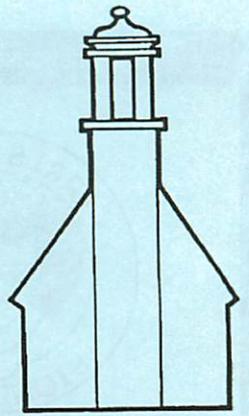


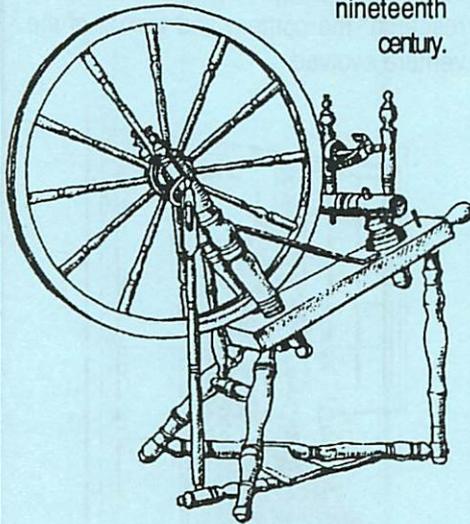
The Stonehouse Lantern

SPRING EDITION



Weaving Exhibition 1993

It is envisaged that 1993 will play host to the Stonehouse Heritage Group's second exhibition. This year they hope to centre the exhibition round the possible reconstruction of a weavers cottage. This can only be achieved through the support of the village as we are in need of artefacts as well as information dating to the mid nineteenth century.



After the overwhelming success of the last exhibition we are confident the community will help us in recreating the cottage. As well as being entertaining we hope it will educate the local schools of the life and times of the weavers and the hardships they had to endure.

We not only seek weaving implements and cloth but also the many household items that may have been used in everyday life.

Other information we seek is on Druidic Scotland, the railway and poetry from the area with the aim of producing a booklet in the future.

Any information on any of these subject would be invaluable to us. Please don't hesitate to contact us at the following address:

Stonehouse Heritage Group
16 Spinningdale
Stonehouse ML9 3QS
Tel: 0698 792479

Little people spotted in woods

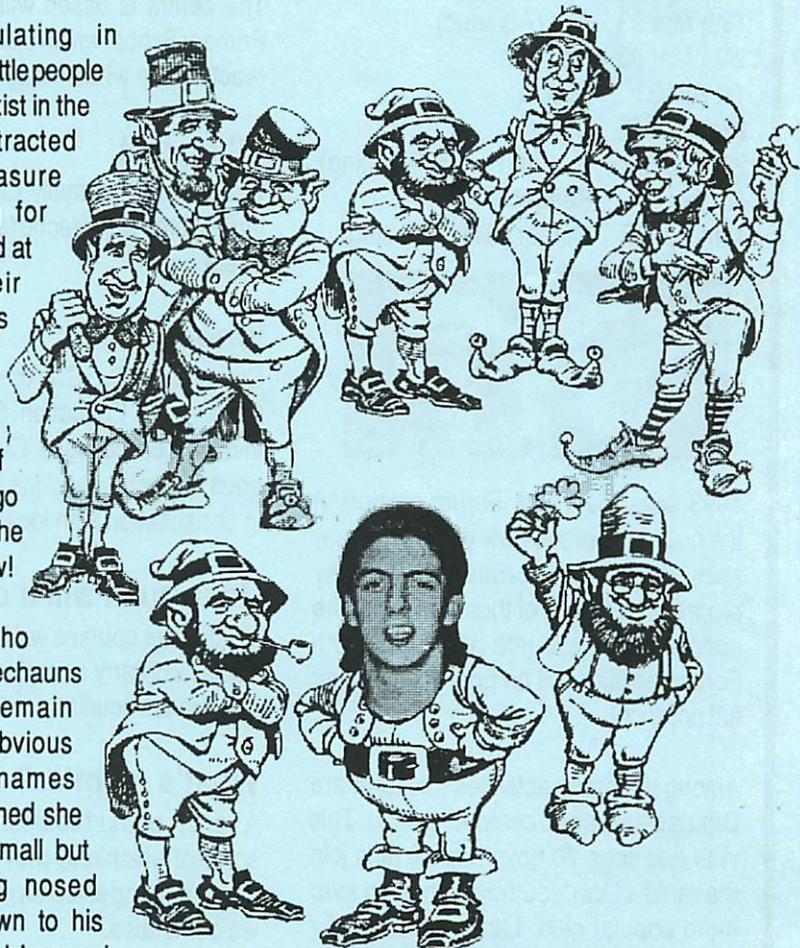
Rumours circulating in Stonehouse that little people (Leprechauns) exist in the woods have attracted scores of treasure hunters looking for their crock of gold at the end of their rainbow. Sceptics on the sightings say the treasure hunters have a better chance of finding Zipy, Bungo and George at the end of any rainbow!

