



The Stonehouse Lantern

Back on Forum

On the 19th of August the Youth Forum opened its doors once again and looks forward to another successful year. This year they have moved up the corridor of Stonehouse Primary to their new residence in rooms 7 and 8. These rooms will be upgraded and furnished providing better facilities for the Youth Forum and other organisations who wish to use the facilities.

The Youth Forum is open to all who wish to join from the ages of first year at secondary school to 18 years of age. The club offers a wide range of activities and excursions this year. For anyone wishing to come along we are open between 7-9.30pm on a Monday.

The Youth Forum's annual A.G.M. will be held on October 7th at Stonehouse Primary.

Lantern expands

Due to the Lantern's success in its previous three issues the Youth Forum are now expanding the magazine's scope by bringing in local youth clubs and groups to further inform Stonehouse of the range of activities that take place within the village and inform the residents of local news.

If any one of any club within Stonehouse wishes to place an article in the magazine please contact either John Young at 3A Kirk Street or the Youth Forum.

Youth Forum visit to Grantown on Spey

by Adrienne Shrew

Sunday 4th August

7.45am - Left Stonehouse to travel to Grantown on Spey - Sick on Fiona's cardigan - didn't tell her - She thought I'd burst a can of soup. Strange coincidence three other cans of soup burst on route - diced carrots everywhere.

12 noon - Arrived at Grantown on Spey. During the afternoon we visited Landmark - I thought this was going to be a furniture store - turned out to be an adventure playground - everyone acted like weans - John Gavin was the biggest wean of all !



The Gang

Evening - This evening we went to a ~~Kaylee Cagley~~ ~~celebration~~ Scottish dance - not a lot of dancing - looked forward to strip the willow but everyone kept their clothes on. John Gavin sang - What can one say? It was like drawing your nails across a blackboard. Walked home in the dark - scared stiff - dark stain on trousers - hope nobody noticed.

Monday 5th

Upearly - just as well I don't need beauty sleep. Went to Loch Morlich and to the top of Cairngorms - chair lift frightened the soup out of me again. *contd.*

Ice skating at Aviemore - big split in George's trousers - nice Paisley pattern on Y's. Did the Conga on ice - great - Janel went for a ride in a helicopter with Captain George or was it General George and his flying carpet - Glad it wisnae me - Played "Dare" at night - Hazel had smelly socks on her hair - she left with a green halo and an unpleasant aroma.

Tuesday 6th

Hired bikes - saw Osprey's at Boat of Garten - John Gavin was excited by seeing these birds that he nearly had an accident - strange stain on shorts. Lunch at Loch side - wasn't wholemeal bread but pan loaf with midges - tasted nice though. Sunbathed beside river - cycled to shop for ice-cream - was shut - what a bummer!

Wednesday 7th

Returned bikes - saw a tandem - John Gavin had one when they first were fashionable - went swimming in Elgin - First time Iv'e had a wash since I left Stonehouse. Visited R.A.F. Lossiemouth - only two planes - maybe the rest were (cammy flajed) hidden.

Thursday 8th

Grantown on Spey cattle show - stood in a pile of dung - must remember to take some home for dad's roses - Went swimming in sea - freezing cold - Bought a real Italian pizza in Elgin - bought it from this guy called Hamish. At the pictures - saw Robin Hood- Prince of Thieves - must learn archery.

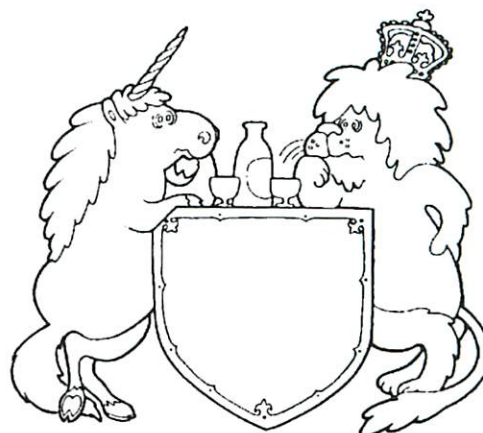
Friday 9th

Waited for Pat - didn't arrive - still looking for his lip! - Lunch at Highland Wildlife Park - saw a cow with big horns and a long woolly coat - didn't say moo like the other cows - said something like "Och nae noo" so John says. Went to Disco in Legion - First time Iv'e ever been at a Rave where the music is supplied by a piper.

