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STONEHOUSE VIOLET 1909



Stonehouse Violet played their matches in the field to the left of the Holm farm.

The river Avon was only feet from the old clubhouse, so it would be fair to say that many a player would have to go in

the Avon to retrieve the ball just as the author and many others had to do- when playing football on the opposite banking, at the Boogs football field.

This Violet team would have been formed around 1908/09

Stonehouse Violet entered the realms of Scottish Junior Football in 1924. Before joining the Central League, the 'Violet' played in the Lanarkshire Junior League. Taking up residence at the old Station Park they won their first honours in 1935/36, winning the Hozier Cup and the Central Cup in 1936

On moving to Loch Park in 1938 (where they resided until 1956), they won the Hozier Cup, the Central Cup and the Lanarkshire League in their first season. Though never attaining the heights of local rivals

July 1814 This is an extract as it appeared in the Scottish Chronicle.

At Cander Mill Stonehouse, a very wonderful circumstance took place on the 11th of July. As a boy three years of age, was playing near the mill. He fell into the lead, and was carried by the current below the water wheel, whose circumference moves within two inches of the rock. It happened that one of the paddles was broken into the interstice, so formed the boy was providentially borne by the water and thence he was carried round

below the wheel and thrown out upon the bank, apparently lifeless. But he was happily revived by the exertions of his friends and is now with the exception of a slight bruise upon his arm- but otherwise in good health

Larkhall Thistle. The Violet never the less enjoyed great success in the late 30's, 40's and 50's. This success drew the attention of many senior clubs and in the 1948/49 season the following players signed with senior clubs: Donald Gaw (Dunfermline), Dick McCue (Kilmarnock), Bobby Jarvie (Airdrie), Bobby Lambie (Cardiff City), Donald McKenzie (Rangers) and Tiny Nelson (Queen of the South).



Cander Mill

The Mill was situated at the foot of Candermill Road, and was used for storage by the owners during the 1960s

Stonehouse Violet 1909

This nicht as by the fire I sit
Tae aulden times my fancies flit, Tae that
guid team a "fitba' dream" The Stone-house
Violet fitba' team.

I can't just put a year upon it,
I've maybe gone "a wee bit daunert", But
still, the lads I mind sae weel Who's mair
than ordinary fitba' skill.

A lad ca'd Paton kept the goal,
A real clinker, bless ma soul,
Tae pit the ba' by him, I ween
Ye'd need tae hae seen the whites o's een.

In fon' o' him twa staunch, dour backs As
ever barred opponents' tracks,
In Findlay and bold Donal Gaw, A stur-
dier pair ye've never saw.

The richt hauf was a lad McCue, An' o'
his kind there were but few, A brainy
hauf; could read a gemme, An' pit his
mark upon the same.

The grand result, the news flashed roon
Was phoned direct tae Stonis toon,
An' when the team returned, by jings, Were
welcomed like they'd a' been kings

But I've departit frae ma theme, "Git
oan Wull, wi the fitba team". The
inside-right, a chap McKenzie, Whaur
he cam frae
(I think was Lenzie).

His footwark, skill an' dreamlike passes,
Could mak' defenders look like asses,
A natural, an' aye a danger,
He sune became a "Glasgow Ranger".

The centre, Loudon, we ca'd Pownie, A wee
bit scarce o' hair his "crownie", When aff his
heid the crosses flew
` Twad gar opposin' goalies grue.

A local lad, the pride o' Stonis, Nae beauty,
naw, no riae Adonis,
But Pownie lad, when a' s been told, Was
worth his wecht in solid goal.

A handsome chiel at inside-left, Whase
fitba' skills were neat an' deft, A crackin's
shot, his mazy dribbliins, Could tear
defences a' tae ribbons.

Abune six feet, his name was Neilson,
His father was a "Glesca pleeceman".
His black hair plaistered doon an' shiny
The fans, affectionately, ca'd him "Tiny

A centre-half, Dobson's the name
Maist pivots then could pit tae shame
Altho' his parents ca'd him Jimmy
They blundered; his name should' been
"Gimme".

A real "robber", this boy Jim,
Few centres got the best o' him, A little
"temperamental", true, But still, a club
man, thro' an' thro'.

