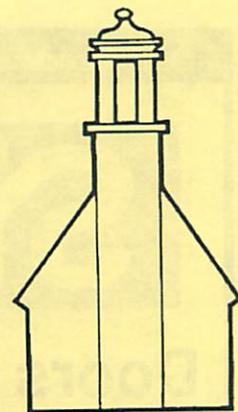


# The Stonehouse Lantern

T A I G H C L A C H A N



## Heritage Exhibition 1993

Due to your support financially throughout last year's exhibition and donations of artefacts and information we have been able to produce this year's exhibition. Last year the Heritage Group attracted nearly 2,000 visitors to its first exhibition on the general history of the village, and this year we are highlighting the weaving industry.

Stonehouse Heritage Group was established in September 1991 to preserve the wealth of knowledge and history that is held within the village and to establish an awareness of our historical past by fostering links between children, young people and the elderly.

*The Water, the Stone and the Wheel*



This year's event is called "The Water, the Stone and the Wheel". These three images represent the foundation on what has established Stonehouse as the village it is today. The water being the Avon which surrounds the village and provided a lifeline to the first settlers. The stone represents the Celtic place of worship where it is thought that Ninian built the first church in the parish. Lastly, the wheel of the spinner, the sign of an ever changing industrial past which made Stonehouse renowned as a weaving community in past years.

This exhibition aims to highlight all three symbols of our village and try to make the event both interesting and informative.

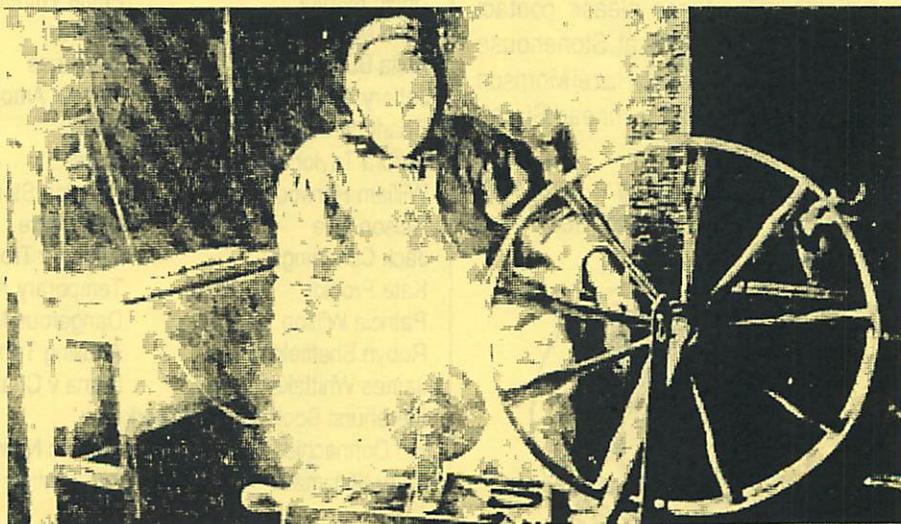
We hope that after visiting the exhibition you may want to play an active part in preserving our history or provide us with information that may be of interest to the community.

The exhibition will centre round the partial reconstruction of a weavers cottage, in which our main problem seems to be that very few weaving implements now survive in the village. During the 40's Lanarkshire's last two working weavers, the Hamilton Brothers, donated their loom to Edinburgh Museum along with many other weaving memorabilia. Despite these artefacts coming from the village and being given in good will, Edinburgh Museum was unwilling to lend us any artefacts although being insured and even charged us £30 for photographs. Thus the Heritage Group is eager to preserve what we have left for the benefit of all the community.

Also included within the week long celebration of Stonehouse will be a display by the Cander Quilters and a Ceilidh in the Public Hall due to the overwhelming success of the last dance. For further information please don't hesitate to contact us at the address given on page 8.