Saturday 10th

Left Grantown on Spey to travel home - I never want to see another can of soup in my life - must remind mum never to give me diced carrots.

*Hazel Morrison,
Fiona Walker and Susan Walker*



Scottish Roots

Have you ever thought who your ancestors were? Where they lived? What their occupations were? These are just some of the questions that could be answered if you consider tracing your family tree.

The number of amateur Genealogists has grown rapidly over the last few years. This can be seen by the number of Family History Societies that have emerged and how busy New Register House in Edinburgh has become. New Register House is the place to go once you have done some initial investigation as it contains everything you require for your research :

- Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates (1855 - Present)

- Census information (1841 - 1891)

- Old Parochial Records

and much much more.

If you are interested in tracing your own roots then read on and I will try to give you a few pointers to get you started.

Before you start you must decide on what family line you are going to follow. By this I mean which surname you will trace. You could choose your own surname (the most common), your mothers maiden name, grandmothers maiden name etc etc. I would suggest that you only choose one surname to search due to the amount of information you will eventually collect.

The next stage is to find out as much information as possible from the oldest members of your family. Have you a Grandfather/Grandmother still living. If so then get talking to them about their brothers, sisters, mother, father, where they lived etc etc. The million dollar question is of course if they can give you details on their own mother and father. If so you are back another generation. If you have no grandparents living then you must accumulate as much information as possible from the members of your family_

You are now off and running.....

It is relatively easy to get back to the early/mid 19th Century because in Scotland in 1855 birth,death and marriage certificates were introduced by law. Once your search gets further back then you need to rely on census returns and old parochial records (church records) which are less informative and less accurate.

The next step requires a trip to New Register House in Edinburgh to examine the births, deaths and marriages certificates. It will also cost money. At the time of writing this article I can't remember the exact cost of searching the certificates but it is around £10 for a day ticket.

Birth, death and marriage entries are now held mostly on computers and are arranged in male/female/date order. In other words for my own birth entry I would look at

"Male Births 1963"

There is a procedure to follow which will enable you to get back into your family history without too much fuss. I will try and explain, assuming you know absolutely nothing about your family.....

1. Firstly let us look at your own birth certificate. This certificate holds vital information. For example your own full name, place of birth and the "big one" the name of your parents and when and where they got married.

This last piece of information allows you to search for your parents marriage certificate as you now know where they were married and the date.

2. Now consult the marriage entries (on computer) using your parents marriage date to search. You will obtain a number (which relates to the area/parish your parents were married). You will then fill in a form which will be put in a queue. Once your name is called a steward will take you to see the actual certificate. Remember to take a pencil and paper and write down everything you see.

3. The information is vast on this certificate. The most important aspects are :

- ages of bride and bridegroom (you can then work out their birth dates and check the corresponding birth certificates for their parents marriage date and place)

- the names of the parents of the bride and groom (you are now back another generation)

4 You would then follow the same routine by searching on the date of birth for say the bridegroom to get the date and place of his parents marriage Then search their marriage certificate and your back another generation

I hope this is relatively easy to follow and you have found it of some interest. There is one thing I should have possibly said at the beginning of this article and that is that New Register House only contains entries for Scotland. So if you or your ancestors were born anywhere else you will need to go to that country to carry on the search. I recently found out that my great great grandfather was Irish. So I'm stuck unless I can stump up enough dosh for a trip to Ireland.

If anyone is interested in tracing their family tree then I would be glad to assist in getting them started. Just drop me a note at the following address. It would help if you could write down as much information as you know about the "line" you are going to research.

Mr Lindsay Greenock, 5 Todstable Gardens, West Mains, Stonehouse, ML9 3NY.

