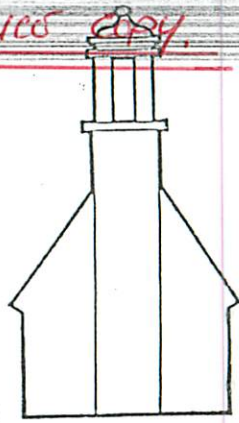
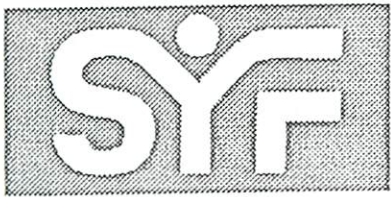


The Stonehouse Lantern



Forum A.G.M.



On Monday 21st October the Youth Forum held its A.G.M. The meeting was open to all members and was well attended. The members elected the following office bearers to lead the Youth Forum into the coming year :- Chairperson - Susan Walker, Treasurer - Fiona Morrison and Secretaries - Fiona Hanlan and Michelle Breen.

The committee agreed on a membership registration fee of £1.00 and 25p each week for attending the club. The date agreed for the membership fee to be in was set at November 25th 1991. When reading the clubs annual audits the balance was very favourable but it was agreed by all that fund raising was necessary to furnish the rooms used by the Forum. The committee spent the remainder of the night programming the future months ahead which included trips to Butlins and the Time Capsule.

The programme kicks off with a halloween party dodging treacle butties and doukin for apples.

The Youth Forum would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Eileen Morrison for all her work in auditing the books for the club.

Swamp Monster found in Avon

Yesterday top British scientists were exploring the depths of the river Avon after members of the Youth Forum came in contact with a creature from beneath the surface. The swamp monster is thought to have come from the iceage and has been in a state of hibernation.

The girls came across the creature when a team taking part in a scavenger hunt were fishing for newts in the Avon off the bridge. To their surprise they thought they had caught a huge 4ft newt, but to their disappointment there were no bonus points.



A police artist tried to get an illustrated description of the monster. The scientists when seeing this asked if this was a description of the girl who found the creature.

Experts say this creature could be the greatest find this century but that the swamp monster should not be approached as it may be suffering from shock after emerging from the depths of the Avon to be confronted by four local girls.



Stonehouse Heritage Group

"Lets go to the Stanes" was the cry of the druids as they made their way to the stones, a place of pagan worship. This is one theory that has been put forward on the origins of Stonehouse. Recently set up in the village has been the Stonehouse Heritage Group headed by Dr. David Duncan. The group was originally going to be called the Stonehouse Heritage Trust but the abbreviation of this wasn't quite the image the group was looking for.

The group hopes to link Stonehouse's historical past with community education within the village, especially the younger members of the community who know little or nothing of our villages background.

The group aims to hold events within Stonehouse providing a greater awareness for all ages within the community of our heritage. Its target being to encourage residents within the village to take a greater interest in the development of Stonehouse and maintaining its historical background.

If there is anyone who has information in the form of old photographs, memorabilia, films or general information that may be of interest to the group please contact us through our secretary at:-

Helen Murray
Stonehouse Heritage Group
3A Kirk Street
Stonehouse ML9 3LR

Note: The standing stones of Stonehouse have been rediscovered near Glassford at a house known as Avon House. For the next issue we shall try to get a photograph of the stones.

Youth Forum date with Prince Edward

On the 16th of November members of the Youth Forum and the Girls Group will be taking part in an event in Bell College to honour the 35th anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. The event also launches the Hamilton Youth Trust which the Youth Forum plays a role in organising and running, along with other youth groups from Hamilton District.

Working with community education and local businesses the Hamilton Youth Trust aims to provide funding for youth initiatives within the district.

The day itself comes under the umbrella of the Arts Factory. The Arts Factory will be showing a wide range of the arts including art, drama, dance and music. The Girls Group will be contributing by demonstrating mask making.



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Susan Walker of the Youth Forum will personally be guiding Prince Edward round the exhibitions. The thought that Edward still remained young, free and single didn't appeal to her, apart from his money. The only palace she plans to stay in is her house in Union Street.

The day will be televised all over Scotland and will be shown on STV's N.B. before the event takes place. Also keep an eye out in the local papers for news of the Youth Forum's involvement in the big-day.

