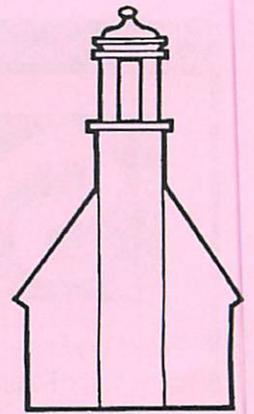


The Stonehouse Lantern

T A I G H C L A C H A N T R I L L S E A N



A71 Bypass - A definite maybe

This is the conclusion of the village. Just when everyone thinks the bypass is going ahead, it is cancelled once again. The bottom line is that until the bulldozers move in, Stonehouse will not believe the many broken promises that the people have endured - 5 in 3 years alone. One man in particular must bear much of the blame for more faces than Mike Yarwood and a nose Pinocchio would be proud of - Malcolm Waugh - who when the A71 was at its most critical point of possible go ahead was off to Australia on holiday. The Community Council and the villagers of Stonehouse have striven for 28 years to have the bypass introduced, through no lack of time and effort of their own, and unless matters change, many villagers feel that stronger measures may need to be taken to highlight our plight. Hopefully it will not come to this, and continued pressure can be applied by Jackie Burns and the Community Council in securing our bypass.

Hugh Burns of the Stonehouse By-pass Action Group, which represents the residents said feelings are running high, and there is no shortage of volunteers to erect barriers to block the roads as a protest, but we should consider it as a last resort. Meantime the Action Group has called upon the Government to hold an inquiry into the decision to shelve the bypass plan.

The local Community Council have been at the forefront of a vigorous campaign to get the project started. They have consistently highlighted road traffic dangers and other problems caused by the volume of traffic.

Unfortunately the Lantern cannot print strongly enough the feelings of the residents of Stonehouse but if you would like to tell Malcom Waugh what you think of his decision to cancel the by-pass, then you can write to him at his home address or even phone him at the following number:

*Malcom Waugh
40 Nursery Place
Blantyre
Tel. Blantyre 827207*

Independence for Stonehouse ?

This year sees a world in turmoil, a world fighting for freedom and democracy but amongst the fighting and struggle for justice a small island in the middle of Scotland is now staking its claim to independence. That island is Stonehouse, for not many know that Stonehouse is technically an island surrounded by rivers and burns crossing one another. It is impossible to leave the parish of Stonehouse without crossing water. Thus the village is rising to strike a blow for freedom and end 300 years of southern dominance. Leading the campaign is our vey own Angus McTavish

who promises big changes and prosperity to all Stonehousonians. His first aim is to establish a national anthem for our new found country then ban anyone from the village resembling Jimmy Hill. Gala Patron Zsa Zsa Gabor is to be named Minister of Foreign "Affairs" as Angus feels she's probably had more affairs than anyone else! By re-introducing toll booths to outsiders Angus hopes to pressurise the roads department into building the Stonehouse bypass!

By exporting "We hate Malcolm Waugh" t-shirts and mugs we can use the money to improve our own roads, possibly even build our own bypass by the amount of interest there appears to be for the t-shirts.

Poll tax is to be abolished and a new farting tax introduced making Stonehouse pollution free and protecting the ozone layer from deterioration. This may not be popular with some residents but a relief for others! Angus plans to elect David Lyke as Defence Minister who's first aim is to form a navy to patrol our waters and fishing rights. Just in case our island sinks!

If you wish to join the revolution or air your views or grievances, take a stand and contact The Lantern who will be more than happy to publish your complaints.



Stonehouse Library

Additions to stock



Before the Easter break the 40 members of the Youth Forum went to the ice skating in Motherwell, that is everyone but Gillian Fox who missed the bus. The trip proved very popular as they have in the past and the Youth Forum now look forward to visiting Butlins Wonderwest World in early summer.

On Wednesday 5th May the Youth Forum entered a team for a quiz in aid of Stonehouse Primary PTA. Out of 17 teams of 4 people of various age groups, the Youth Forum's team including Janet, Hazel, Thomas and Helen, came in a splendid joint 4th.