## Mass illusion or has it really started!

No Stonehouse hasn't been living in the twilight zone and isn't experiencing mass illusion, it really has started, honestly! After a quarter a century of protest and campaigning the bypass finally got under way in early June. *cont page 2*



*Spinner Elizabeth Millar before the turn of the century.*



## Doors Open

Yet again the doors are open once again for a new term of the Youth Forum. With new members with new ideas we hope to follow our previous successes of last year with new projects and objectives in providing a better environment and opportunities for the children and young adults of Stonehouse.

If you are aged between Primary 6 to 25 years of age then you are made most welcome to come along to enjoy the activities and ventures the Youth Forum undertake each year.

Planned this year are many ranging items on the programme such as football, netball, badminton, volleyball, hockey, pool, table tennis, board games, crafts such as candle making, wax painting, T-Shirt printing and marbling, discos, computer facilities, the Lantern, photography, cooking, cafe bar, skating, swimming and various other excursions. There is also a Girls Group which has a night of its own and organises its own programme.

We are always open to suggestions for new ideas and open to offers of equipment that may benefit the club. If you have any comments or enquires please contact the Youth Forum either at Stonehouse Primary School or through Hazel Morrison the Chairperson at 19 Townhead Street.

PS. We are still compiling a booklet of recipes and would like to hear your suggestions.



The success can in main be attributed to the residents of Stonehouse under the guidance of the Community Council in bringing about what seemed for years to be a lost cause. But let us not forget we are only half way there, as this is only the first phase of the bypass taking it from Cander Bridge, bypassing the village up until the garage where it rejoins the road. The bypass does nothing to allay the fears of those living on the dangerous stretch of Strathaven Road, though at a recent meeting of the Community Council the Roads Department did say that traffic calming measures would be installed to curb the mainly speeding problem of this road.



The bypass is good news however for all those living on Lockhart Street, New Street, King Street and Townhead Street who have bared the brunt of the noise and damage to property, not forgetting the stress involved. Unfortunately the bypass is to late for some, so lets not leave it too late for those living at the top end of the village and continue to campaign for Stonehouse to be completely bypassed once and for all.

## Stonehouse Library

### Additions to stock

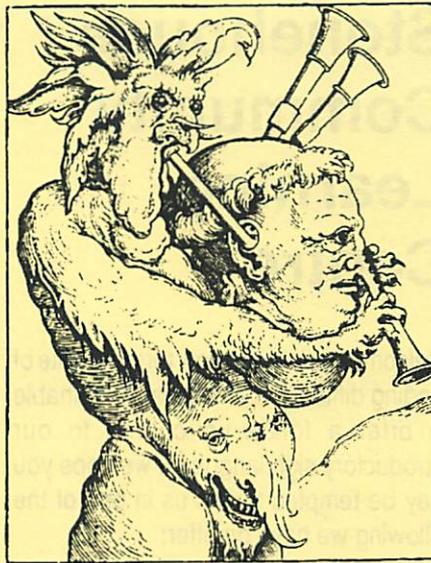
Author	Title	Class
Grace Thompson	Valley in Bloom	Novel
Steve Martini	Prime Witness	Adventure
John McGill	Giraffes	General Novel
Anita Burgh	Overtures	General Novel
Jeffery Archer	Honour Among Thieves	Adventure
Charlotte Bingham	Nanny	General Novel
Barbra Taylor Bradford	Angel	General Novel
William Horwood	Duncton Stone	General Novel
Nelson Mye	Lost Padre	Western
Jack Cummings	Deserter Troop	Western
Kate Proctor	Temporary Affair	Romance
Patricia Wilson	Dangerous Magic	Romance
Robyn Sheffield	A Killing Term	Crime
James Whittaker	Diana v Charles	923.142
Merehurst	Book of Needlework	746.4
Ian Donnachie	Historic New Lanark	335.4
Mary Klinzman	A-Z of Microwave Cooking	641.58

## Gala Day success

Stonehouse this year celebrated 45 years of Gala Day festivals by having what was probably one of the largest events yet held in the village and once again the weather was on our side.