The woman who sighted the Leprechauns wishes to remain nameless for obvious reasons (her name is Hazel). She claimed she encountered a small but exceedingly big nosed Leprechaun known to his friends as Leonard. Leonard

told her that they were here for the biannual mushroom picking season. The special organic qualities in the Stonehouse mushrooms allow the Leprechauns noses to grow to gigantic proportions which then give them their magical powers.

Leonard was obviously the leader of the small creatures as he was having difficulty balancing. He unfortunately had to carry two large rocks in his rucksack to counterbalance the weight of his nose.

Gold seekers are warned that Leprechauns are allergic to humans, and having large noses the thought of them sneezing in the vicinity could prove dangerous as well as leaving you a large cleaning bill!





Girls Group

1993 sees the Girls Group changing its night from a Tuesday to a Thursday night to suit the majority of girls some of which belong to other organisations within the village. The girls group attends the same rooms as the Youth Forum and is open to any females within the age group Primary 6 to 25 years of age. Below is the Girls Groups programme for the coming year.

- 4th Feb 93 Cooking
- 11th Feb 93 Video
- 25th Feb 93 Aerobics
- 3rd Mar 93 Cocktails
- 11th Mar 93 Ghost Stories
- 18th Mar 93 Trip (Aquatec)
- 25th Mar 93 Hair
- 1st Apr 93 Drama
- 22nd Apr 93 Crafts
- 29th Apr 93 Health (Family Planning)
- 6th Apr 93 Beauty
- 13th Apr 93 Careers Talk (Nursing)



1993 sees the Youth Forum producing the first issue of the new year. This year sees the Youth Forum with a busy programme ahead of them, and with the opening of the resource centre the Youth Forum facilities will be operating to their full potential.

Among the many activities this term are Drama classes and computing skills. This year has seen 70 boys and 49 girls join the ranks of the Youth Forum in an ever more popular club. Larkhall seeing the success of the Stonehouse Youth Forum has also opened their own Youth Forum

whom we wish them every success with. With new members and new ideas the Youth Forum strives forward to help, guide and entertain the younger generations of the village, and hopefully in turn they will put something back into the community.

In the coming months the Youth Forum committee hope to spend a training weekend at an outdoor centre programming the next year and looking into ways of sponsoring the club.

Stonehouse Community Learning Centre

What is it?

Stonehouse C.L.C. or Community Learning Centre is an exciting new project in the village of Stonehouse. It is a centre for adults of all ages who wish to acquire new skills or knowledge in informal and friendly surroundings.

Where is it?

The centre is based within Stonehouse Primary School which places it within easy reach of the whole village.

When is it

Courses will normally take place during the daytime with creche facilities available if required.

Who is it?

Stonehouse C.L.C. is co-ordinated by the Community Education Service and will involve local colleges. Other specialists in adult education and the Careers Service in consultation with local people.

How much will it cost?

Most of the courses will be free. However some may carry a nominal charge; please enquire for details.

What's on offer?

A variety of short courses will be provided, some of which may provide certificates at the end. Suggested topics would be most welcome also.

Interested??

Please contact us for more details by telephoning Larkhall 888454 and ask for Myra Murray.

Anyone for learning?

After a lot of footwork visiting many of Stonehouse's local playgroups, nurseries and Mother & Toddler groups, and through personal contact with local people, talking to mums and playing with babies, it was found that Stonehouse would indeed benefit from having its own Community Learning Centre. Myra Murray (Community Education Worker) and myself (Jane Collie, Development Worker) considered the opinions of those people we had talked to and discussed the various courses that could be set up. From this "market research" the content and format of the venture evolved.



So on January 19th 1993 Stonehouse saw the opening of the Stonehouse Community Learning Centre (S.C.L.C.) in Stonehouse Primary School with the first of the courses commencing. Prior to that, an Introductory Social Evening and Enrollment Night for ladies was held (Friday 15th Jan.). The weather that night was atrocious and we waited with baited breath to see if any of the ladies of Stonehouse would brave the weather to attend. In the

event around 25 people turned out and were given a very warm welcomed by Pat Whelan (Senior Community Education Officer) who went on to explain what the Centre had to offer and then introduced some of the people who would be working in the Centre.

During the evening three workshops were held and the ladies had a chance to sample Reflexology.