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Barbeque a roasting success

The Youth Forum held its 3rd barbeque in early October in Stonehouse Primary School. For the first time since they started holding barbeques there were no casualties in Stonehouse emergency ward.

The night was a complete success and was started with a scavenger hunt organised by John Gavin. All the competitors had to bring back items for points such as:- A cowboy boot, a minister's signature and a buttered piece. John collected all the buttered pieces later and used them for his packed lunch next morning.

After the scavenger hunt the competitors were treated to such delicacies such as sausages, barbequed ribs and mouldy hamburgers.

The Dream Factory

The R.P.G. club has been running now for 4 weeks and has been very successful with nightly attendance of 16 participants.

The main games in use at the moment are Advanced Dungeons and Dragons, Hero Quest, Blood Bowl and Space Hulk. The club is intending to expand the number of games offered at the present moment, particularly the AD and D mass battles rules supplement and figures.

Castle Creation

At the moment the club has at its disposal the materials necessary for the construction of a medieval castle and surrounding landscape. The club requires anyone who has prior knowledge and experience of model construction to lend a hand. Also required in the near future shall be model or figure painters.



How to join

If you wish to join the club or help the club in any way, then you are more than welcome to come along on a Wednesday night at Stonehouse Primary or contact the following people at the Youth Forum:-

Danny McLeish (18) 792628 or
Scott Mackie (17) 793661

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

environmental issues

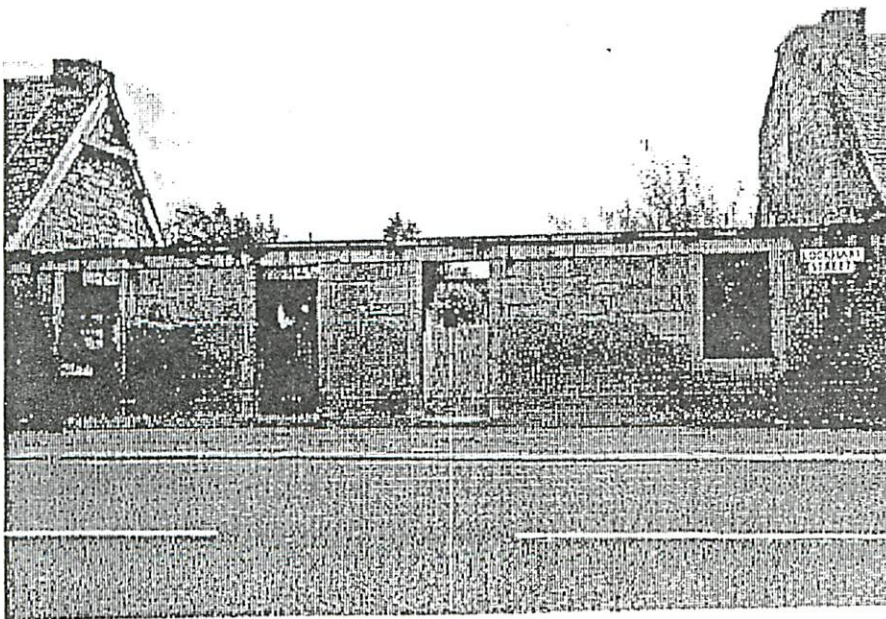
The "Domonie" under threat of demolition

One of Stonehouse's last remnants of the past is under threat after the Congregational Churches plan to sell off the Camnethan Street School, demolishing it for further development. Built in 1898 this building has served Stonehouse for nearly a century both as a school and as a centre for local organisations. The school closed in 1947 and the children were relocated to Townhead Street school.

Now this fine sandstone building is facing destruction unless a plan can be made to save the school. The potential of Camnethan Hall is limitless as it provides several rooms, a hall and cooking facilities. It would be a shame for the community to lose such an asset, for not only would we be losing another landmark of Stonehouse but we would also be losing a part of our heritage.

Juggernaught Corner

For all its beautifully kept gardens and picturesque weavers cottages Lockhart Street has had to put up with the constant eyesore of the ruined remains of two desolate cottages which have been there for longer than most of us can remember. Apart from being a constant annoyance to the residents of Lockhart Street and New Street it cannot be good news for the image of Stonehouse for those who have to pass through the village en



route to the coast. One day we may see this building coming down sooner than we expect, as how many times have we seen lorries cutting this corner into Lockhart Street narrowly avoiding oncoming traffic.

Only the other day I heard that the buildings concerned were due to come down when the "By-pass" comes to Stonehouse!



