path plan will consist of routes, both on land and water, which are deemed to provide reasonable outdoor access for the people of South Lanarkshire and its visitors. Our aim is to improve access opportunities for everybody regardless of age, ability or interest in the outdoors.

## QUARTER EASTER SERVICES 2007

All Quarter villagers are cordially invited

"Sing Hosanna!" Palm Sunday Family Service 1<sup>st</sup> April at 9.45am

"The Last Supper" Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Hamilton South Parish Church at 7.00pm Holy Communion followed by the solemn service remembering the approaching darkness of Calvary.

"At the Foot of the Cross" Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 7pm Quarter Church

"He is Risen!" Easter Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Dawn Service at 6.30am An early praise service at the front of the Manse (with a marquee tent cover available in event of rain). Followed by a good Scottish breakfast in the Church Hall.

"We Serve a Risen Saviour!" Easter Sunday Family Service 8<sup>th</sup> April at 9.45am

WORSHIP SERVICE and Sunday School 9.45am every Sunday

GUILD MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL at 7.30pm :

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 Speaker Mrs Birkett (Glickman's Confectionary)

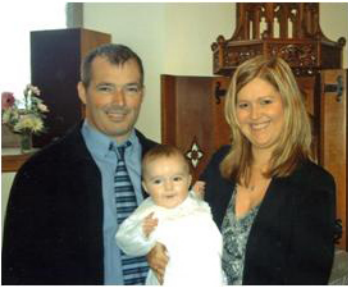
Saturday 23rd March :- Bacon Butties morning in Church Hall at 10.30 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

On the 28th of January 2007 at Quarter Parish Church

Olivia, daughter of Paula and David Gillies, of 18 Beech Ave

and (in Photograph) Kayla, daughter of Yvonne and Iain Smith, of Carnwath



## CROSS TALK

"About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **Matt 27:46**

The message of Easter is about a person who wanted to ensure that you and I would never be abandoned to the results of our sin. Jesus wanted to ensure that our sins, in fact the sins of the whole world, would be nailed to the cross, even if it cost him separation from his beloved Father.

Good Friday is therefore a very personal thing for each one of us. It is a time to look to the cross of Calvary and see there a piece of ourselves and in a broken, beaten body, see a clear view of the result of sin --- separation from God.

Easter Sunday however, shows that Jesus did not die in vain. An empty tomb and a living, eating, walking, talking person with scars in his hands and feet, shows us that our personal sin and death has also been conquered. "Because I live, you also will live" says the Lord of life.

## Quarter Parish Church Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre will be held in the Church and grounds on Saturday 26th May from 11 a.m. till 1.00 p.m. There will be the usual tea room and tickets for tea and home baking will be available for £1.75 per adult and £1.00 for children. A Bar-B-Que will be on site, along with plants for sale. These are specially grown in Quarter giving them a unique acceptance to our weather. Home baking stalls, soft goods and sweets, bottles and creative arts will all be on sale. Anyone who would like to donate something to the stalls can contact one of the Convenors or the Session Clerk on 426716 or 423973.

## Quarter Friendship Group

The group, run by volunteers since January 1998 still meet in the Church Hall every Friday at 12 noon till 2 pm, where a light lunch is provided with games and chit chat to follow. In alternate weeks we have some gentle exercises guided by a Physiotherapist; for a good Cardio Vascular System! Our Christmas outing last year was to the Villa Hotel, with South Lanarkshire Council contributing to the lunch and for transport on our summer outings. On the 27<sup>th</sup> December Rae and Peter Law celebrated their Diamond (60 years) wedding anniversary. They sent along the top tier of their cake to us, and we enjoyed this at one of our lunches. For this year's outing Crieff has been suggested for May. However this has still to be decided and we will keep you posted as and when we receive the information. All are welcome to join us and for more information contact Sheila Furley, Morag Quinn or Mary MacLennan.



