



# The Stonehouse Lantern

## Chute to return to former glory

In 1989 members of the Stonehouse Link Up Group produced a video highlighting the lack of play facilities for the young in Stonehouse. The video was shown to the relevant departments and within three months new play equipment was installed into the public park including safety equipment.

This year the Leisure and Recreation Department have decided to bring back the installation of a chute to Stonehouse Public Park, returning it to its former glory as Britain's longest chute.

Hopefully this is only the start to the improvements to Stonehouse's lack of facilities for the younger members of the community.



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As you may have noticed above the Youth Forum have found a name for their magazine reviving the name of a Stonehouse paper of the 19th Century called "The Stonehouse Lantern". not only does it give us the name of our magazine but it keeps alive the memories of Stonehouse's historical past. Stonehouse's last local paper was the "Stonehouse and Larkhall Gazette" which stopped printing in 1976/77.

Linking with other youth associations in Stonehouse we hope it will be the youth who will be contributing mostly to the magazine and giving out notice of forth coming events.



Shown above is the Youth Forum's new logo for the year 1991/92. It was made up from a selection of ideas put forward by the Youth Forum. Through this new identity change we hope now to go from strength to strength.

## Stonehouse's own Great Exhibition

In 1992/93 it is hoped there will be an exhibition on the History of Stonehouse. The exhibition has several aims. The first aim is to promote community education and historical interest within Stonehouse. Hopefully this event will not be a one off but will create interest to keep it going every two years if not annually. It is also hoped the exhibition can be incorporated into forming the centre piece of what would be a festival week bring together the community in several arranged events.

This cultural festival would not rival the

Gala Day celebrations in any way but hopefully bring interest in promoting the Gala and the village.

The Youth of Stonehouse would play a major part in researching and contributing to the exhibition. This exhibition would also provide a great chance to bring together the younger members of the community with our senior citizens and have the chance to promote Community education and Historical Education within the village, possibly bringing in local schools and visitors so that they too might take an interest in their historical past and community involvement.

Ideas that have come forward so far have been drama, music, dance, Youth Challenge, barbecue and bonfire display etc.

Anyone interested in helping research or with material which would be of value to the exhibition please contact John Young through the Youth Forum or on 792479.

## *When is a float not a float? When it's a float!*

After many weeks planning, drawing, sawing, hammering, sculpting, arguing, changing our minds then changing them back again, the moment of truth loomed.

Friday the 14th of June, Stonehouse was strangely quiet. A feeling of intrigue and mystery hung in the air. Strange and wonderful things were afoot, and no one was letting any details slip into the wrong hands. It was of course the night before the Gala Day and anyone who was anyone was involved in dressing up a lorry with flowers, and cardboard, and bits of sticky back plastic, in order to be paraded round Stonehouse making complete prats of themselves.

Not to be out done the Youth Forum decided that they could be big prats like everyone else.

Saturday morning. The float was ready, the costumes were made (or hired), the make-up was put on and we were off. It had been a beautiful morning but all that soon changed. Judging was at 12.00. At 12.05 the heavens opened. It rained like it had never rained be-



## Do you believe in Reincarnation ?

by Harry Krishna

- 1 If your maths teacher asks what is the square root of 26 ? Would you say...
  - A Sorry could you repeat the question I was sleeping
  - B Who cares I'm going to be a train driver when I grow up
  - C Could I have some lettuce please, in a previous life I was a Tortoise
  
- 2 If you were asked to row for the school canoeing team would you say...
  - A I canoe't swim
  - B Can I wear my Donald Duck arm bands
  - C Shiver me timbers, hoist the flag and splice the main brace Ohar! Ohar!
  
- 3 If Pat asked you to join The Stonehouse Youth Form, would you say...
  - A I'm already a member of the David Icke fan club
  - B Don't give me any of your "Lip"
  - C Bark and lift your leg on him
  
- 4 If John Gavin asked you to take part in another Gala Day float, would you...
  - A Ask him if he has Life insurance
  - B Tell him where he can stick his Pyramid
  - C Hit him over the head with a big stick and say "I was a Gladiator in a past life"
  
- 5 If Roz asked you what you thought of her new hairdo, would you say...
  - A I get the same effect walking through a hedge backwards
  - B Sorry I thought you were wearing a hat
  - C "Hail Nero, down with caesar" and stab her in the back

fore. The people watching ran for cover, the judges ran, the paint ran, the make-up ran, but the characters on the floats stayed. Such bravery. Such dedication. Such stupidity. The parade was a wash out. The floats left leaving most of the float behind.