This was a great success, appealing to most of the ladies and they hoped that we could set up a course on the subject. A Health & Beauty workshop was also held and many of us in attendance picked up some good tips. The third workshop was Careers Guidance held by Alexis Coul and was able to help those who wanted to find out about careers for the future.

S.C.L.C. has begun with three First Aid courses two are certificated and run by St. Andrews and the third is Children's Emergency First Aid. A Taster Session is also being run for 8 weeks. All courses are being well attended and already we have been asked about setting up the next courses.

The Centre also has its own creche run by two NNEB registered staff Eleanor Bowers and Fiona Hughes, so your child/ children will be well looked after while you are attending your chosen course.

On March 11th a comedy revue entitled 'Pretty Vacant' will be staged at the school. This is to coincide with National Women's Week so sorry, men it's ladies only! There will also be three workshops held in conjunction with the play, these being held on Monday evenings. Tickets for 'Pretty Vacant' are priced £1.00 and are available from S.C.L.C. (Stonehouse Primary School room 7 or 8, Tues. - Fri. mornings).

So all in all the new S.C.L.C. has opened successfully and we hope that it continues in this way providing a welcome facility for the adults of Stonehouse.

Jane Collie

Ceilidh

Stonehouse Heritage Group are holding a Ceilidh in the Stonehouse Public Hall on April 23rd in aid of the groups funds. It is hoped that it will be supported by the village and create a greater awareness of the Heritage Group. Having this event will not only generate revenue for the club, it will hopefully just be the start of many cultural events in the village. For further information on the Ceilidh contact the Heritage Group at 16 Spinningdale, Stonehouse Tel: 792479.



Correction to Issue No.13

New contact address:
Murray Drive
Residents Association
3 Securin Avenue
Stonehouse

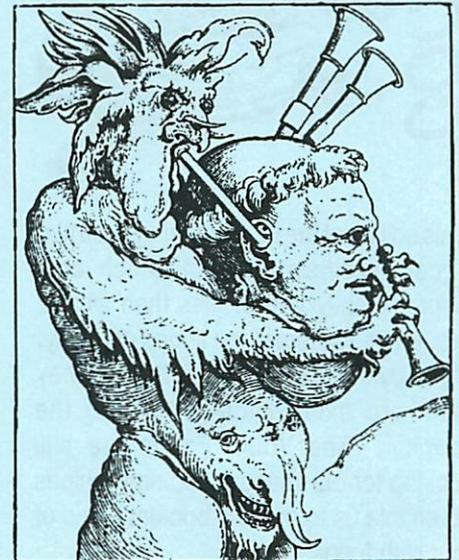
Bulletin News

Dont forget to get your copy of the Gala Day Magazine this year published by the Stonehouse Youth Forum. On sale from Grace Hamilton's shop in the Trongate.

Gaelic with Angus and Morag

This year sees a new feature in the Lantern to help promote the Scottish culture and language which is being given evermore viewing time on television.

Choochters, Angus and Morag will be helping you along with some helpful everyday words and phrases which, while eating your porridge (brochan!) will compell you to spout out Gaelic with languid fluidity!



Lesson 1

Spelling

sibh
ciamar a tha sibh?
tha gu math
gle mhath
aig an taigh
ciamar a that sibh fein?
madainn mhath
feasgar math
suil
an diugh
tha i breagha
tha i fluich
tapadh leibh
is miseiss
ainm
de an t-ainm a th'airbh?
thig a steach
seo

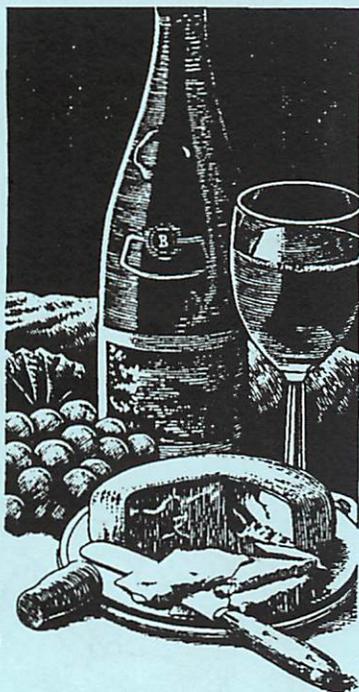
Pronunciation

shif
cimira ha shif?
ha ku math
gleyva
egg en tigh
cimira ha shif fain?
madin va
fesgar maa
sool
an due
ha e brea
hi e flooch
tapa lef
misha
anam
je ntenim herif?
hig esgerch
shaw

Meaning

you
how are you?
I am well
very good
at home
how are you? (Reply)
good morning
good afternoon
look
today
it's lovely
it's raining
thank you
I am
name
what is your name?
come in
this

COOKING COLUMN



This edition of the Lantern brings you two liqueur recipes, both of which cost approximately half or less than what it would to buy them in the shops normally. If you try these I'm sure you'll agree they both are exceedingly similar to the originals. The Youth Forum are still looking for our readers cooking recipes to enable us to make a booklet in aid of our club funds.