The day itself started with the procession down the main street in which Paterson Playgroup took pride of place as the winners of the best decorated float. An encouraging 8 floats took part along with the many fancy dressed entrants and bands. Also on show this year was the Queen's float, specially constructed to be used every year.

In the park there were more things to do and see than ever before, such as bungee running, sumo wrestling, shooting and the bouncy castles. Much time and effort was put in by the Gala Day committee in making the day the success it was. It is a very demanding, time consuming and stressful time for those involved and one job which is little praised. In order for this years success to continue we must all try to offer what little help we can in preserving what for many children and perhaps adults is the most memorable date in Stonehouse's calendar.



## Gaelic with Angus and Morag

If you feel that you would like to extend your knowledge of Gaelic there shall be classes for beginners Gaelic starting in September at Larkhall Academy. For further information contact Hamilton Community Education South on 888454. Dont forget this October MOD will be coming to you from Airdrie this year.

### Spelling

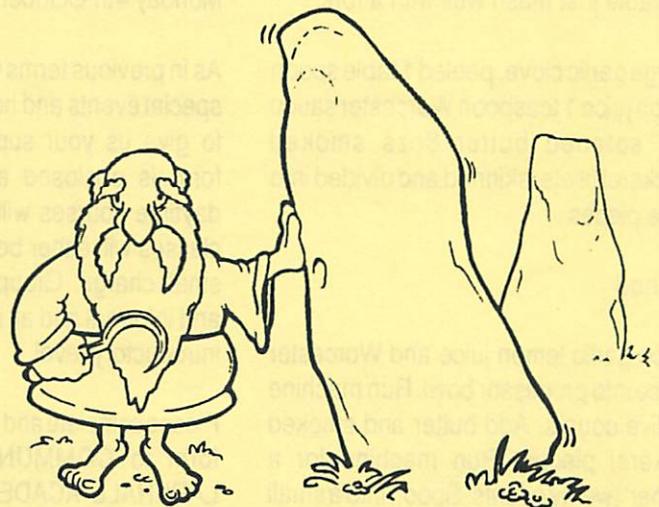
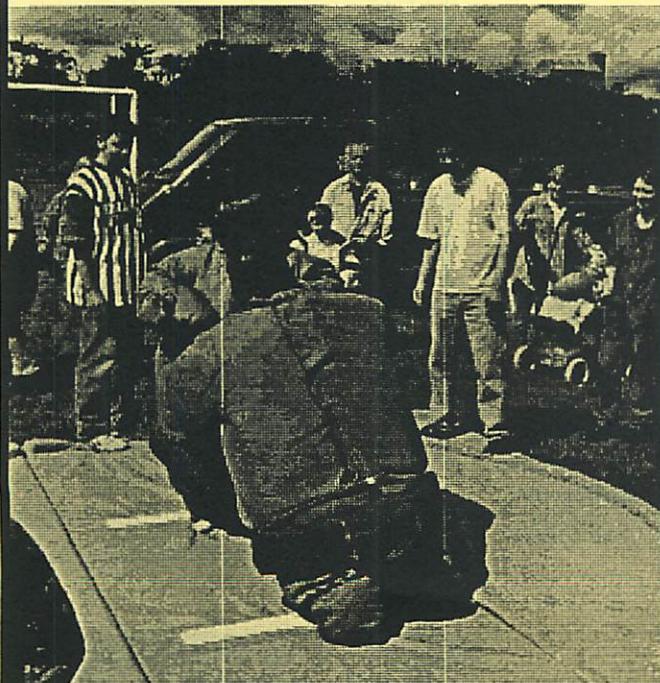
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### Pronunciation

tea  
coffee  
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banyi  
shoecor  
goon shoogar  
cher behir  
jay hashif ageary?  
pinech lager  
zoo orange  
ishki  
ishki behir  
ham e agreary

### Meaning

tea  
coffee  
and  
please  
black  
white  
cup of tea  
good health  
milk  
sugar  
no sugar  
your welcome  
What do you want?  
pint of lager  
fresh orange  
water  
whiskey  
I want



*Stonehouse Heritage Group*



### Smoked Mackerel Pate

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.