Fiction

Jessica Blair
Jeff Torrington
Harry Bowling
C M Fraser
Morris West
Wilbur Smith
Brenda Clarke
Josephine Cox
Catherine Cookson

Red Shawl
Swing Hammer Swing
Backstreet Child
Kings Farewell
The Lovers
River God
Durable Fire
Jessica's Girl
Year of the Virgins



Non Fiction

Soft Furnishings
Nigel Blundell
Joanna Lumley
John Parker
Scottish Tourist Board
Scottish Tourist Board
Scottish Tourist Board
Peter Gurney
Penny Clarke
Eurodisney Resort Paris
Maurice Oldfield

Fall of the House of Windsor
Forces Sweethearts
Sean Connery
Scotland Camping and Caravan Parks '93
Scotland Self Catering '93
Scotland Bed and Breakfast '93
Braver Men Walk Away
Ultimate Step
Understanding Pension Schemes



The Girls Group

The Girls Group meets every Thursday. One week we had Mrs Myra Kilgannon to teach us about manicures. One of us managed to not bite their nails for a week. Another week we went to Aquatec and the talent was *****. Someone went back for a snog her name is censored. We also made non alcoholic cocktails and no one liked Jane's. I wonder why? We've had ghost stories, hair-dressing and have lots of ideas for the future. If you would like to come it is open from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Thursday evening for girls from 10 yrs to 18 yrs. Look forward to seeing you there in Stonehouse Primary.

Stonehouse Community Learning Centre

Stonehouse Primary School (Rooms 7 & 8)

S.C.L.C. is now up and running very successfully and all those who participated in the courses that were on offer last term were very happy with the way things went. The under fives just loved being left with Eleanor and Fiona, our creche workers, and the mums enjoyed the free time they were given to pursue their chosen course. So far we have over 100 contacts interested in courses.

The courses on offer this term are:

1 **Child Psychology** - Wednesday afternoon 1-3pm for 10 weeks commencing 21 April 1993.

2 **Deaf Sign Language** - Thursday afternoon 1-3pm for 10 weeks commencing 22 April 1993.

3 **Introduction to Reflexology** - Tuesday evening 7-9pm for 5 weeks commencing 2 April 1993.

A creche is being run (for daytime classes) by two qualified nursery nurses so your child/children will be well looked after. If you would like further information please contact Myra Murray (Community Education Worker) on 888454 or Jane Collie (Education Co-ordinator) on 791591.



Return to Sender

On reading the story of the taking of the Stone of Destiny by Ian Hamilton I was compelled with compassion of our heritage and country to write the following letter to Queen Elizabeth II, not in the belief that the Stone would be returned to its country, but in satisfying my own belief and love of my country. I printed this letter in the Lantern in the hope that others may never forget their origins and the country who'se destiny is in their hands.

Dear Elizabeth

I am writing on behalf of Scotland to ask that the Stone of Destiny be returned to its country of origin. I am writing not in anger or in the name of nationalism, but as a simple Scot, proud of his heritage and country.

I ask that the Stone returns to fulfill a promise not fulfilled in 1296 by Edward I. Not only would you be restoring Scottish pride in our ancestral beginnings but also bringing to an end a bitter feud between England and Scotland throughout the centuries.

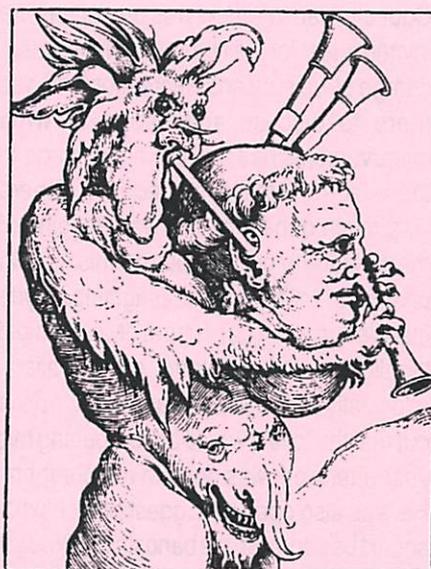
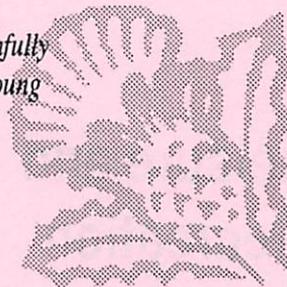
When the Stone was taken south, the heart was torn from Scotland and its people. The Stone represents a nation united, bonded in faith and blood. It is believed that the Stone travelled from Europe with the Celts to Scotland where the Celts settled and flourished but not so for the Stone, which was plundered by the English forces in the 13th century. Most Scots such as I don't believe the Stone resting in Westminster Abbey is the real Stone of Destiny but it is still the cry of our nation that possession be handed over and acknowledged once and for all to the people of Scotland as a gesture of good faith and fulfilment of a promise.