A left-hauf, by the name o' Jarvie A wee
bit inclined tae argie-bargie An' by the
powers, he was a worker An' ne'er at
tacklin' was a shirker.

Ye always kent when he was there, (He aft
got in the referee's hair), But this I'd ne'er
attempt tae hide, A guid man tae hae on
your side.

The richt-wing spot belanged tae Lambie,
A rid heid, "flee'er", an' sure a dandy,
He came frae doon by "Larkie" toon, His
free kicks made the goalies swoon.

This was the Stonehouse Violet team of 1948/49

*The players were back row, left
to right –John Fitzpatrick; Hugh
Findlay;*

*Donald Gaw; John Paton; Dick
McCue; Jimmy Dobson; and Bobby
Jarvie.*

*Front row, left to right-Steve Bunch;
Bobby Lambie; Donald McKenzie-
William Loudon; John Neilsonjohn
Tennant; and Mat Little.*



Once, in the "Cup" (the scene comes ready),
We drew the crack team, Irvine Meadow,
The papers forecast I mind well, They didnae
gi es a chance in Hell.

But Steve Bunch's lads had their ideas
An', two sniffs o' the Irvine breeze, Like
Irvine's fame the'd never heard o'
They went to town, and "mowed the
meadow".

Wee rid heid, Lambie, fu' o' cheek, Pit
Meadow's "gas" in a gey wee peep
Wi a crackin' free kick; a real humdinger,
Which broke the Irvine keeper's finger.

The ba' "like 'twas propelled by jet", Took
up a' the slackness in the net,
This was "the" goal, events soon proved,
An' Violet's boys "wad no be moved".

Tae prove I'm no "shootin' aff ma'
mouth",
He was signed on by Queen o' the South.
Aye, he could shoot, I can see him now,
Pit a hat-trick by the Les-ma-gow.

Oor left-winger, noo pey some heed,
Opposin' right-backs filled wi dreid Could
mak' tham a' look doonricht silly, He was
a proper teasin' billie.

Wee Johnnie Tennant was the name,
Knew every trick in the winger's game,
In mony a game when a' seemed lost He'd
squeeze yin in, jist at the post.
If frae a mix the ba' broke free,
Wee Johnnie had it fu' o' glee,
As if the opening he had sought (He was
a "Johnnie on the spot").

The Junior gemmes, then, were a treat, They
aye had skill (an' sometimes meat), They
ne'er had heard o' "strikers", "sweepers",
But they'd educated feet, an' peepers.

The fitba noo, alas, alack,
I'm pretty sure the game's "gaun back",
Unless it's true what I'm whiles tauld "Yer
bluids gaun thin; ye're growin' auld".

***This was a poem by local Poet
William McCoubrey***

A series of articles on the schools of Stonehouse by Jean Leishman was published in 1973. By way of tribute to her memory.

‘TOONHEID SCHOOL WAS SO COLD THAT PUPILS COULD HARDLY HOLD THEIR PENCILS (1882-1892).

‘The Toonheid’ as this school was generally known in early days was built in 1881 at a cost, including site, of upwards of £2,000. Its location was where the present school is, at the corner of Townhead Street and Sidehead Road.

The first Headmaster, Mr Alexander McIntosh had been teaching in Stonehouse for nine years before the school was built. He came to the village in 1872 as teacher in the Subscription School and two years later he was appointed to the Free Church School in Hill Road where he remained until, under the School Board of Stonehouse, he moved to the Parish School in Townhead Street (Stonehouse Primary).

In common with other local schools, attendances were low during the winter months and also when parents were working at farms during the harvesting and at seed time in the Spring.

During a violent thunder storm in April, 1888, as torrents of rain and hail fell, accompanied by flashes of lightning, which frightened many pupils, the headmaster asked them to sing and this request met with a lusty consent while the storm lasted.

General Lockhart, chairman of the school board in succession to the Rev. James Dunn, requested all schools to observe 12th September, 1889 as a holiday, the occasion being the holding of a bazaar in Cam’nethan grounds (the home

The Heritage Group Need Your Help

Do you have any Stories on local Miners, poems, School photos-news clippings, or any Photographs That you think could be used in our newsletter.