If you don't have a food processor available just mash well with a fork.

1 large garlic clove, peeled  
1 table spoon lemon juice  
1 teaspoon Worcester sauce  
2oz softened butter  
8ozs smoked mackerel fillets, skinned and divided into large pieces

#### Method

Place garlic lemon juice and Worcester sauce into processor bowl. Run machine for five counts. Add butter and smoked mackerel pieces. Run machine for a further twenty counts. Spoon into a small bowl. Smooth top evenly with a knife. Cover with cling film. Refridgerate for 2-3 hours or until firm.

## Stonehouse Community Learning Centre

Welcome back to the new term! In spite of funding difficulties which leave us unable to offer a follow-up course to our introductory sign language, we hope you may be tempted to join us in one of the following we have on offer;

### 1. Assertiveness and Confidence Building

This will be an eight week course run in conjunction with the Working Educational Association. It will be held on Monday mornings 9.30am - 11.30am starting on Monday 6th September 1993.

### 2. Handling Stress

This is a ten week course put together by Community Education and the Open University which will look at the ways we handle stress in our lives. It will run from 15th September, every Wednesday morning 9.30am-11.30am.

### 3. An Introduction To Aromatherapy

A short three week introduction to Aromatherapy will be on offer each Monday night 7.00pm - 9.00pm from Monday 4th October 1993.

As in previous terms we also hope to offer special events and hope you will continue to give us your support. An enrolment form is enclosed and, as always, all daytime courses will offer a creche and classes will either be free or carry a very small charge. Groups will be kept small and informal and all subjects will be at an introductory level.

Please complete and return the registration form to COMMUNITY EDUCATION, LARKHALL ACADEMY, CHERRYHILL, LARKHALL or phone me on 0698 888454 with your choice.

Yours sincerely  
Myra Murray

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### Did you know?

You could be fined up to £1000 and receive points on your licence for splashing the public as you drive through a puddle. You'd be guilty of driving without reasonable consideration - this covers any upset or discomfort caused to others because you were not paying due care and attention. If you see a puddle slow down and avoid it, otherwise you could be reported. If you're one of the pedestrians splashed, you can claim for damages in the form of cleaning bills.

### Crime rate down

Recent statistics show that the crime rate in Stonehouse is on a decline. What is a worrying trend over the past year is the rise in serious crime such as the hold-ups at both the Bank of Scotland and the Co-op in which firearms were used and the drugs den at the industrial estate. Our village is probably seen as an easy target because of the lack of policing in the village and the reaction time of the police to get to the incidents reported. Recently however policing has been stepped up on Friday and Saturday nights mainly in the village centre. When reporting a crime phone Larkhall 881100.

### Did you know?

Did you know that the old picture house in New Street, where Top Grade Windows reside was fitted out as a picture house using parts of old ocean liners which had gone out of commission.

Did you know that in 1826 the present road between Stonehouse and Strathaven was formed using the stone from Strathaven Castle.

Did you know that the remains of the Cander mill and the mill wheel can still be seen today on the banks of the Cander.

Did you know Jim McLean of Dundee United used to play for Stonehouse Violet.

# Harry Krishna's Teasers



## By the banks of the Avon

C	B	L	A	C	K	T	U	B	K	D	F	G	H	I	N	E
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- Cander
- Avon
- Kype
- Cot Castle
- Nellies Burn
- Millers Hole
- Bilin Pat
- Neuk
- Todstable
- Holm
- Millholm
- Linthaugh
- Ringsdale
- Powmillon
- Puddock Hole
- Double Dikes
- Viaduct
- Horse Pool
- Black Tub
- Hazel Hole
- Ninian

How many words of three letters or more, no names and no plurals can you make from the word NAISMITH?