Bailey's

- 1 Tin of evaporated milk
- 1 Tin of condensed milk
- 1 Mug of Whisky or more
- 1 Teaspoon of glycerine
- 1 Teaspoon of vanilla essence

Mix all together then add tablespoon coffee mixed with two tablespoons of hot water.

Tia Maria

- 1 cup of white Rum (not Bacardi)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 cup of hot water
- 2 Tablespoons of vanilla essence
- 2 dessert spoons of coffee

Mix coffee with hot water, add sugar and vanilla essence then leave to cool. When cool add Rum and put in bottle. Best left for four weeks to mature.

Careers service visit Youth Forum

In February the Careers service came to the Youth Forum to give careers information and quiz them on their own knowledge of careers opportunities. The night proved a great success and many children and teenagers picked up valuable information which may help them in planning their future. another event which proved popular was the Drama Class which we hope will become a regular event.



Scandal

Contestant found to be a man

The annual Miss World Championships, this year held in Stonehouse Public Hall were in total confusion and bewilderment as the winner was exposed to be a man.

The man was none other than our own Lee Malone (Youth Forum and Hospital Radio presenter), who was yesterday in hiding as our reporters tried to get a statement. Lee celebrating at his 18th birthday party recently declined to be interviewed stating he was having difficulty adjusting to a normal life but his weekly treatment was still continuing.



Lee in his defence claimed he did it for the money to pay for a decent hair cut and medical surgery costs! When our reporter traced him down town in the Blue Lagoon Club he was confronted over new allegations of befriending sheep. The police are now holding Lee for further questionin!.



For Apple Mac courses please contact Stonehouse Youth Forum Monday to Thursday or Phone John Young on 792479.

Additions to library stock

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| Agnes Short | Willowbrae |
| Sue Townsend | Queen and I |
| Henry Donker | Doctor on trial |
| William Horwood | Duncton rising |
| Danielle Steele | Mixed blessings |
| Sidney Sheldon | Stars shine down |
| Phyllis Whitney | Ebony swan |
| James Michener | Mexico |
| Virginia Andrews | Midnight whispers |
| Alasdair Gray | Poor things |

Non Fiction

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Paul Young | Hooked on Scotland |
| Guinness book of records | |
| Janie Clark | Full life fitness |
| John Prendergast | Edge up |
| Brian Keenan | An evil cradling |
| James Herriot | Every living thing |

Gala Day entertainment 1993

This years Gala Day sees the introduction of many more attractions for all ages. Here are a sample of just some of the many attractions which are expected to make this years event the best in a long time so please support your village and come along to the festival.

Pole Jousting

Two players sit astride a specially constructed pole and try to knock their opponent off the pole with pillows. This entertaining sport is suitable for all ages and is hilarious to watch and great fun to do.

Bouncy Boxing

The most recent entertainment on the market, Bouncy Boxing, is the newest adult inflatable game. Partners wear hilariously oversized foam filled boxing gloves and try to knock down their opponent whilst maintaining their balance in the bouncy boxing ring.

Fun Sacks

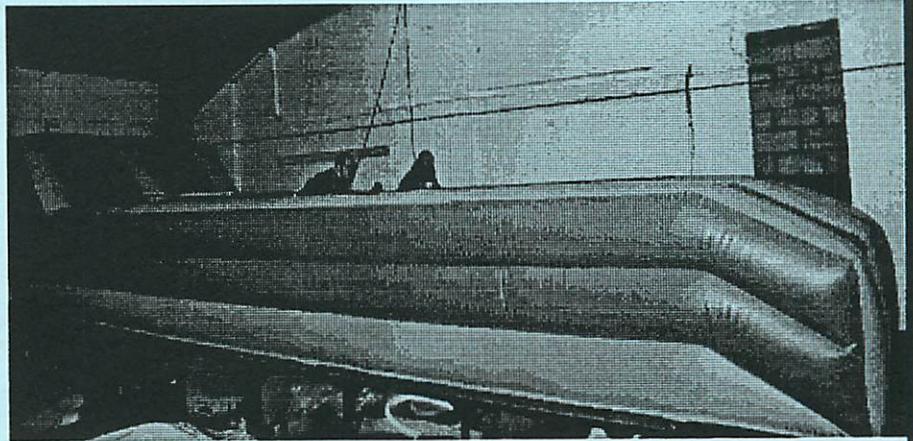
Ever wanted to swap clothes with your partner? Well here's your chance, with the hilarious Fun Sack. A 6 foot 6 inch zipped changing sack which will accommodate two adults. The idea of the game is to swap as many clothes with your partner as possible in two minutes. After this time period it is time to reveal what you are wearing. The more daring you are the more points you score.