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A Green Dream

King Street today

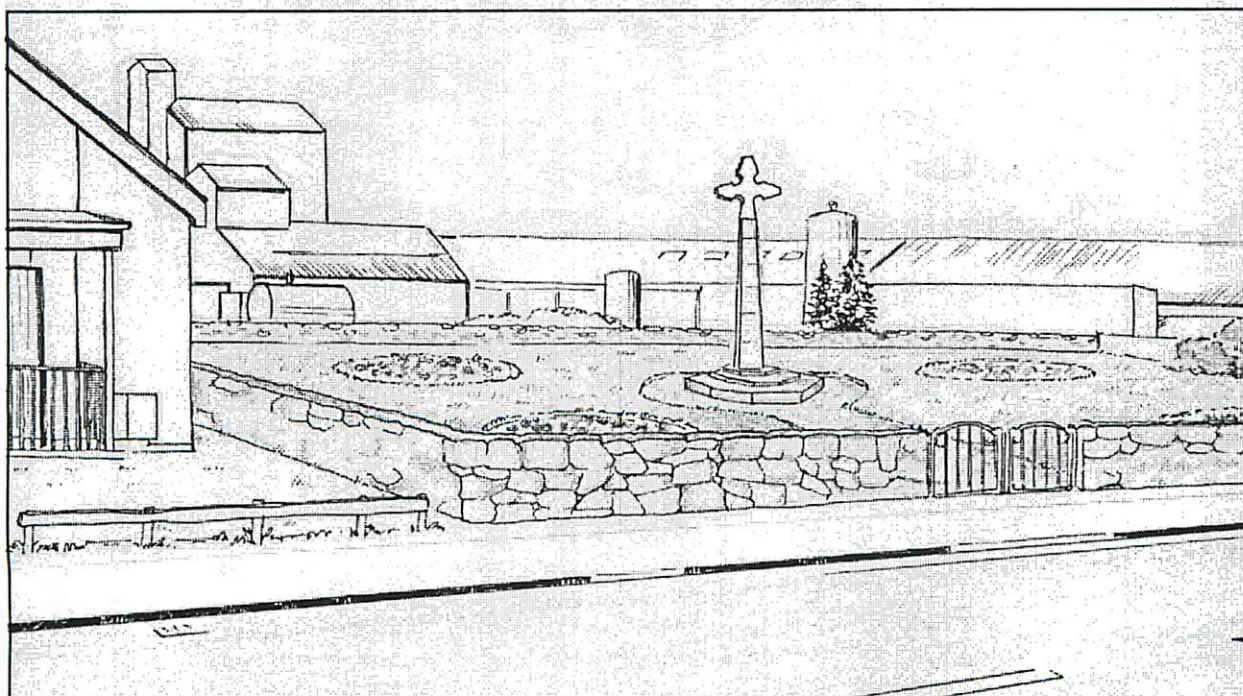


For many, the remains of the tenements in King Street is not only an eye-sore but it provides ammunition for our local vandals to rain upon the residents houses at King Street.

What we don't need done with this waste area is another eye-sore built in its place or yet another home for the elderly. What Stonehouse needs is to build upon its potential and enhance its image. This can be done by giving Stonehouse its first village green which would provide a focal point for the inhabitants of Stonehouse and giving travellers through the village a more pleasant view than the one they presently have to pass.

This adventurous idea does not need to be extravagant or costly. I'm sure that if the population were behind the idea, those concerned would take note of the needs of the residents of Stonehouse. Then they might see that our visions are not dreams and that with a little thought and encouragement can become reality.

King Street Tomorrow ?



The By-pass Saga goes on and on and on

How many more must die? That is the question every villager is asking themselves over the decision yet again to postpone the Stonehouse by-pass.

How many more of our children must die before someone will take notice of our plight? How many more years can our houses take the constant punishment of the heavy traffic thundering through our village?