Village turns Green

Since our last issue highlighting the problems of the land directly across from the local Co-op, a move has been made by the planning department to list this plot of land within the conservation area. This prevents building on the land which has already been cleared of debris and seeded for grassing in the coming year.

This move by the planning department is all part of a policy to double the amount of listed buildings within the area in the coming year, preserving the image and historical past of the village. Already the re-development of Stonehouse has taken its toll. Only through local support and campaigning can we preserve our environment.

Avonside Track Club



Avonside Track Club was formed 7 years ago by a group of coaches who split from Stonehouse A.A.C. To begin with the club had 3 coaches and 11 athletes. With no facilities and only the A71 to run along

the club could have folded at any time.

However to the contrary Avonside Track Club soon began to flourish and this year were promoted to Division 2 of the Scottish and North Western League after winning the Division 3 title. Avonside will be up against tough opposition next year against the like of Johnnie Walker, Kilmarnock and Ian Skelly Law and District. and as you can see these clubs have a sponsor and Avonside dont.

Avonside have a dedicated committee and 11 dedicated coaches who work tirelessly to keep the club afloat and turning out winning performances from the athletes. Avonside Track Club have a number of Scottish Internationalists past and present in many different disciplines.

These are:- Cross Country

Yvonne Ewing

Carole Leitch

Gillian Leitch

Track

Carole Leitch (Scottish Sch.)

Field

Margaret Wilson - Javelin

George Mathieson - Shot

Yvonne Ewing was the first member of track club to represent Scotland over cross country in 1988 and at present is working to regain full fitness from a knee injury she sus-

The following year Carole and Gillian Leitch represented Scotland in cross country

and have done on numerous occasions. Although 15 years of age they are still prominent figures in Scottish athletics. Carole represented Scottish schools this year over 1500m. She was the youngest competitor in the race and still managed to finish forth. She has also represented Scottish schools cross country in Ireland. Carole and Gillian have both represented the West District team in cross country and Carole has done the same on the track.

Margaret Wilson won the Scottish Schools Championship for the first time in 1989 throwing the javelin, although only 12 years of age at the time and Stonehouse's youngest ever Scottish Champion. Margaret qualified to represent Scotland in the Celtic nations. Margaret has also represented West District on numerous occasions.

George Mathieson has won the Scottish Schools Indoor title, West and District Indoor and Outdoor and the Scottish Title indoor and Outdoor throwing the Shot putt. He has also represented the West and District team.

Avonside have a few promising youngsters as well, the likes of Andrew Sandilands, although only 12 he qualified to run for Scottish Schools last year only to be told he was too young. The previous year Andrew won the Primary Schools cross country championships.

John Thomson was picked as a reserve for the West District team last year qualifying in 11th place. They let him run and he beat all of the West District team easily.

Wendy Kennedy is another who has represented West District on track and over cross country, and at present Wendy is trying to recover fitness after injury.