Mobile Disco

Beat Street provide a full mobile disco including lights, speakers, deck, amps and professional disc jockey to suit the occasion.

Bar Fly

Bar Fly Jumping has rapidly become the entertainment craze of the year. Participants wear a velcro covered boiler suit and stick themselves on to a velcro covered wall. They can jump, bounce, backflip or any other suitable acrobatic manoeuvre. Bar Fly appeals to all age groups.



Bungee Running

The latest craze since jumping off a bridge. Bungee Running is a horizontal adaption of the popular Bungee Jumping where participants wear a mountaineering harness and run against the elastic cords to either place a marker at the furthest point they can reach or to collect a prize. The equipment comes complete with safety helmet, crash mats, knee, wrist and elbow supports. Great amusement for both participants and spectators.

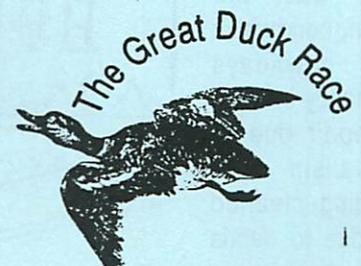
Karaoke

Karry on singing! All age groups can enjoy Karaoke, because the music library contains something for everyone. From the 50's to the 90's, there is rock and pop, jazz and the old classics. Each show comes with two T.V. monitors, song sheets and compere.

Fund Raising

As we all look forward to Gala Day this June the preparations and organisation of the big day is already under way. After a

plea for help from the Gala Committee the residents of Stonehouse have rallied together to save this years and preserve future Gala days. A fund raising committee has been established to help finance the weeks events. Their efforts have already proved successful. Fund raising events include bingo nights, sponsored fun runs, karaoke nights and a supper dance to celebrate Zsa Zsa Gabor's 73rd birthday! The committee still seek support helping out with field duties or by offering their support in building floats which have always been a major attraction of the Gala Day. If you own a local business we are also looking for sponsorship of the Gala programme which this year is being produced by the Lantern.





Thought to 'pond'er over

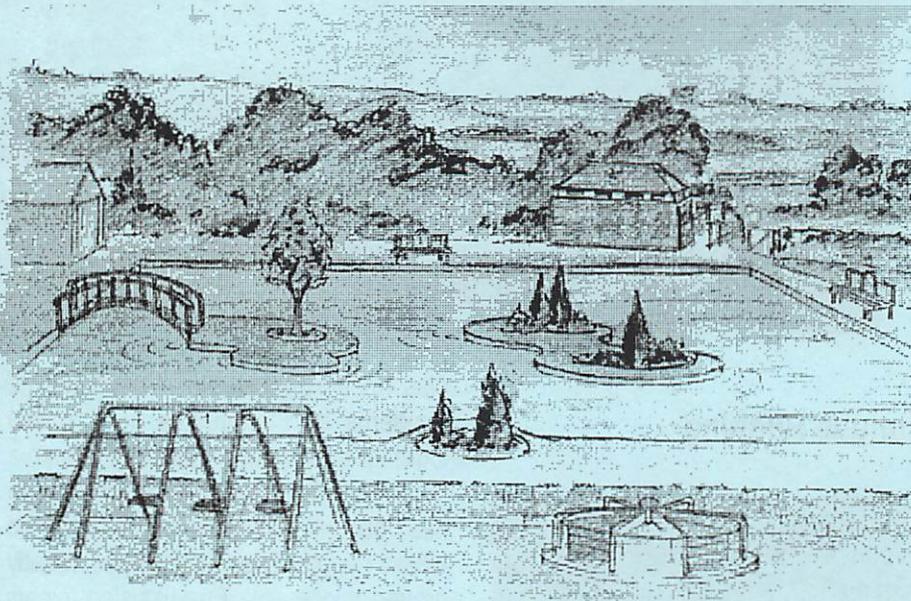
Over the past 15 years there has been a slow deterioration of park facilities, as well as the loss of many of the beautiful flower beds which used to adorn this once treasured valley.

