

# newsletter



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**A**t last, the update of our news that you have all been waiting for! First of all congratulations are due to Kathleen Miller (McLeod) she passed her exams in Chiropody, now we have two foot specialists within our ranks, Walter who has an ever increasing practice, so who has tired and sore feet? Consult out two friends, I am sure they would both be delighted to assist in easing your painful feet.

**Congratulations are also due to our treasurer John Porteous. John has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Children's Panel Advisory Council for Inverclyde District, he was invited by the Scottish Secretary of State to serve in Inverclyde. This work is voluntary, John has worked in this field for a few years now and this appointment shows how highly his work is regarded.**

## Quarrier's 125th Anniversary

Ways you can help in fund raising, individual or group

**R**un your own events or join a group already organising an event i.e. The City of Glasgow 10km Women's Run on May the 19th. Volunteers for administration work in the "Shop", can collections, house-to-house collections, telephone canvassing, assist with events, make gifts for resale or prizes. Perhaps you are already doing something of your own for this special

celebration of Quarriers, if so, thank you and I know all your efforts will be deeply appreciated by Quarriers (see attached flyer).

Our annual general meeting will be held in the Central Hall as usual at 4 p.m. sharp. I would ask that you be in the hall shortly before the start of the meeting so that we may commence the business part of the AGM promptly.

## Dinner Dance

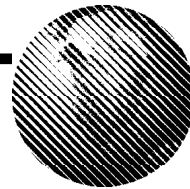
**W**e have booked the Gryffe Arms Hotel once again for this event. Tickets will be priced at £14.00, this is to cover the dinner and the band. We have only covered our costs in the past few years, no profit has been made out of the actual dinner dance, the extras we have had, have been from the raffle, doll's birthday and the bottle cash throw. We do not expect to make a profit from the sale of the dinner dance tickets but we do hope to cover our costs. There are some who book tickets, say they will pay at the dance, then do not turn up. Their meal is already booked and must be paid for, so the Association has to pay for these meals. This year, tickets will only be issued to those who have paid for them at time of booking - please, please ensure you have booked your ticket(s) in plenty of time.

### Accommodation

Please inform Sheila if you wish accommodation at Quarriers for the Thanksgiving Weekend. If you intend to stay at the hotel please book early to make sure of a room.

## Tablecloth

**I**f you wish to write your name on the tablecloth and cannot manage to be here before Thanksgiving to do so, we suggest that you write your name clearly on a piece of paper and send it to Sheila at Cottage 8 - it will then be transferred onto the cloth. Your name must not be written in letters more than half an inch in size. Please also send your £1.00 for this to Sheila.



## Canada

**G**erald Lee (Quarrier's Director), Tony Williams (Fund Raising), Zara Ross and Sue Campbell are going to visit with ex Quarriers Boys

and Girls in Canada during the month of May. They are hoping to meet with as many of you as possible and you will be receiving a letter from them in the next few weeks, that's if you have not already received one. The letter is a *let you know* of a "Reunion" during October - venue to be advised.



**VACANCIES**



## Letters from Members

us from Australia – she will be 91 years young this June! I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her a very happy day when it comes. Time is just flying past and before we know it June will have come and gone.

We also hear from **Jim and Marlyn Roberston** in Australia, they are both keeping well and send their regards to all. Jim is a great Rangers fan is always keen to hear the latest news from Rangers and their players. Well Jim, we now have Ally McCoist and Gaza living within our district, our local pub is a great favourite of theirs.

**Agnes Hewitt (Anderson)** was over from Canada for Christmas and New Year and enjoyed herself immensely – she brought the Canadian weather with her if you remember the snow, ice and low temperatures we had at that time. Her brother John and his wife Nancy are going to be here for Thanksgiving.

**Margaret Linnie (Swanson)** will be attending the Holyrood Garden Party in Edinburgh this May. The Princess Royal will be there to greet all the invited guests. I do hope Margaret, you will not forget to put on your biggest smile (and hat of course) for this event. I am sure you will have a wonderful day.

John, Sheila and I attended a retirement party for Bill Dunbar. This was held in the Gryffe Hotel and it was an excellent evening. Gerald Lee presented Bill with a “This Is Your Life” programme. There were a lot of Cottage 4’s children, past and present, there plus children who Bill looked after on an ongoing basis when they left Quarriers and one of them, Kenneth Maskrey, has offered to assist in the printing of the news letter, which will be a tremendous boon to me.

# Thanksgiving Sunday

The Committee are having a “Supper” in the Central Hall on the Sunday evening after the church service, tickets are priced £3.00. Perhaps some of you will remember we had this once before, it was a great success and we have been asked time and again to repeat this. So as this is a special weekend, we thought that this was an appropriate time. If you cannot manage to be with us on the Saturday, why not join us on the Sunday evening?

**Alice Blair**  
**Secretary**