All the time we are told as individuals what to do and what not to do, but sometimes we have to be brave and take decisions for ourselves no matter what the consequences to ourselves, as God is our only judge.

Fulfilled our dream and the Stone returned, you would not only be creating history but restoring the heart of Scotland, to which our nation would be eternally grateful to you. I write to you not for glory nor honour, but for a simple Stone which has little meaning or value to England but to Scotland a passion and pride in its origins and culture.

I fear that this letter may never reach the hands of royalty. In that event I can only pray that one day our countries be free of the mistrust and social bigotries that exist today. I live in hope.

Your Faithfully
John R. Young



Teapee

by Alasdair Smith

That's the colour that tea should be,
No' the colour of wattery pee,
A half hour soak,
an' a wee plip a mulk,
Everybody should be like me.

That's the colour that tea should be,
No' the colour of gnat's diorrhoe,
Let it stew, let it steep,
Leave it a week,

Don't dunk in the bag
in an' oot in a peep.

Tea should be the colour of peat,
This I shoudnae huf tae repeat,
Fur if you take the 'peat',
And leave oot the 't',
All your left wi
Is watery 'pea'.

Gaelic with Angus and Morag

Interesting facts

- Only 10% of the road tax we pay in Scotland is spent on Scottish roads.
- 60% of what we pay for a bottle of whiskey goes to the government.
- If Scotland was independant experts say it would be the 23rd richest country in the world.

Spelling

is mise
De an t-ainm a tha ort
thig a steach
gaf mo leisgeul
de an seoladh a th'agaibh
cait a bheil thu a fuireach
Tha mi a fuireach ann an ..
aon
dha
tri
ceithir
coig
a bheil Galdhlig agaibh

Pronunciation

iss misha
je an tenim a ha ort
heeg esjerch
gaf mo leshgow
je an shawloogh a hagif
catch a felthu a foolach
he me a foolach an an
oun
dya
tree
kehr
coig
avir Galiv agif

Meaning

I am
What is your name?
come in
excuse me
What is your address
Where do you live?
I live in ...
one
two
three
four
five
do you speak gaelic

COOKING COLUMN



Cream of Cauliflower Soup

The Youth Forum are still looking for readers to send in recipies for a booklet they are hoping to produce for club funds. Already the booklet is at an advanced stage but we are still keen to receive items from the village, even vegetarian dishes. Please write to us at 19 Townhead Street, or contact us via the school Monday to Thursday.

- 1 small cauliflower
1 tsp flour
1tsp sugar
1 pint milk
2 med onions
1 oz butter
1 pt chicken stock
1/4 pt cream or top milk
fresh chopped parsley or chives

Wash cauliflower well and cut into small pieces, slice onions. Saute onions in butter in a large pan. Cook gently for 2 minutes. Gradually add flour whilst stirring, then stock, cauliflower and hot milk. Bring to boil and simmer for 15 mins. Sieve or use a food processor, season and return to pan and boil. Remove from heat and add cream. Garnish with parsley or chives, accompanied by toast or croutons of fried bread.

Fun Run

On April 25th, 164 runners took part in the first Gala Day Fundraising Fun Run. Despite terrible weather and running conditions the runners enjoyed the day as did the scores of spectators who turned up to watch. Many of the entries made the course round the Park a little more entertaining by running in fancy dress. A great deal of work went into preparing the course by Linda and Chic Morrow to whom a lot of credit must go for making the day a success.