All is not lost though, for if we use a little thought and imagination we can make the boating pond once again useable and a lot more pleasurable to look at. This will need the support of the Department of leisure and recreation but unless we complain about the lack of facilities or come up with

'Parking Mad'

When the Royal Bank of Scotland moved to New Street it was agreed that they would build a car park to accommodate staff and customers but unfortunately this never transpired. As we all know this has not happened and to this day remains an eyesore to the residents of Stonehouse who the bank represents and profits from. This litter ridden piece of land can only be described as a dump and in no way enhance the villages appearance to those who pass through the village today.

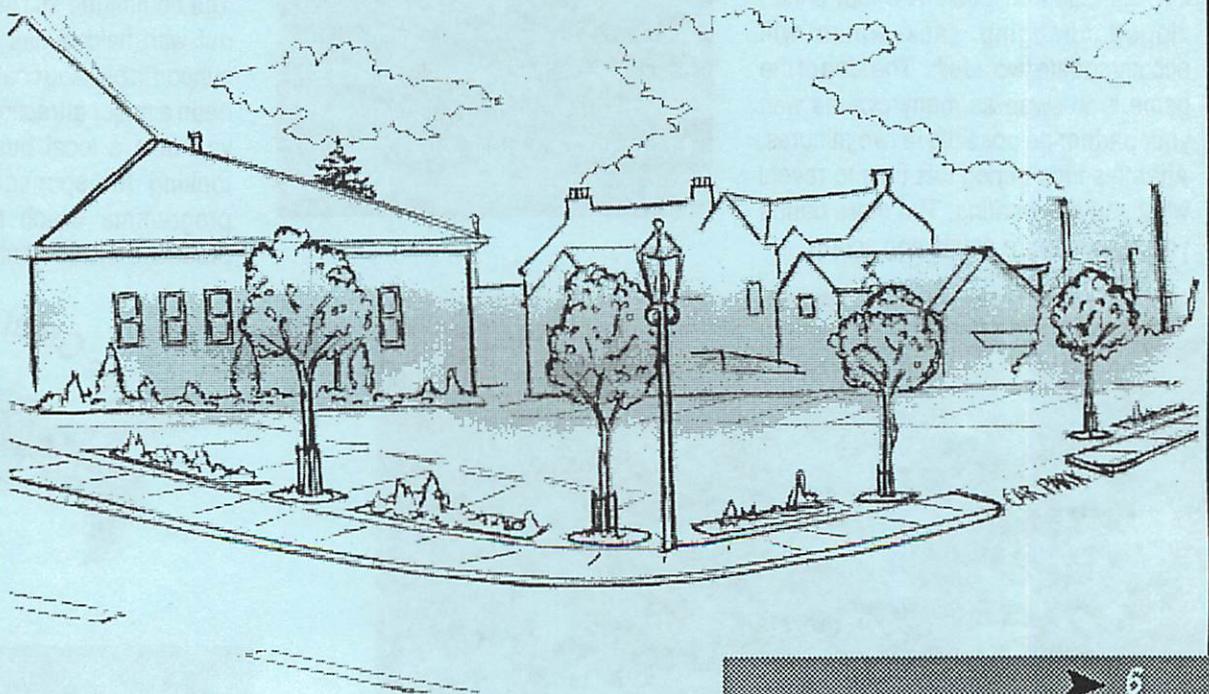
If properly designed and utilised to its potential it could quite easily be turned into a pleasant and more functional car park. It could also accommodate many more cars than it presently does and release the burden of traffic from an already overcrowded cross. It may be time the bank put something back into the village instead of always taking. Its our village and we have the right to complain when we feel aggrieved so get writing.



Only recently have improvements been made to try and upgrade the park. As in so many other places in Stonehouse so much more can be done to improve the environment we live in.

the ideas we will see the further decline of our park which has been a favourite haunt of children in the past.

One popular attraction of the past was the boating pond which is nowadays constantly in need of repair due to vandalism or needing cleaned out due to debris and broken glass in the water.





Environment news

Close your eyes for one minute and imagine that your last meal was forced down your throat! Then imagine yourself being locked into a tiny cage with no food or water while you are choking yourself to death. Imagine another 50 people being tossed into the cage alongside you and, worst of all, imagine having to stay there for days at a time without being able to move a muscle...

Too horrific to imagine? Well, that's the fate of the estimated seven million birds which are exported throughout the world each year. The problem is now so bad that if we don't act now, some of the most exotic and beautiful birds will be wiped off the face of the earth.

Why does bird importation exist?