Contact Jim on (792014). Or why not come along to one of our meetings at 4/5 the Cross on the first

Monday of the month

It was on 9th January, 1882 that the ‘commodious, neat and comfortable’ new Townhead Public School was opened by the School Board. General Lockhart and his Lady, accompanied by Miss Dunn (sister of the parish minister) drove up to the gate, receiving a hearty cheer from the scholars, then came the gentlemen of the school board and waiting to meet them were Messrs. Smith (architect), T & J Hamilton (joiners), Park (builder), Brown (painter), and Riddle (plumber).

There were 186 scholars present and all were seated in the largest room. A hymn was sung. Rev. Mr. Dunn opened the proceedings with a prayer and read a chapter from the Book of Proverbs. General Lockhart addressed the assembly and declared the school open. The Revs. Messrs Dunn and Paterson followed with brief addresses chiefly as exhortations to the scholars. The General announced a holiday for the remainder of the day and all dispersed.

of the Lockhart’s) in aid of the funds for the Public Hall.

For the first Local Government election, Townhead School was used as a polling station and the school was closed on 4th February, 1890. There were three candidates, General Lockhart, Mr. Robert Naismith and Mr. Robert Allan. The last was elected.

Evening school work was very satisfactory and gained favourable grants, while day school advanced into 1891 with better results. Mr. Mackintosh devoted much supervision to handwriting and the higher standards were commended for a marked improvement.

The scholars were very tidy and neat, and behaved ‘remarkably well’. The staff consisted of three teachers working with the headmaster and in addition to the three ‘R’s’, Latin, French, Needlework, Singing, Geography and History were taught. The pupils’ ages ranged from 4 to 14 years.

An interesting visit was paid to the school in October 1883 when a former P.T. (pupil teacher) having graduated at Glasgow University accompanied by a friend from Palestine – ‘Sheik Selim Hishmek, guide of Stanley first discoverer of Livingstone’ –heard the pupils sing three songs in their honour.

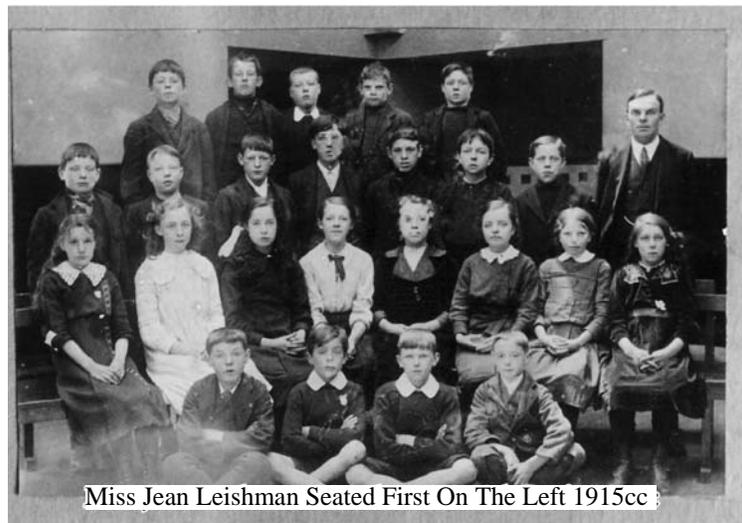
A half holiday was given to the pupils on 1st April, 1887 being the funeral of Rev. James Dunn, chairman of the school board and minister of the parish.

On May 18th, 1888 a similar holiday was given on the occasion of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Public Hall.

Like other schools at this time, the number of scholars exceeded the accommodation and at this date the roll was stated to be 202, but the staff still consisted of three

teachers and the headmaster! On Christmas Day, 1891 the attendance was 171 with 238 on the roll. The headmaster was again reminded by the school board that this number was beyond the limit of accommodation.

In conjunction with Cam’nethan Street School, Temperance lessons were given once every two weeks to Standards V, VI and Ex – VI.



Miss Jean Leishman Seated First On The Left 1915cc

Miner from Stonehouse

Mining was a prominent occupation in the village at one time, the miner in the photograph is John Monie aged 39. As you can see by the photograph that working conditions were often cramped wet and extremely dangerous.