## Who will listen ?

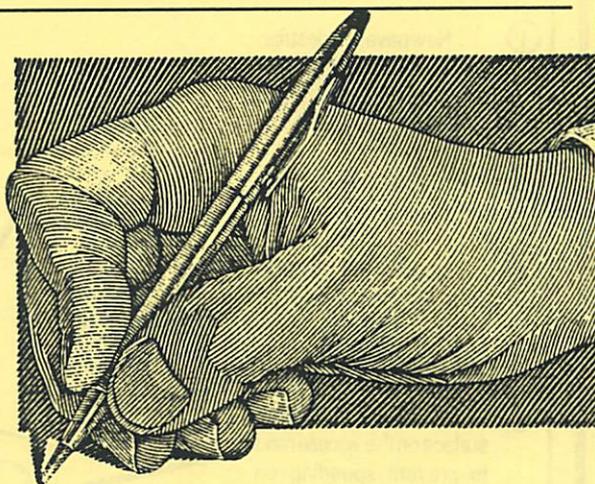
Recently yet another child was knocked down on the West Mains estate. This is not the first time this issue has been raised but when are we going to see a park for our children on the estate. The fault does not lie with the vast majority of motorists as children just don't have any sense of speed or respect for vehicles and as there is no where to play they obviously will play on the road.

Children cannot be locked up 24 hours in the day and to do so would drive most parents insane and so they have little choice in trusting their children to take care when playing outside.

The numbers of near misses on the estate are numerous but until recreational facilities are installed either behind Blinkbonny or Spinningdale then children will continue to risk their live on the roads.

## Useless facts and trivia on Stonehouse

- 1 5033 people live in Stonehouse today.
- 2 There was once a battle fought by the Covenanters on Soddom Hill next to Double Dikes, site of an Iron Age fort.
- 3 Stonehouse bandstand was built for 'The Great Exhibition' in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park in 1911.
- 4 There are four Holy Wells in the Parish thought to cure various ailments.
- 5 There exists a rock known as Fairies Rock where the Cander meets the Avon where it is thought that the fairies would dance at midnight.
- 6 The earth on which the Old St. Ninian's kirk rests was consecrated by the earth from the old graveyard at Glassford.
- 7 Deer and otters have recently been spotted back on the Avon.
- 8 The building in which Ginestri's reside was once a church built in 1772.
- 9 Belive it or not but there were once 11 pubs in the village at a time when the population was half of the present number.
- 10 Jimmy Hill was not born in Stonehouse.