Leisure and Recreation

At a recent meeting of the Community Council, Alan Whitfield was present as the invited guest for the night. Mr Whitfield is in charge of Leisure and Recreation and was there to discuss and inform of what improvements had and are being made to the village's recreational facilities. There was much debate on the waterlogging of the new track but it looks promising that changing facilities as well as lighting maybe installed in the near future. Mr Whitfield highlighted the problems of vandalism, especially in the public park but did point out that the toilets would be re-opening this year after work was done to restore them. He was also open to suggestions on what should be done with the bandstand. Brought to the village around 1924 it is one of Stonehouse's more popular and well known features but over the year had been attacked constantly by vandalism, so if you have any ideas on how it could be utilised or restored, please write to Alan Whitfield at the Department of Leisure and Recreation in Hamilton. It was estimated that it would cost in the region of 3/4 of a million to provide Stonehouse with a sports barn yet Leisure and Recreation are only given £400,000 annually. Thus it is not envisaged that we will be getting any sports facility in the near future unless a private investor is interested in purchasing land from the council to build such a facility.

BEAT 37

Village Under Siege

Recently the village has been signing a petition to appeal for more policing, especially on a Friday or Saturday night when there seems to be an increase in disturbances and drinking not only at the cross but at various haunts in the village. Unless this situation is dealt with the problem can only get worse. With only one local policeman, PC George Paterson cannot be everywhere at once. Unfortunately, the closest Police Station is in Larkhall and many feel that phoning may be a waste of time they get here the disturbance or crime committed has already dispersed. Only through constantly phoning or petitioning will we receive further policing so don't hesitate to phone 881400.

Most residents would be content to see policing during the later hours of Friday and Saturday when most of the disturbances seem to take place.

Since the introduction of Operation Blade and new laws allowing police to search for knives there have been 3 knives found from 119 searches in Stonehouse and Larkhall. A new campaign about to be launched is the Hamilton Drugline which will operate in our area, whereby you can give information in confidence of drug dealing or drugs related offences.

HAMILTON DRUGLINE
A WAY OF STOPPING DRUG DEALING IN YOUR AREA
FIGHT DRUGS (PHONE IN CONFIDENCE) 286303 AND ASK FOR DRUGLINE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME YOUR CALL COULD HELP SAVE LIVES

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Darlings,
I think it is wonderful how the Stonehouse Gala Day has been saved for another year. It illustrates just how committed villagers are to preserving a yearly event which brings the entire community together.

It is very important that the elderly and the young especially should feel part of a caring community that recognises and protects village traditions. It is events such as this which gives a community its own unique identity.

I was, therefore, very proud to accept the invitation to become patron of the Stonehouse Gala Day. I did so in the hope that in some small way I too could play a part in trying to keep alive a village tradition.

All too often our busy lifestyles prevent us taking stock of the important aspects of life, nurturing good friends and neighbours as well as preserving the things which are dear to us.

Keeping a caring eye on our environment and striving to achieve and maintain a warm, loving community spirit are essential if our children are to grow into responsible adults with a fully developed sense of good citizenship.

It is not clear at the time of writing whether I can attend your Gala Day. I am in the privileged position of being in demand world wide. But I will not hesitate to fly to Scotland to be with you all if at all possible.

Nevertheless, I want you all to be in no doubt as to just how pleased I am to know that one, small Scottish village is working hard and with pride to preserve an historic event which keeps alive its own, unique community spirit.

Warmest love,

Zsa Zsa Gabor

Road Blockade?

Recently opinions have differed over how we should publicise and highlight the disgrace of the cancellation of Stonehouse bypass. One idea was to blockade the main road through the village with bodies and double parking of cars causing chaos and traffic jams in peak hours. This may be effective publicity wise but may hinder emergency services as well as breaking the law. Another theory I believe could be the answer is that we have shifts of people constantly crossing the road at the lights at the Cross creating the same effect by staying within the law. If the lights are constantly pressed the traffic soon becomes congested and if this can be done over several planned dates, may form part of an organised campaign. Please don't hesitate to get in contact with the Lantern.