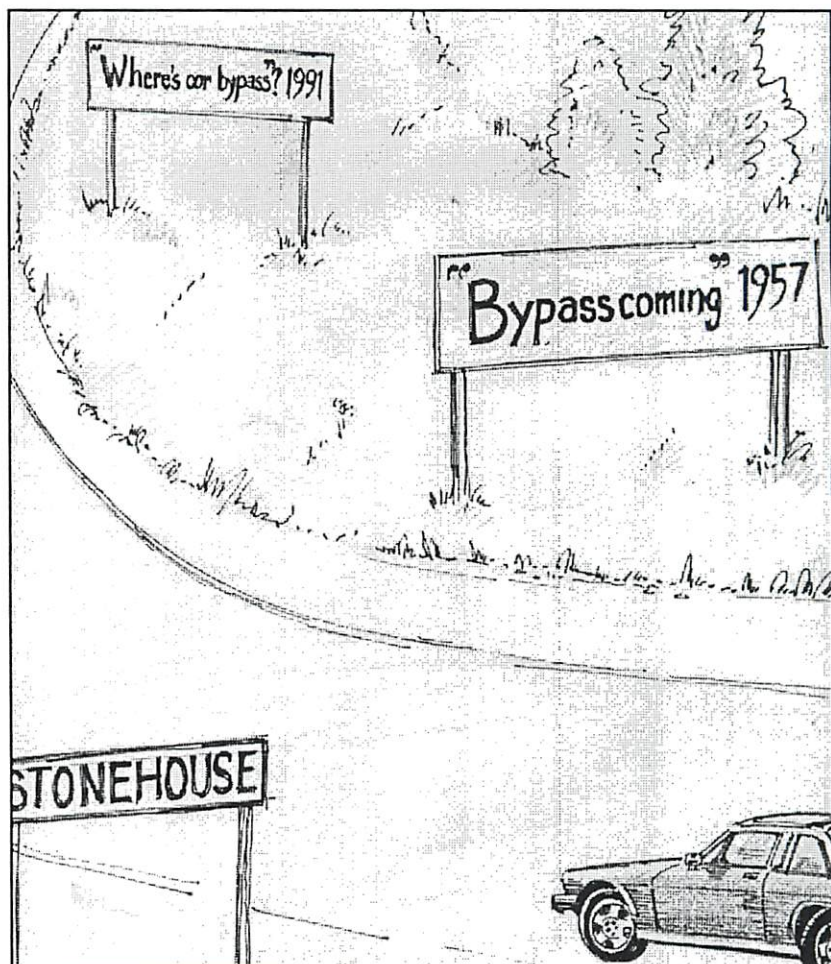
At one of many recent meetings on the by-pass, one woman commented that she moved into the town 25 years ago, buying a house in Townhead Street. She commented on the traffic before buying the house but was told "Don't worry, there is a by-pass coming"!

Not a week goes by without an accident happening on our roads. Lockhart Street resembles the scene of a bombing target range with cars buckled and streets cratered and broken up with the heavy traffic which travels through daily. If the planners thought we needed a by-pass in 1958 what would they have thought if they had foreseen the traffic congestion in 1991? We are told roads are repairable and cars are replaceable, but what of our dead children, how are they replaced? I myself have been a casualty of the roads when I was younger, but I was lucky, I'm still here to tell the tale.

Yes, once again this village has been sold down the river, forgotten about. How many broken promises can we take? No more I say, for now is the time for action. Not always is the pen mightier than the sword. Our campaign must be visual so that all may see

our plight and the stress we suffer. This village has taken enough lies and broken promises. So I plead to the village to stand together and support the forthcoming campaign to bring a by-pass to Stonehouse.

Maybe one day the local people of this village can once again be proud to say "I belong to Stonehouse" for we have the support and potential to again become one of the most beautiful villages in Lanarkshire, but until that day Mrs X will just have to keep moving her bedroom wardrobe back against the wall when the heavy haulage passes her door.



Events that have passed by since the proposed By-pass

- 1958 Stonehouse by-pass 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 Still waiting for Stonehouse by-pass

R.P.G

The Dream Factory

What are Role Playing Games ?

Role Playing Games or R.P.G can be described as many things. The most common misconception is that it is a game of soldiers, which it is not. The correct view is that it is an entertaining form of drama.

It is what it says - role playing. You create and control a character and live a little through him/her i.e. If you so wish you could become Robin Hood, King Arthur, Batman or Judge Dredd. However, R.P.G. most importantly is a game; a game which is played for fun.

Types of Games

There is realistically an unlimited amount of games - anyone can be catered for. The following games are however the most popular :-

1. *Advanced Dungeons and Dragons (Ad & d)*
2. *Warhammer Fantasy Role Playing (WFRP)*
3. *Golden Heroes*
4. *Warhammer Fantasy Battle*
5. *Star Wars*
6. *Rune Quest*

There are many other games systems but only you can decide which to play, so come along and join in and let your dreams become reality!

Who to Contact

If you wish to join the club or want more information please feel free to contact the following people at Stonehouse Youth Forum or phone any of these numbers:-

Danny McLeish (17) 792628

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Billy Whiteford 792875

Jason Houston

Mind Bender



by Harry Krishna

There are three men in a boat in the middle of the Atlantic. Each man has a cigarette with them. There are no matches on the boat and there is no apparent means of lighting their cigarettes. How do the men light up their cigarettes?

Answer on back page.