The bottom line is money and the reason for such outrage is that the quest for big bucks far outweighs concern over the well being of the birds. Wild-caught birds are cheaper to buy than reared ones, and for that reason, there will always be people wanting them.

Many countries have banned the exports of their wild birds, but often the birds are smuggled out illegally through neighbouring countries. There seems to be no way of stopping the traders.

Who buys the birds?

This is where Britain comes in. Although America is the largest importer of wild birds - with 470,000 birds brought each year - Britain still imports around 190,000. These inevitably end up in pet shops around the country.

Who is doing what to stop it?

People are starting to take notice of the plight of these creatures.

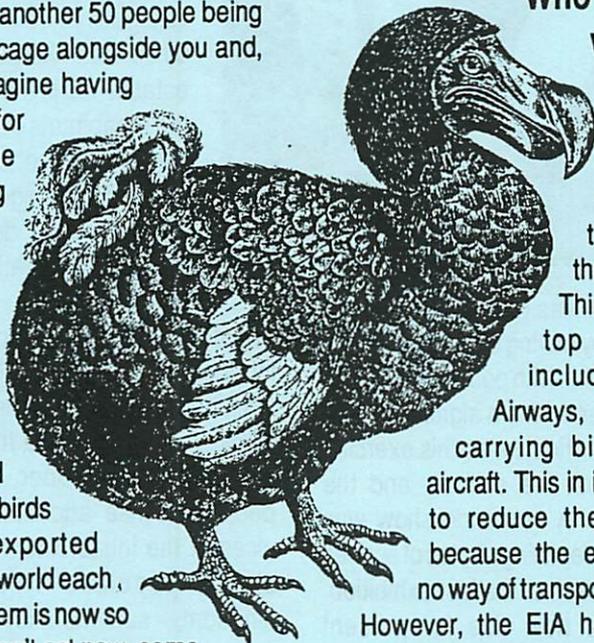
Thirty three of the top airlines, including British Airways, have stopped carrying birds on their aircraft. This in itself is helping to reduce the cruel trade because the exporters have no way of transporting the birds.

However, the EIA have vowed to continue campaigning until the trade has stopped. They are calling for a worldwide ban on the trade of all wild-caught birds. Until then, they say, the suffering will continue and millions of birds will die each year under the most horrific circumstances.

How to help

Ask your pet shop to stop selling wild-caught birds (domestically reared birds will normally have a ring tag around one claw).

If you see a bird in a pet shop which looks unhealthy or appears agitated (pulling out its feathers, etc.), there is a chance it may be a wild bird. Report it to the RSPCA, who will investigate



This issues rather short review is on Peter Gabriel's latest album; 'Us'. Six years after his fantastis effort 'So' (which sold millions world wide). I was eager to see if Peter could equal such songs as "Don't give up" and "Sledge hammer". Although 'Us' contains a few good songs like 'Blood of Eden', 'Steam' and 'Digging the dirt' the majority of the album is depressing! The reason for this is that the contents of the songs are about his recent traumatic and disasterous personal relationships. This might be alright for one or two songs but not for 7 or 8, six minute epics! A nice album visually. Two great videos so far. But next time - Don't take your personal life into the studio Peter! 6/10

Other Albums

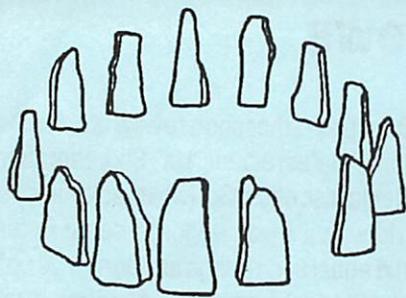
Some albums worth a listen to are REM - 'Automatic for the People'; an excellent follow up to 'Out of time'. Jesus Jones - 'Perverse'; good first single (Devil you know) but sounds like all the songs are a bit similar! Arrested Development - '3 years, 5 months and 2 days'. A very cheery and fun album, current single Mr Wendal. Finally the new album I have been waiting for is the new Poison one. Apparently it is very different from their previous stuff!

Chart Stuff

It's good to see some fun music getting into the charts. For example the Rolf Harris cover version of the Led Zep. classic 'Stairway to heaven', is a song you just can't listen to seriously. Arrested Development's 'Mr Wendal' shows that not every group with a keyboard and sampling equipment has to produce a boring dance record! And of course the brilliant release from a man who has previously released 16 singles that got nowhere shaggy! 'Oh Carolina' is Regge meets Lunacy!

Recently a host a of celebs got together with Right said Fred to do a song called 'Stick it out', stick what out? It means persevere (honest), with the funds going to who else Comic Relief.