## INDOOR BOWLING

A group of men and women have started meeting in Quarter Parish Church at 1.30 pm on Thursdays to play Carpet Bowls. You are invited to come along any Thursday afternoon to join the fun. Tea and biscuits are provided. The cost, for all the fun, food and fellowship, is only a minimum donation of £1.



## Quarter Athletic FC Under 11s

Season 2006 – 2007

The soccer sevens for this age group ends in June this year. The next stage is the full blown 11 - a - side game. A huge step for them all, especially when you consider the size of the pitch, official referees, offside and no passing back to the keeper! Should be fun! The hard part will be reducing the squad to 16 – 17 players; we currently have 23 players at the club. All are very keen and desperate to play in the 11 - a - side team. This will give the coaches something to think about in the coming weeks. The players have been enjoying a rich run of form lately which has seen them remain undefeated over 7 weekends. Lets hope that we can keep this up! Most players are training twice a week, which does seem to be making a difference.



We felt that it would be a fitting end to the soccer sevens if we attended a soccer tournament being held just outside Blackpool during the may weekend this year. This will be a bit of fun and a chance to have a good get together before the teams break up. Some people have questioned our sanity travelling for 4 days with 23 kids this age, however there are plenty of parents coming so hopefully all will go well. We had hoped to arrange a bus to get us there and ferry us about, but the cost is prohibitive, so unless anyone out there knows of a friendly Bus operator who would like to get involved we will have to travel in cars.

The club is self-funding and has been doing various activities over the past few years to keep the cash flowing. The last fundraiser was a great success; we had a race night in the Boolin club that turned out to be great fun. The event was organised by Stuart McDowell who again put on a great night for us. The same catering crew were involved, who are second to none. Once again Jean and Alison did us proud! There is also a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We have attached the fixtures for the remainder of the season, all are welcome to come and cheer the boys on.

For information on any of the quarter teams please visit the web site [www.quarterathletic.com](http://www.quarterathletic.com) or contact the coaches through Neil Mclaughlan 07850746759

### Fixtures Under 11s March – May

Date	Opposition	Home/Away	Details	Score
Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Milton Rovers	Home	Palace KO 10.45am	
Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wolves BC	Away	TBA	
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mill Utd	Home	Bent KO 9.30 am	
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Aston Villa Colts	Away	TBA	
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	Edenvale	Away	TBA	
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Free Weekend		Easter weekend	
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	East End Thistle	Away	TBA	
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Stranraer BC	Home	Palace KO 9.30am	
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Forgewood	Away	TBA	
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Blackpool Tourney		4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> May	
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Hamilton Colts	Home	Bent KO 10.45am	
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Netherton	Home	Palace KO 10.45am	
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Westwood Rovers	Away	TBA	

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Quarter Local history group, I have recently visited your town, back in September 06, and called at the school where my great grandfather taught. I have a copy of references from James A. Campbell, Minister of Quarter, also a reference from Alexander Lamont, headmaster of Quarter Iron Works School, dated 1873. My husband and myself had the pleasure of meeting the headmistress, Faye McNaughton, she was very obliging and showed us around, she did take copies of these references also. I would be thrilled to keep in contact with the school, and if any photos surfaced of the school, teachers etc, I would love to see them. Regards Lyn Buckingham

Hi Mr. Johnstone

My grandparents lived in quarter for many years around the mid 1920's. As far as I have been told, my grandmother was the post mistress, her name was Mary Higgins. My grandfather, Arthur Higgins was a school janitor, but I don't know which school. He also served in the First World War in a kilted regiment.

My father went down the pit in Quarter (no. 4, I think) in 1936, at the age of 14 years of age.

My grandparents had a small holding in the village with hens and ducks.

They later moved to William Drive in Eddlewood, I don't know when, but they were there in 1940 circa.

I should be glad if you could provide me with any further information.

Regards Elizabeth Littlejohn.

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