International It's a Knock-out

On Wednesday 31st July Stonehouse Youth Forum took part in a It's a Knock-out competition in Earnock High. It was held for a German exchange group who were staying in Hamilton. Unfortunately the Youth Forum did not do very well. We only won two games of Unihoc and lost 3 games of Basketball and 3 games of football. By the end of the day a certain member of the team who will remain anonymous showed his true colours and went off and played football with the Earnock team just to impress a young lady in their team but all in all a good day was had by all.

That night a Disco was held in the Thistle Inn which was also a great success. The German's enjoying real high quality music like "Donald wheers yer troosers".

John Gavin

Poetry Corner

The Seaside

The sand ; It tickles my toes,
The sand ; What its made of no one knows.

The sea crashing
The seawaves thrashing

The froth from the sea
The froth ; It plays with me.

The boats floating up and down
The boats shape - Looks like a frown!

The rocks - High and low
The rocks - Ow! I hurt my toe
Oh! I wished they'd go

When I get home
I'll wish I'd stayed here
Nothing to harm you
Mind you, I could just read my poem
Remember all the things that happened
With the seagulls chatting
With me, only me
For who else could they talk with
Because there is only me
Here by the sea.

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Nowhere to Go

I run run as fast as I can
To where; I don't know
I run into an alleyway
And sleep till morning shall show.
I wake up lonely and cold
Because all I am is a little boy
With nowhere to go.

I check my pockets and see
How much money is left
£10.52 is not much, but it will do
I look around, no-one to see
But me, me, me.

I run to the station and catch a train
"To Victoria please" I say
I get off the train
I look around with people everywhere
I go out into the street and see
Flashing lights- flashy cars.
I see people going to and fro
All with somewhere to go

But all I am is a little boy
With nowhere to go.

I walk down the street and see a shop
I go in and buy some coke and crisps
After that I check my money
£2.29 is not much but it will do
It gets dark and cold
I find an alley - cold and miserable
But it is all I can afford
I lie down and think
That I will go home tomorrow
I hope its not too late!
I lie down and go to sleep
With a cardboard box as a bed

In the morning I feel myself; Superior, the best
But then I look down on all the people
Oh no It can't be- not me.
I see a person ,just like me
Sleeping, thats all

Then an old woman comes along And sees me
lying there She shakes me as hard as she can
Do I waken? no. So I am dead.

I should have listened to my friends
They all said
Stick it out - Dont run away.
That will be like giving in.
Thats what my body had done.
But remember...

All I am is a little boy
With nowhere to go.

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Music

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Deacon Blue - Fellow Hoodlums

Having already tasted success with "Raintown" "When the world knows your name" and "Ooh Las Vegas", Scotland's finest have released their fourth album - "Fellow Hoodlums". With the exception of "The day that Jackie jumped the Jail", "Twist and Shout" and "One day I'll go walking", the album is made up of ballads. The title track of the album "Fellow Hoodlums" contains lots of Glasgow street life (e.g. Buchanan St., Tizer, St. Enoch's and Hampden). Not quite as good as its predecessors, but well worth a look if you're a fan.

Rating 7 out of 10

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The Happy Mondays are releasing a bootleg album of their June Elland Road gig. The album named "Baby Big Head" will contain 14 tracks and is a White label limited edition, so anybody wanting a copy better be quick.

The Soup Dragons new single wildly named "Electric Blues" is due for release on the 19th of August. Having heard it once on radio, I can say that it is pretty darn good.

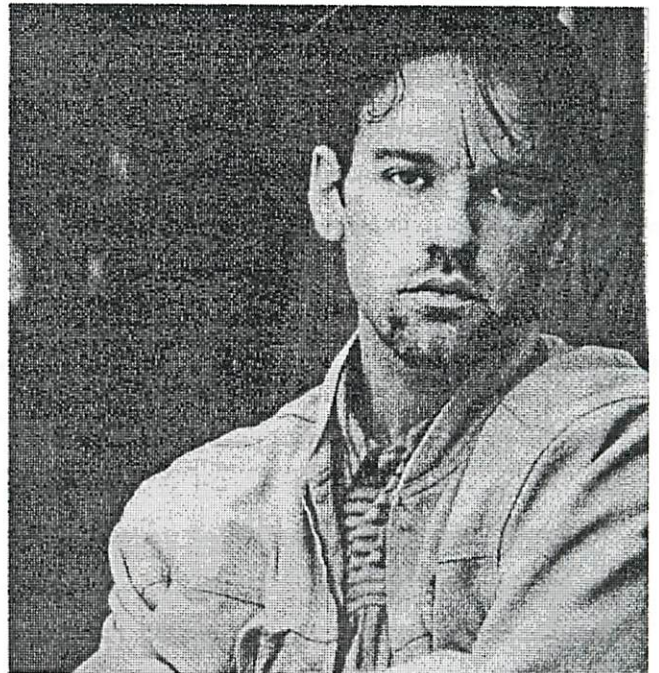
R.E.M. have received the most nominations in MTV's annual video music awards for their superb single "Losing my religion".