## New look village centre

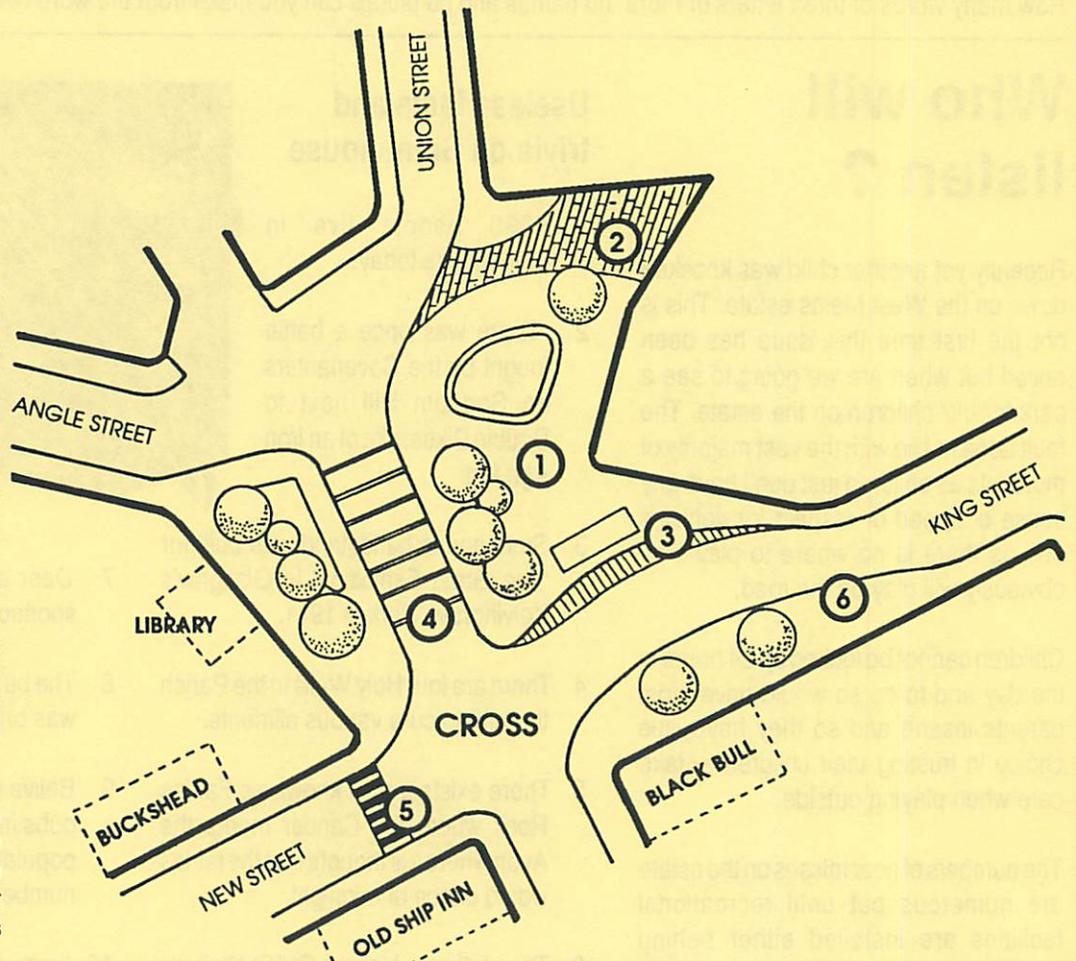
As part of the Stonehouse Local Plan it is the aim of the report that after the bypasses completion, environmental improvements be made to the village centre. This is long overdue, as many of you will agree the Cross has been an eyesore for years with constant vandalism, neglect and traffic congestion.

The village of Stonehouse has attractive surroundings but the Cross is in need of greenery to highlight what should be an attraction of the village. By making the Cross a predominantly pedestrian area, adding trees, shrubs, flowers and better paving we can enhance the image of the village and make Stonehouse a more pleasurable place to live. Shops, pubs and residents of the area too can help and play an important part in this reconstruction by improving the appearance of their premises. The rewards I am sure will

pay for changes made as this project can only increase shop sales, house prices and attract further investment. The time scale on this happening can only be aided by your interest and involvement either by supporting these views through the Community Council or writing to Hamilton District Planning Department in Cadzow Street in support of improving the area round the Cross.

Below are possible improvements to the village centre.

- ① New paved pedestrian only area with surrounding trees, shrubs, flowers and seating .
- ② Cobbled area to allow vehicle access.
- ③ Redesigned bus stop area allowing space for buses to stop and shelter for passengers.
- ④ Cobbled or raised surface on this access road to prevent speeding on what is predominately a pedestrian area.
- ⑤ Zebra crossing replacing existing traffic lights to provide instant crossing in shopping area. Will cut down long waiting time endured at present.
- ⑥ Widened paving, better street lighting in character with surroundings and flower boxes/hanging baskets through out.