The Photograph was taken in the Broomfield pit around 1954.



COURT TRIALS During the 1800s

Precognition against Abraham Torrance, Andrew Loudon, John Miller, Thomas Craig, John Burns for the crime of mobbing and rioting, and assault Dates 1819 Accused Abraham Torrance, weaver, Address: Stonehouse, Lanarkshire

Andrew Loudon, weaver, Address: Stonehouse, Lanarkshire

John Miller, weaving agent, Address: Stonehouse, Lanarkshire

Thomas Craig, weaver, Address: Stonehouse, Lanarkshire

John Burns, junior, weaver, Address: Stonehouse, Lanark

Precognition against Janet Thomson for the crime of theft by house-breaking at Udston, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire Accused Janet Thomson, country servant, Address: Miller's Land Main Street, Anderston, Glasgow

Precognition against John Corbet for the crime of theft by housebreaking, and resisting, obstructing and deforcing officers of the Law Dates 1833 Accused John Corbet, Age: 19, weaver, Address: Stonehouse, Lanarkshire.

Precognition against Robert Smellie for the crime of sheep-stealing and previous conviction Dates 1843 Accused Robert Smellie, farm servant, Address: Knowetop, Hazeldean, Stonehouse, Lanark

Precognition against Margaret Walker for the crime of child murder, or concealment of pregnancy Dates 1865 Accused Margaret Walker, stepdaughter of Walter Buckley, weaver, Age: 17, Address: Residing with stepfather, Kirk Street

Community Council Meetings 2010-2011

Venue Public Institute 7.30.pm

Schedule is as follows
Mon 15th Nov 2010
Mon 20th Dec 2010
Mon 17th Jan 2011
Mon 21st Feb 2011
Mon 21st March 2011

All Minutes of the Community Council can be accessed on their website www.community-council.org.uk/stonehousecommunitycouncil

Definitions for terms used in Coal Mining

After-damp gas left after an explosion containing a large quantity of carbon monoxide

Bing - a heap e.g. of coal, debris or colliery waste

Blaes - mudstone or shale not containing much bituminous or carbonaceous matter, but generally sufficient to give a dark blue ('blae') colour

Blind pit, or bore - a shaft or bore drilled upwards or downwards from an underground position, and not reaching the surface of the ground.

Bottomer - person who loads and unloads the cages at the bottom or intermediate landings in a shaft

Brattice - partition in mine to regulate ventilation or support sides or roof, brattice cloth- canvas sheet for regulating ventilation in mine

Brush - to remove part of the roof or pavement by blasting or otherwise in order to heighten the roadway, hence brusher

Brushing - strata above or below a worked seam taken out in the making of roads

Buntin or bunton - wooden cross-stay in a shaft; a support for shaft slides

Cuddie - A weight mounted on wheels; a loaded bogie, used to counter-balance the hutch on a cuddie brae,

Cuddie brae- an inclined roadway, worked in the same manner as a self-acting incline, the cuddie serving as a drag on the full hutch running down

Cundie - the unfilled space between the pack walls after the coal has been removed, in steep long-wall workings, a narrow roadway without rails, down which mineral is rolled to be loaded into hutches at the bottom; a small roadway or air course

Dook - an inclined roadway

Downcast shaft - The shaft down which the clean air descends to ventilate the underground workings

Firedamp - methane gas naturally found in coal seams - highly inflammable and explosive.

Holing - the excavation of a thin layer of soft material beneath, above, or in centre of a coal seam, as a preliminary to working it; or the layer so excavated.

Hutch - receptacle in which coals are conveyed from the face, formerly a type of basket, now a box-like wheeled truck

Hutch pin - a miner's tally put on a hutch to indicate the hewer who filled it

Hutch pinning - to substitute dishonestly one's own tally for another's on a more fully loaded hutch

Hutch road - line of rails on which hutches run

Kettle - cylindrical or barrel-shaped vessel of wood or iron, used to raise and lower materials and men during the sinking of a pit

Lipe or lype - a small intrusion or irregularity in the joints of a coal-seam

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