Meatloaf has re-released his top selling album "Bat out of hell". The album sold over 2 million copies first time round.

SINGLE OF THE MONTH SINGLE O

R.E.M. - Near Wild Heaven

This is the third single to be taken off their massive selling album "Out of Time" which is my favourite album this year. A rather unique little number, as it is the only R.E.M. single out of 18 that doesn't feature Micheal Stipe on lead vocals. Instead, Bass player Mike Mills takes lead vocal, with Stipe and Bill Berry on the backing vocals. Pure class.



Micheal Stipe (Above) R.E.M.'s Near Wild Heaven. The best yet ?

Deacon Blue - Twist and Shout

No, this is not a cover version of the old Beatles classic. Written by Ricky Ross, it is a neat little love song. Lorraine McIntosh sets the song alight with some excellent backing vocals. Arguably the best song on the album.

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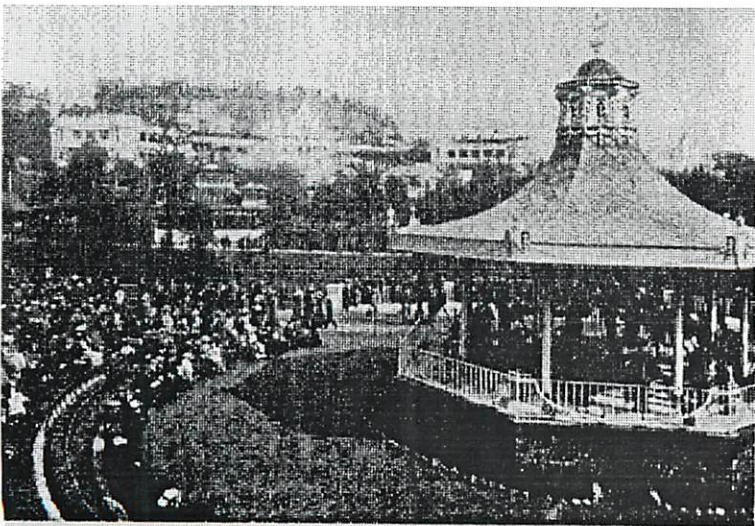
Note. We would also like to hear from other youth clubs within Stonehouse who would be interested in placing any articles in the magazine.

Jazz & Blues



Bandstand Blues

During the summer the Alexander Hamilton Memorial Park was the scene of a free concert by James Cowan and his Jazzmen. On a glorious sunny Sunday afternoon over 100 people attended the concert staged on the bandstand, situated in the beautiful setting of the Avon valley. For two hours the audience was treated to the sounds of jazz from the past and present.



The Bandstand Pavilion 1911

The bandstand itself is 80 years old this year and was originally built for a Scottish exhibition of History, Art and Industry. The pavilion was situated at Kelvingrove Park in Glasgow and was later dismantled and transported to Stonehouse where it was altered to accommodate a cafe and shelter.

It was only recently that the bandstand had to be returned to its original state due to vandalism. Personally I think it has regained its character by losing the surrounding facing but as always could do with a coat of paint!



The Bandstand Pavilion 1991

During its time it was the scene of many orchestral and band performances and these days may yet return transforming it to its former glory.

In the future the Youth Forum's magazine hopes to inform the village of forthcoming events at the bandstand and hopes the village will support its revival.

- The answer to Harry Krishna's problem is that one of the men throw a cigarette overboard to make the boat a cigarette lighter!

Down Memory Lane



The Youth Forum's Egyptian float at the Gala Day

The Youth Forum would like to send
a sad farewell but best wishes
to Fiona Morrison who hopes to start a Nursing Degree
at Dundee Institute in the coming week