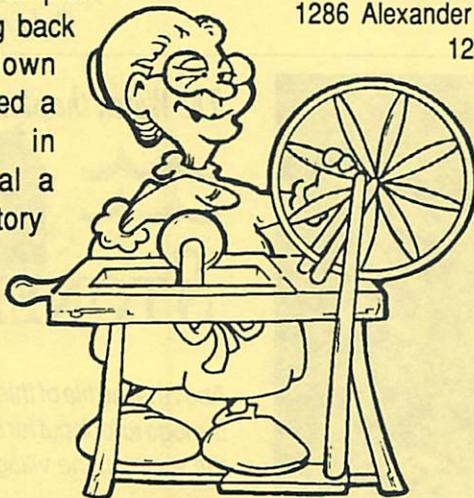


## Cander Pollution

For those unfortunate enough to have to go to work via Canderside Toll during the past 6-8 months you may have noticed the road works on the Cander Bridge. The work was undertaken to strengthen the surface in order to take the weight of the traffic travelling through the village. Obviously this work was an inconvenience but at the same time necessary, but it was noted by a resident of the village that the waste debris used in resurfacing was dumped over the bridge and not taken away. This is not only illegal by the offending contractor but will have caused further pollution to the Cander Water and the surrounding environment. Should there have been someone watching over the progress and finishing of the job, and if so why wasn't the waste cleared.

## New Scottish Bowls Champion from Stonehouse

In Early August Stonehouse celebrated as George Whitelaw of Stonehouse Bowling Club won the Scottish National singles final with a 21-17 victory over heavy favourite and previous champion Rattray. Coming back from 8-1 down George produced a spectacular in bowling to seal a memorable victory which was enjoyed by a large travelling support from the village.



Scottish history from the Roman invasion to Bruce's triumph in 1314.

- AD43 Roman armies began to conquer Britain
- 80 Roman armies under Agricola began the conquest of Scotland
- 84 Battle of Mons Graupius
- 121 (about) Hadrian's Wall built
- 140 (about) Antonine Wall built
- 313 Emperor Constantine became Christian
- 400 (about) Scotland and Hadrian's Wall abandoned by Romans / St. Ninian visited the Picts
- 500 (about) Scots began to arrive from Ireland / St. Columba began missionary work among Picts
- 597 St. Columba died
- 603 Aedan, King of the Scots, defeated by the Angles at Degsastan
- 633 Edwin, ruler of the Angles and Britons, defeated at Hatfield by Catguollaun, King of the Britons, and died
- 664 (about) Synod of Whitby—Oswy, King of the Angles, decided in favour of the Roman church
- 671/2 Pictish army destroyed by Angles
- 685 King Eggrith of the Angles defeated by Picts at Nechtansmere
- 741 Oengus, King of the Picts, defeated the Scots
- 793 First Viking attacks (Lindisfarne)
- 843 Picts and Scots joined together under Kenneth McAlpine, King of the Scots
- 850 After this year the kingdom of the Picts was never heard of again
- 1010 Scots took over Lothian from the Angles at the Battle of Carham
- 1034 Strathclyde and Cumbria became part of Scotland
- 1040 Macbeth killed King Duncan
- 1066 Normans began to take over England
- 1070 Margaret married Malcolm Canmore
- 1072 King William led army into Scotland—King Malcolm promised fealty
- 1093 Malcolm killed fighting the English
- 1124-53 Reign of King David I
- 1138 Scots failed to conquer northern England—defeated at Battle of Standard
- 1175 Scots King forced to accept English King as overlord
- 1189 Richard I of England agreed not to claim to be Scotland's overlord
- 1237 Treaty of York—border with England agreed between Kings of Scotland and England
- 1266 Treaty of Perth—King of Norway gave up all land in Scotland except Orkney and Shetland
- 1278 Alexander 111 called to Palace of Westminster by Edward I to promise obedience
- 1286 Alexander 111 died in a riding accident at Kinghorn
- 1290 Margaret, Maid of Norway, died
- 1292 Edward I of England chose John Balliol as King of Scotland
- 1296 Scotland's fight for independence began
- 1314 English army defeated at Bannockburn—Scotland became independent

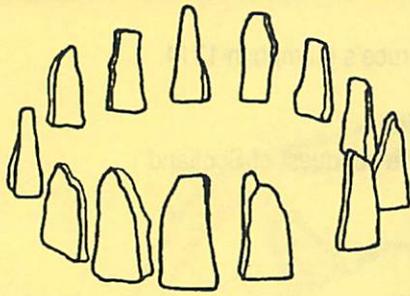
Look out for these forthcoming characters at the next heritage Group exhibition this October as they will be appearing on mugs which shall be for sale to help aid the groups funds.