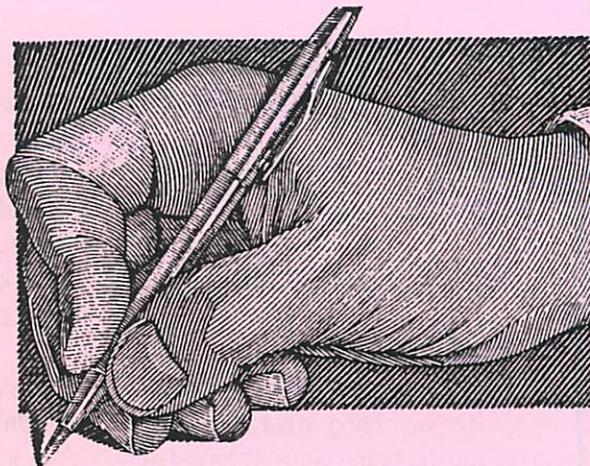
Yet another concerned resident

Events that have passed by since the proposed bypass collated by Stonehouse Youth Forum.

- 1958 Stonehouse bypass proposed
- 1958 De Gaulle President of France
- 1961 Yuri Gagarin the first man in space
- 1961 Berlin Wall built
- 1963 John F Kennedy assassinated
- 1966 England win World Cup (How could we forget!)
- 1969 Neil Armstrong first man on the Moon
- 1971 Decimalisation
- 1990 Berlin Wall comes down
- 1991 Malcolm Waugh promises bypass
- 1993 Still waiting for Stonehouse bypass

Traffic Calming - The Facts

- 1 "Scottish Office" until more children are killed going to and from our school, they see no reason for the introduction of preventative measures suggested by the Community Council.



- 2 Research carried out by R.O.S.P.A. indicated that children of average intelligence are 12 years old before they are fully capable of judging speed or distance.
- 3 A recently distributed leaflet called "Kill Your Speed Not a Child" stated that "driving at 20 mph where roads are narrow and parked cars hide children from view" half of road fatalities occur - exactly the scenario at the gates of Stonehouse Primary.
- 4 A recent road survey carried out revealed HGVs loaded with toxic chemicals clocking 50/60mph in Lockhart Street.

Prevention Possibilities

- a Sleeping policemen on Strathaven Road and on the approach to Lockhart Street.
- b Zebra Crossing outside Stonehouse Primary.
- c Stonehouse Bypass?!

Join the campaign for Stonehouse Bypass and don't let your child's death be another statistic.

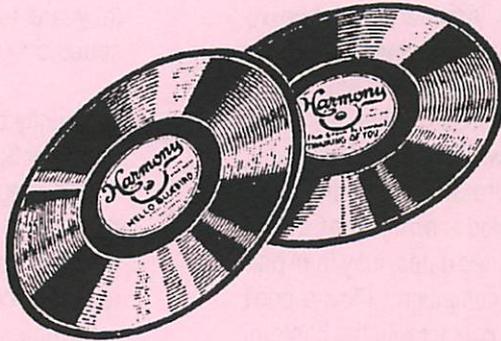


Music Column

A lethal dose of poison

From Glam to Grunge

If someone had told me a few months ago that Poison were bringing out a new album, to tell you the truth I wouldn't have been that interested. As far as I was concerned they were just another Glam Rock Group. However, when I heard "Stand", the first single off the Native Tongue album, I must say I was impressed. But when I saw the cover of the single I was surprised. Where has all the makeup gone? No more eye liner and lip gloss for these guys, just long hair, open shirts and Gothic jewellery. And with the new look comes a new lead guitarist. Wot no CC Deville? Yes CC has been replaced by Richie Kotzen. The album consists of 15 songs, all new and different! The first two Native Tongue and The Scream flow into each other brilliantly. The album could be said to open up with a ramble and then slowly fade away. The problem is that the majority of the songs are soft metal ballads which is acceptable because they are very well done. Harmonious voices and long guitar solos really make up the album. In fact, new boy



Richie gets a minute all to himself for "Richie's Acoustic Thang" (No not a misprint, it is written as Thang, must be an Americanism) which is just 60 seconds of basically showing off to introduce himself. Unfortunately, the album does contain the occasional four letter word but I suppose in their context they are acceptable.