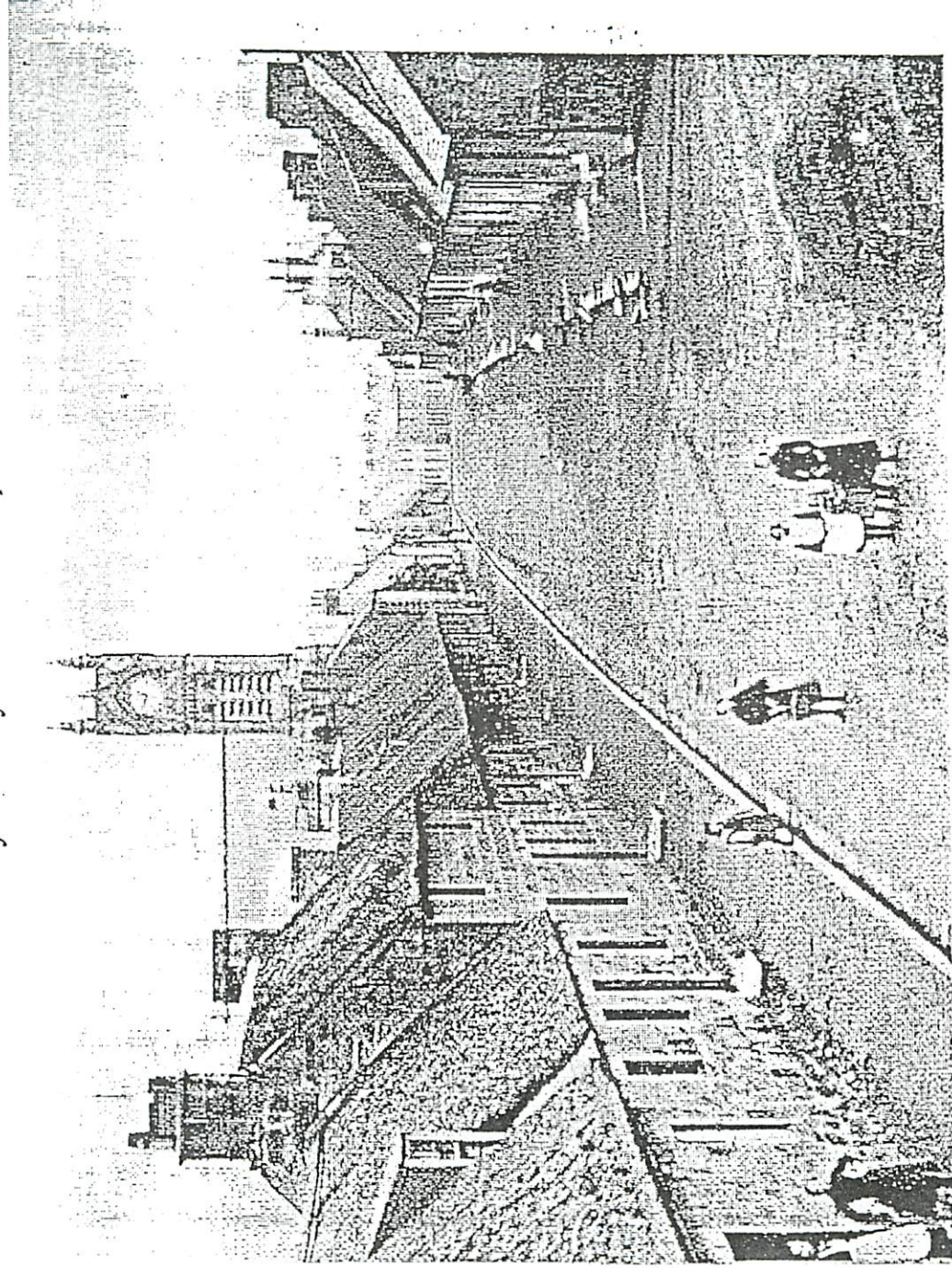
Avonside is not just for the young, we have a group of men and women who joined to keep fit and got interested enough to run 10k road races and half marathons.

At present we are pushing for the "Proposed Track" to be completed for training next year.

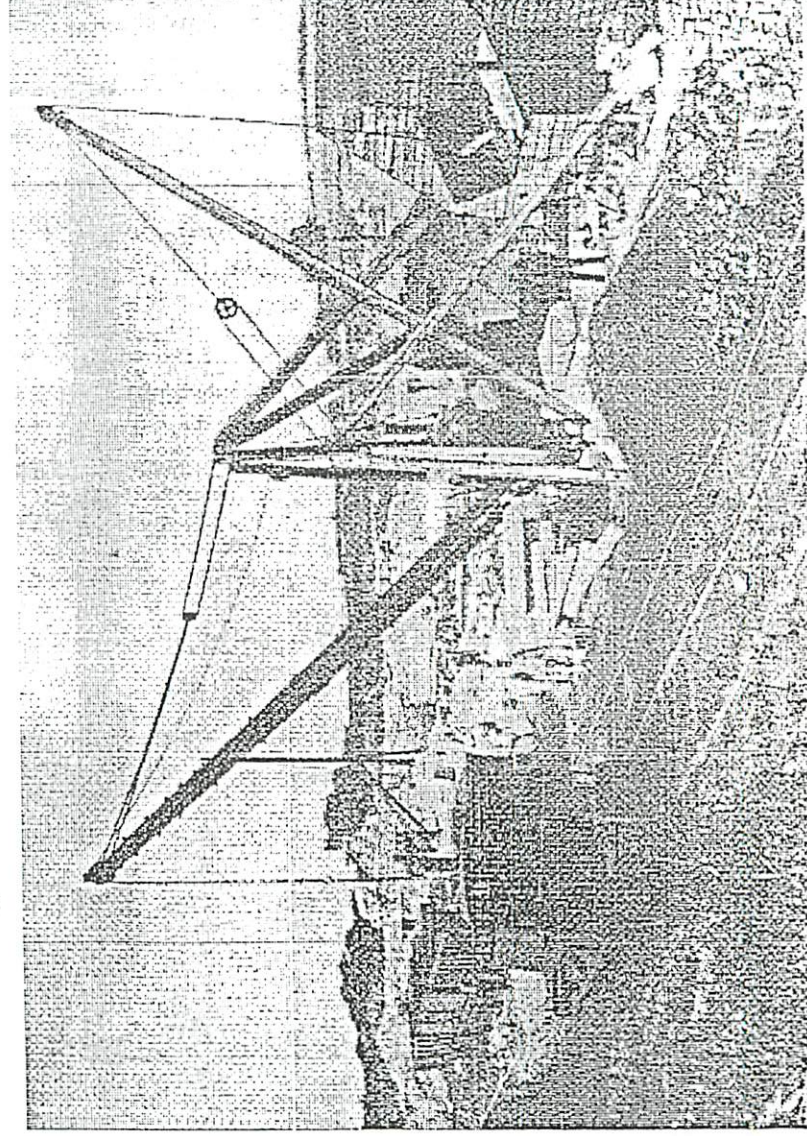
We currently have 140 members. If you wish to join training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Stonehouse Primary School from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Anyone wishing to join should come along and they will be made most welcome.