But the day wasn't a total waste. We won third prize.

*John Gavin*

## Treasure Hunt 2



The Youth Forum closed its year with a treasure hunt and barbecue down at the boags at the public park. Again the night prove a success apart from one casualty to a youth forum member involving a rottweiler. The rottweiler's condition is said to be stable and it is expected to make a full recovery.

Seven teams took part in the treasure hunt but it was the team known as the "Fire-lighters" that won the event by one scavenger item (Pat's Lip) which they managed to find and bring back successfully.

The teams then helped themselves to the barbecue supplied with burgers, sausages, spareribs and chicken by our chef for the night, Pat.

The night ended with a game of rounders where John Gavin's team suffered a humiliating defeat by 24 runs to 10 by an inspired team of Susan, Margaret, Raymond, Billy and the three Scott's. This event rounded off a very successful year for the Youth Forum and they look forward to its return in August.

## Poetry Corner

### Working Together

Boys and girls come together on a Monday night,  
To co-operate and work together and never fight,  
Fun is the idea of this club,  
To play games and eat grub,  
So come along and join the fun,  
Please say that you might.

We start at seven and finish at nine,  
and what we have is a good time.

When the night comes to an end,  
We all part from our friends,  
But do not fear,  
Next week is near,  
And we'll have fun again.

*Barbara-Ann & Leighann*

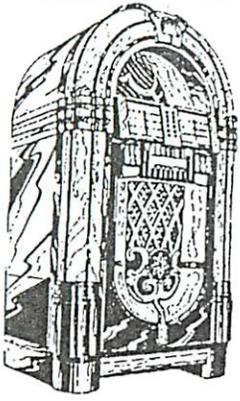
*There's a little spot in Stonehouse  
That is dear to all our hearts  
There's a warm and friendly welcome when you call  
It is visited quite regular when barbecues we have  
For a casualty they're always on the ball*

*Pat Whelan was the first to sample helpful service there  
When his lip chose to explode upon the scene  
They stitched him up quite nicely  
With a skill they're trained to share  
But Pats missing bit of lip has not been scene*

*John Gavin*

Note. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for future issues or an idea for the name of the magazine contact John Young at the Youth Forum. We would also like to hear from other youth clubs within Stonehouse who would be interested in placing any articles in the magazine.

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# Music

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### *The Wonder Stuff - Never Loved Elvis*

After the huge success of their previous two albums - "Eight Legged Grove Machine" and "HUP", the Wonder Stuff released their third album - "Never Loved Elvis". The album includes the recent single "Caught in my Shadow" and the Top 3 smash "Size of a Cow". The Suffies are well known for their ability to produce different styles of music. "Never loved Elvis" is a cross-breed of the previous albums i.e. it contains the hard rock'n'roll guitars of "Groove Machine" and the fiddles and banjo's of "HUP". A totally stonking album which will definitely appeal to all Stuffies fans - far out.

Rating 9 out of 10



### *Milltown Brothers - Slinky*

The recent release of the Milltown Brothers debut album - "Slinky", has proved to the rest of the country that not all the bands from the north of England are cloned into following

Manchester's hippy influences. Instead they cite R.E.M.'s guitars and vocal harmonies as an important influence as well as the country sounds made famous by Bob Dylan.

The album contains the singles "Apple Green", "Which way should I jump?" and the most recent "Here I stand". The band's only problem now, is how to produce a second album that will be better than its predecessor.

Rating 8 out of 10



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### *Milltown Brothers - Apple Green*

A re-release of the brothers first single, which is also the opener on the album "Slinky" (See above). This is psychadelic rock'n'roll at its best

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The Stone Roses are back! Having recently been released from their contract with Silverstone Records, after a court case which lasted about six months, Ian, John, Gary and Reni have announced that a new single will be released in October with an album following in November, great news for all Roses fans.

James have just announced that the follow up to their debut album "Goldmother" will be released at the end of the year. No information yet on a new single.

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