The album cover is a bit drab and you couldn't really say it catches the eye, an African mask and a lot of dark colours. Inside there is a page photo of each of the band in different surroundings; Bobby Dall (Bass Guitar) standing in what looks like a

t o r t u r e
c h a m b e r .
Rikki Rocket
(Drums) caged
up, with two
w o l v e s
walking round
the cage,
Richie Kotzen
(Lead Guitar)
e m e r g i n g
guitar in hand

(and looking as if he's eating an orange) from a pool of flaming liquid and of course Brett Michaels (vocalist) surrounded by several scantily clad women. So to give the album a rating I would say 8/10. Too many ballads lads!

Incidentally, myself and Lee along with a few friends saw Poison recently at The Barrowlands. I must admit it was absolutely great. They played most of the tracks from Native Tongue and also a few oldies like, Unskinny Bop, look what the cat dragged in and Every Rose has It's Thorn.

Gary and Lee

'Water' load of rubbish!

One of the last remaining national assets "Water" looks set to be sold off to the highest bidders from France, Japan and England if the Government gets their way yet again. This would put a further social and economic stranglehold on Scotland in a land where they claim there is a democracy yet the overwhelming vast majority of Scotland is opposed to water privatisation yet they refuse to listen.

Why should we pay for a service which most will agree is run perfectly well by the local authorities at present. The Government have admitted that privatisation may cause price increases but claim we can all invest in shares and own a part of the water company. Do they really think we are that gullible to believe we can afford to do this in the economic disaster that they have left us in? It will only lead to the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

There has never been a shortage of water in Scotland, in one of the wettest climates in Europe, yet South of the border they want to profit from Scotland's natural resources.



Of all the God given resources in the world water is a necessity yet the present Government has given private companies in England the right to cut off water to families who need it most and are financially at risk more than families in the more affluent areas of England. Why should we pay for something that falls from the sky every day? MP Jimmy Hood and Secretary of State Ian Lang are in opposition to water privatisation and preserving what is left of our countries resources.

Concerned Patriot

Fine Things

Ladies & Children's Wear
Wool and Jewellery

10 Trongate, Stonehouse, Tel: 792442



Stonehouse Heritage Group

At the latest meeting of the Heritage Group the group made preparations for their first fundraising event in the village. The Ceilidh will hopefully just be the first of many events not only for the group but for the benefit of the village.

The group also confirmed that they will be putting in a float for this year's Gala Day as well as a stall at the field itself.

The Heritage Group are still collating information on the 1841 and 1881 census as well as information and artefacts which may be of use in recreating a weavers cottage and are also well on their way to producing their first publication in the form of a booklet portraying the life of the Stanis Weavers. The main problem in the run up to this years exhibition is the possibility of borrowing a loom but as yet they have had no success. If you would like any information or have any information for us, please don't hesitate to contact us at 16 Spinningdale, Stonehouse.

A booklet on The Stanis Weavers will soon be available at the local library please contact us for details.

Update

On Friday 28th April the Heritage Group held its first Ceilidh in the Public Hall attracting 70-80 villagers who came along to support what was a very entertaining night of song and dance. The Heritage Group would like to thank the Co-op, the Chemists, Forsyth's Flowers and Archie Steel for the raffle prizes donated that night. The Ceilidh didn't only bring funds to the Heritage Group, it also brought a little Scottish culture to the village which is sadly lacking in entertainment.

This year we celebrate 45 years of the Galaday in Stonehouse. Community festivals have always been successful and well attended in the past as you will read from the following extract in Robert Naismith's observations on village fairs before the turn of the century.

Fairs

The Scottish fair is an institution that originated in early times from the circumstances of the people. It was a periodical meeting for the purpose of buying and selling, and derives its name from *ferice*, holidays, and fairs were generally held on holidays in ancient times. During the reign of Popery in Scotland the Sabbath was not observed with any great degree of sanctity; and after church service it was customary to hold markets and fairs, so that "the rustic, after hearing mass at the altar, retired to the ale-house to sell his meal or haggle about the price of a horse. In other cases the parson followed, his parishioners to the church-yard to witness their skill in archery, or join in their laughter at the frolics of Robin Hood and Little John. Shops, hostleries, and places of amusement were open; and it was nothing unusual for the courts of law to sit upon a Sunday. Festival days would seem to have been very generally set apart for fairs, and thus a prudent compromise was made between religion and business." Acts of Parliament prior to the Reformation, and even afterwards, prohibiting markets and fairs to be held upon holidays or within kirks and kirkyards, seemed powerless to put an end to the custom.