Yvonne Ewing

A flash from the past



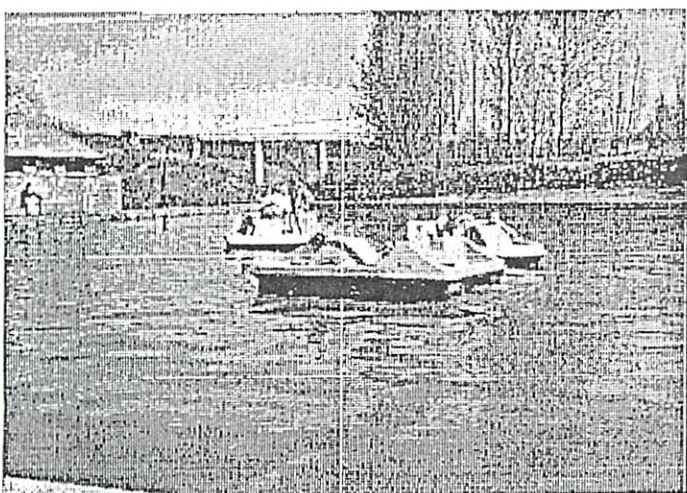
Lawrie Street and Argyle Street, from the Railway Bridge, c. 1890.



"A blast from the past" Stonehouse Quarry in the 1880's.

Link-up Group

Stonehouse Link up group has been meeting in Stonehouse Primary school for six years. Since coming into existence the group has had several success stories. Under the guidance of Sheila Begg the group's Pre School Community Organiser and wing money from various grants the group has produced two Information Directories for Parents of Young Children, established a Toy Library and with close liaison between the two Primary Schools in the village provided a Pre-school Entry Pack for each child enrolling for school this year. In May, representatives from Stonehouse Link-up were invited as guest speakers at the Strathclyde Regional Link-up Conference.

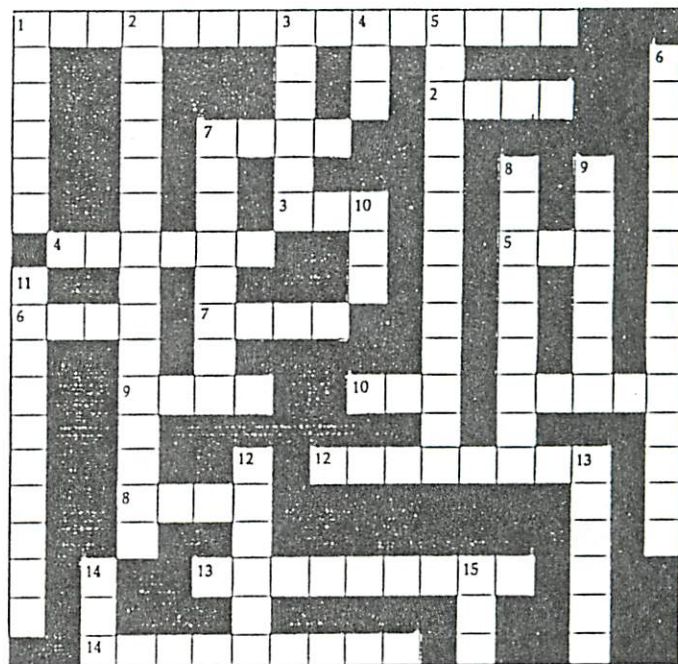


Stonehouse Public Park 1991.