Gary Leonard



Stonehouse Heritage Group

The Heritage Group held its first meeting of the new year on February 1st. This year the expectations of the group are high, with a busy years schedule ahead of them.

First on the agenda is the possibility of a float in this years Gala Day incorporating some theme on Stonehouse. Another event we hope will be supported by the village will be the possibility of a ceilidh after the Easter holidays in aid of club funds. The Heritage group have recently opened themselves up officially as a charity which may help them in the future.

The main topic of conversation was this years exhibition which is scheduled for October , time allowing. Last years exhibition covered the general history and working background of the village and the people who lived in it. This year, as in future years, we hope to specialise on one topic which this year is weaving. The aim is to recreate a weavers cottage, using as many local artefacts as possible. There may also be sections on the ancient

druids and the railway. Another favourite to return will be the family history section which this year will have the years 1841 and 1881 documented for your research into your family background in the village.



One suggestion was getting the schools again involved by having them write poetry on the village to link with poetry of the past. Poetry and prose forms a significant part of the schools curriculum so this exercise may benefit both the schools and the Heritage Group. A new slide show was also mentioned depicting photos of scenes not previously seen at the last exhibition. Membership is now due for present

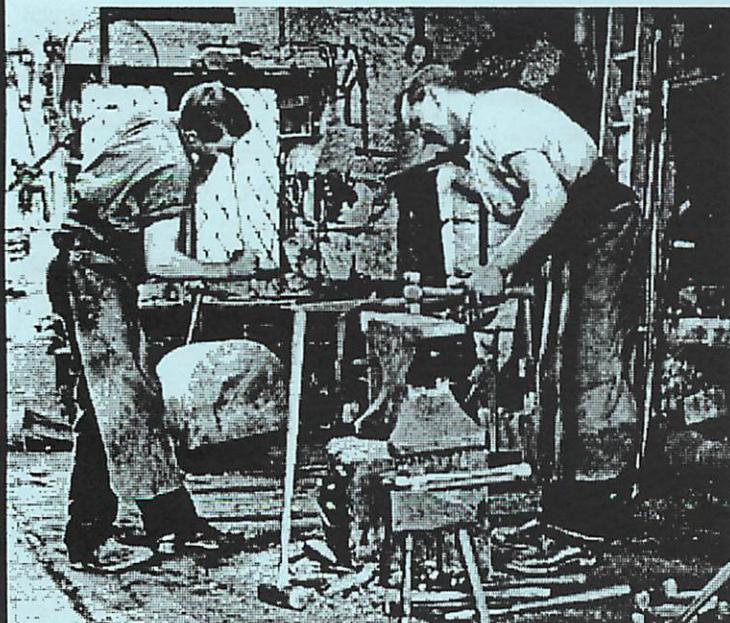
members and all visitors and new members are welcome to come along. Our next meeting will be on March 2nd 7.30pm in the Cross Keys lounge. If you have any information please contact us at our contact address on the front page of the Lantern.

Miscellaneous Observations by Rev. Hugh Dewar 1836

Till within these four or five years, it was a novel sight to see a four-wheeled carriage of any kind pass through the village of Stonehouse. But since the turnpike road from Ayr to Edinburgh has been opened, the Edinburgh and Ayr coach passes every day through the village; besides a coach from Strathaven to Glasgow by Stonehouse twice a-day; and another which starts every morning from the Buck's-Head Inn, Stonehouse, for Glasgow, and returns the same day; and all of them generally are well employed. There is also a regular carrier betwixt Stonehouse and Glasgow, twice a week. A post-office has likewise been lately established in the village, so that the inhabitants of the parish and village of Stonehouse now enjoy many advantages which they formerly were deprived of, by the peculiar situation of the place.

In a moral and religious point of view, the inhabitants of the village of Stonehouse (which contains a population of nearly 1600 souls) are, with a few exceptions, an industrious, sober, and religious people, nowise addicted to the many vices of the inhabitants of villages of a similar population throughout the kingdom, - such as excessive drinking, swearing, and fighting. Quarrelling and fighting are seldom or never heard of; and though there are three well attended fairs held in the village yearly, yet many of these pass over without the slightest appearance of quarrel.

The due observance of the Sabbath is likewise a characteristic mark of the inhabitants of Stonehouse. The hallowing of the Sabbath day is here most scrupulously attended to, by all ranks of persons, both in town and parish; and except in going to and from church, you will hardly see a person on the street. All public houses are shut on Sabbath, unless to the traveller for refreshment.



Blacksmiths in Stonehouse at the turn of the century