The three fairs connected with this parish took place on the last Wednesday of May and November, and the third Wednesday of July. Formerly the May and November fairs were largely attended for the sale of cattle. Tradition has it that the fairs were held on the common at Crossyet Knowe and in early times the fairs continued several days. The July fair was also a cattle market, but principally a wool market, and was one of the largest at that period in this part of the country. It was a ruling market for the price of wool annually. These things have passed away in the ever-changing circumstances of the people, so that those fairs have dwindled away, "becoming small by degrees and beautifully less."

A writer in "Hogg's Instructor" of 1846 relates a tragic story in connection with the visit of two upland farmers to this fair. The farmers' names were Andrew Middlemas, known as Holmside, and Thomas Paterson



A procession at a local fair on the Trongate around 1890.

Revenge is sweet

As part of traffic calming measures undertaken in the village the police have targeted Stonehouse for regular speed checks within the village.

Only the other day one driver was to find this to his cost when travelling through the village. As I drove through the main street in the evening at 30mph a driver behind obviously in a hurry drove nose to bumper behind me, then proceeded to flash his lights as he reckoned that I was travelling too slow. I then slowed down to 20mph to delay and annoy him and as I reached the hospital he flashed his lights again and accelerated past only to find that he had been caught by a speed trap ahead of me.

As I drove past I smiled to the gentleman with a wry grin of contentment as the policeman drew out his charge sheet. I had made my point but unfortunately for the other driver he had collected 3.

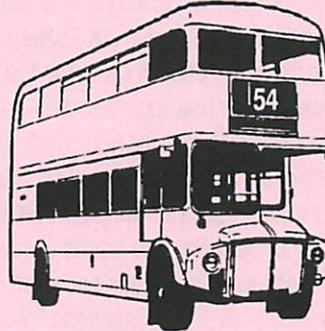
A Happy Resident

Bring back the auld Stanis 54!

Over the past decade there seems to have been a steady decline in the bus service within the village. The only thing the present bus service has in common with the old service is the number 54.

Nowadays the service is constantly changing its times, irregular and increasing in price at an alarming rate. Now that bus routes are open to private companies to compete and financially undercut others for the more profitable routes the people are the ones to suffer. We no longer have a regular service to Strathaven which used to run through the village every half hour, nor do we have a regular service to Glasgow without catching a connection.

We now have a service which is now far less beneficial to the village but at the same time more expensive. In an age of pollution and traffic congestion of motorists you would think it would be in the bus services best interests as well as the customers to heed the needs of the people as well as their pockets thus taking a strain off the ever increasing traffic problems.



Unless these independent companies listen to their customers we may see what is happening to many European cities and towns where the public are taking to the roads on their bicycles. Saving not only money and helping the environment but probably getting to their destination faster into the bargain. Not a bad solution some may think, but we have the young and the elderly to consider, which accounts for a large percentage of the population of Stonehouse.

A Disappointed Resident

Stonehouse Link-Up Group

The Link-Up Group in Stonehouse is responsible for promoting facilities for pre-7 children in the village.

At their recent meeting in Stonehouse Primary School the group discussed a variety of issues.

The toy library, providing a toy lending service, is open each Tuesday from 1.30pm until 2.30pm in Stonehouse Primary. All children in the village aged seven or under are eligible to borrow a toy.

The pre-school packs, distributed to infants on their enrolment day, are compiled by the Primary schools and financed by the Local authority grants.

The pre-school packs provide an important link between home and school in the early days of the child's educational 'career'.

At present the Link-Up Group are liaising between Hamilton District Council Leisure and Recreational Department regarding the reassessment of provision and installation of items in the play areas of the village. It is hoped that the group will be able to communicate ideas to the District Council regarding design and safety of possible future play facilities.

Any thoughts on this matter would be welcome by the Link-Up Group.

Finally, any person with young children or who is simply interested in promoting pre-7 facilities in the village, are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Stonehouse Link-Up Group.



The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 21st June 1993 at 7.30pm in Stonehouse Primary School.

Further information can be obtained from Susan Whitelaw 791425 or Hazel Dickie 792012