In 1989 the group produced a video to highlight the lack of play facilities in Stonehouse Primary School. The video was shown to the appropriate departments and within three months new play equipment with safety matting was installed in the park. This year the Leisure and Recreation Department have continued their promise to upgrade the park. The result of this campaign has replenished the group's enthusiasm to tackle a further project next term.

The parents in this Link-up group have just come to realise how much power they have at their finger-tips as a pressure group over community decisions and all it took was a lot of enthusiasm and conscientious effort from its members working together as a team.

Musical Crossword



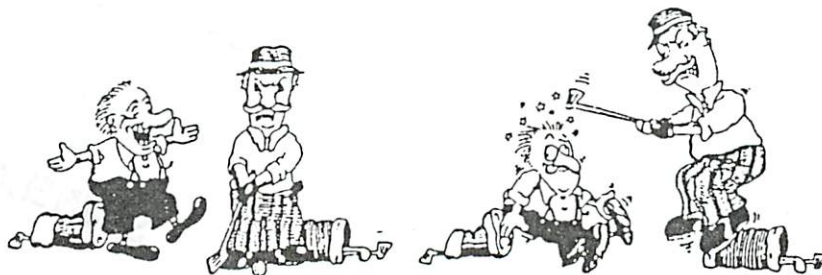
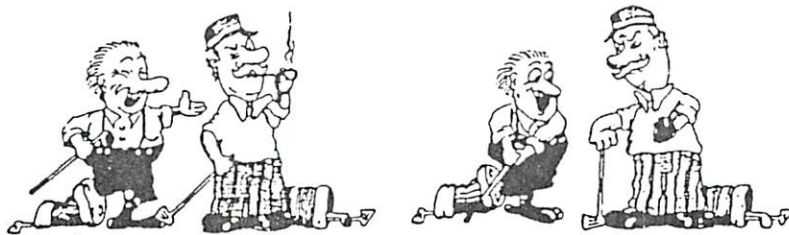
Across

- 1 R.E.M.'s first single (5,4,6)
- 2 Wealthy song by Spandau Ballet (4)
- 3 Electric Light Orchestra (1,1,1)
- 4 They could move a mountain (6)
- 5 Three lettered group from Norway (3)
- 6 Struck by Thunder (2,2)
- 7 Laying down the law for the Lost Boys (4)
- 8 They blessed the rains in Africa (4)
- 9 Dan ... Network (4)
- 10 Shades of rhythm (3)
- 11 You can be there friend if you live forever (5)
- 12 They broke on through for the second time (3,5)
- 13 A large noise or disturbance (3,3,3)
- 14 Stone Roses funny money (5,4)

Down

- 1 Part Scots - part Gaelic (6)
- 2 Moo! As cool as ... (8,7)
- 3 The final countdown (6)
- 4 Their unbelievable (1,1,1)
- 5 He's unbelievable sexy (5,4,4)
- 6 She jumped to the beat for success (6,7)
- 7 I take my hat off to them (4,4)
- 8 Things never change (6,3)
- 9 A band with a good chorus (7)
- 10 They sailed the seven seas for Pandoras box (1,1,1)
- 11 A lady not to rushed (5,5)
- 12 The booze brothers (6)
- 13 the Milltown brothers are very ... (6)
- 14 Last train at 3am (1,1,1)
- 15 They ran out time in March (1,1,1)

Silent Laughter with "Caddie"



Gala Day 1992

The time has come again to begin preparation for next years Gala Day while we still await our costumes from last year to dry out. On October 23rd the festival committee met to elect a new committee and assess last years financial balance for the festival, which despite the weather still proved to be a success. This year, as in past years, there has been a lack of support for the organisation of the Gala Day. Just like Christmas everyone expects it to be there next year. And just like Santa needs his elfs to make the day a success, the Gala committee needs the residents of Stonehouse to play their part in keeping alive the tradition and enjoyment of the day.

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