These funds are vital to the future of the group and to the production of further events in the village.

## Druids Return

we collected 3rd prize in the decorated floats section.

The group also made £77 from a stall at the main event. On show was a copy of the Weaving booklet as which will be available at this years exhibition as will key rings, pens, mugs and photographs of the village in the late 19th century. All proceeds going towards further projects within the village.



### Stonehouse Heritage Group

This year the heritage group highlights the weaving industry by recreating a weavers cottage, depicting the life and conditions the weavers had to endure. For this exhibition a booklet has been compiled which will be available from Stonehouse Public Library. The booklet will however be available for sale at the exhibition.

Handloom weaving was the main employment until the turn of the century in Stonehouse since records of trade in the village began. Over the years there have been various changes in the style of weaving and fabrics produced. Streets such as Camnethan Street were built to cope with the increase in trade but this was not to last as to the end of the nineteenth century saw the decline of the weaving industry.

There shall also be sections on the Druids and the Celtic way of life, the Avon and further research facilities on Stonehouse family history. For anyone wishing to join the Heritage Group or come along to our meeting we can be contacted at 16 Spinningdale, Stonehouse ML9 3QS Tel.792479.

This years Gala Day saw the Heritage Group entering its first Gala float of the Gala celebrations. The theme was the 'Stanes of Stonehouse' on which were four members of the group dressed as druids armed with sickle and rowan tree to ward off the witches of Stonehouse. All the hard work put in proved worth while as



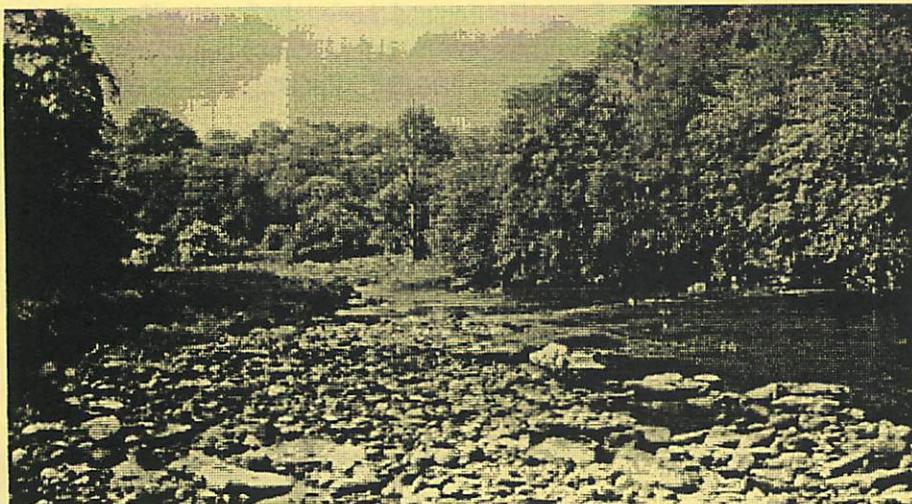
## Botany by the banks of the Avon

The river Avon to this day enjoys many rare plant species along its banks. The Herb Paris is just one of these. The leaves ovate, 4-5 in a whorl, stem one foot high, flower single, terminal on a foot stalk about 2 inches long; roots, purgative; berry, purplish black, considered poisonous (but is said to be a cure of inflammation of the eyes). This plant can be found on the shady banks of the Avon on the north side near the Todstable.

A little further up the Avon braes the Lesser Wintergreen is found. The leaves ovate rotundate crenate; stamens erect, as long as the very short straight style which is included within the flower; stigma large, with five diagonal rays, flowers in a loose cluster, small, drooping, pale rose coloured, on an angular peduncle about five inches high.

*"To train the youth to know the wild flowers of the district in which they reside would be an interesting, instructive, and beneficial method of imparting additional zest into their holiday rambles, and would leave sunny memories in their minds for all future time".*

*Robert Naismith 1885*



### The Water, the Stone and the Wheel



Above is the tile of this years exhibition and the logo to look out for in literature promoting the event in the village.