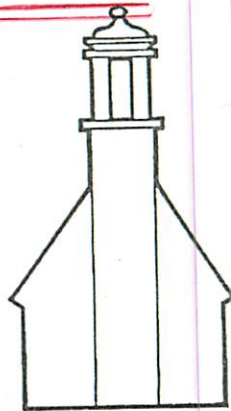


STONEHOUSE YOUTH FORUM

# The Stonehouse Lantern

CHRISTMAS EDITION



## Beethoven Bandstand date

Once again Stonehouse has been able to pull the big bands to the village. Ludwig Van Beethoven shall be coming to Stonehouse in the spring to start off a new European Tour which kicks off in the Autumn.

It will be his first concert since playing to a sell out crowd in 1827 and big crowds are expected for his return. When Ludwig was asked why he had come out of retirement after so long he replied "Pardon"!

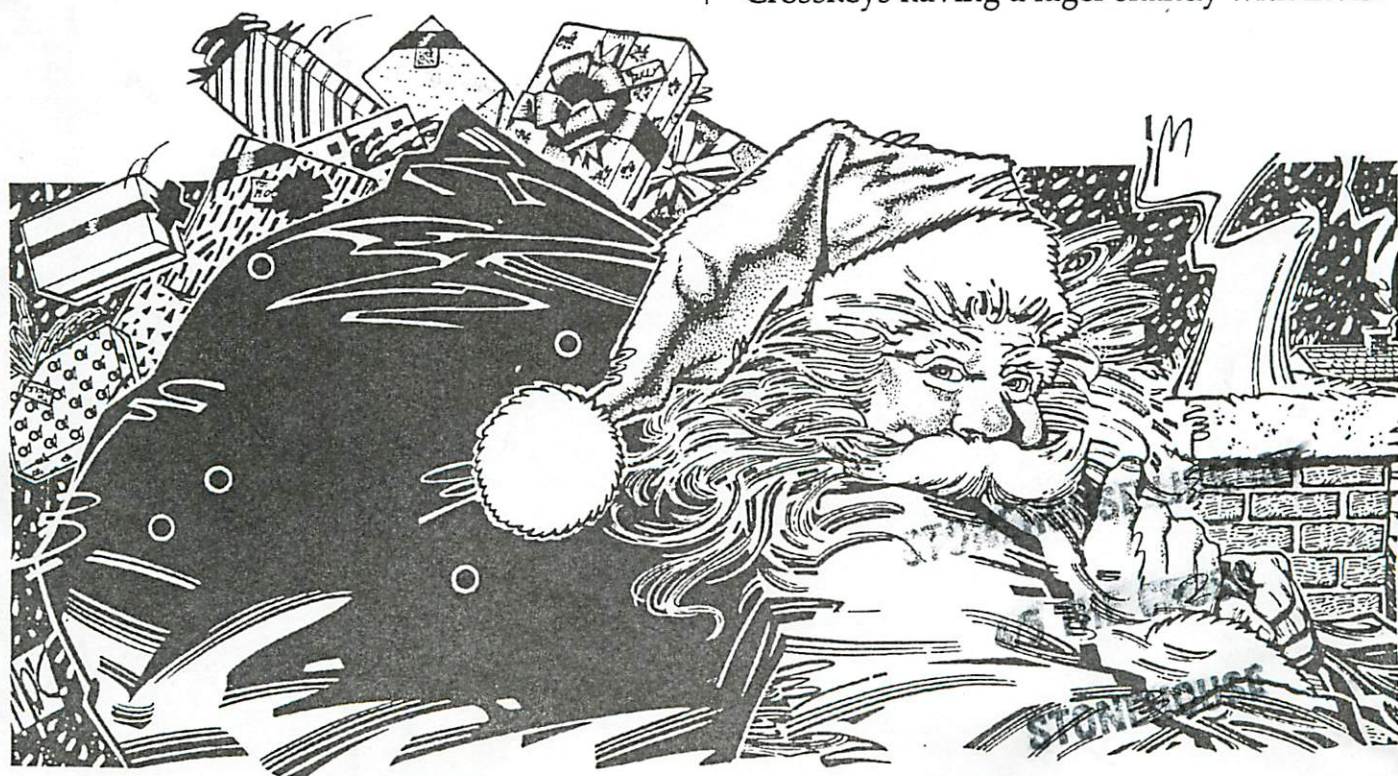
Beethoven, a genius in his time, had a string of chart toppers in the early 19th century and regularly played to packed audiences around Europe. He hopes to rekindle those

memories by playing at a Rave in Strathclyde Park in the Summer.

A rumour circulating saying that Ludwig had been dead for nearly 200 years was totally unfounded and there was no evidence to back



this claim. Contrary to this Beethoven has quite regularly been seen in the lounge of the Crosskeys having a lager shandy with Elvis!







## Editorial

Stonehouse has recently seen the launch of a local magazine run by Stonehouse Youth Forum. Already the magazine is into its 6th edition and is available free from either Grace Hamilton's shop or the Doctor's surgery.

The magazine is not only informative and entertaining but it also has an educational aspect, tackling many problems linked with the Youth of today. It also gives an insight into the heritage of Stonehouse and targets many environmental issues concerning Stonehouse.

The stories are compiled from articles from the Youth Forum and various organisations within the Stonehouse and aims to provide the village with a better knowledge of what's going on in their area.

The Stonehouse Lantern gets its name from a newspaper published in the late 19th century and now like the phoenix has been reborn and again flourishing within the community.

It gives many of our teenagers a chance to air their views and grievances, when so often their cry is never heard. In printing 500 copies, with each copy being read by three people we are reaching nearly a quarter of the residents of Stonehouse. We hope that through the grapevine the word will spread and that the Youth Forum's magazine can act as a guide to what's going on in our village.

The only way to assure the future success of the Lantern is for you the reader to support the Youth Forum by providing information from your local group or organisation with an article of local interest and in doing so supporting your village.

For further information contact John Young 3A Kirk Street, Stonehouse ML9 3LR or Stonehouse Youth Forum at Stonehouse Primary. From all at the Youth Forum a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

## Youth Forum Karaoke Night



On the 25th of November the Youth Forum held its first Karaoke night. The proceeds of which are going to children in need.

There was a good turn out and everyone who participated had a good time. Fiona Walker, Susan Walker, Fiona Hanlan and Hazel Morrison bravely started off the night with a chronic version of "You've lost that lovin feelin". The boys later gave an overwhelming rendition of "Born to be wild". This was just the start of a hilarious but entertaining evening. To end the line of endless talent, John "Elvis Presley" Gavin finished us off on a high note with "Can't help falling in love".

Thanks go to Paul and his mate for kindly coming along and making the evening a success and a night to remember.

*Fiona Hanlan*

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## FACTORY

On Saturday 16th November H.R.H. Prince Edward visited Bell College, Hamilton. He was there to launch Hamilton Youth Trust, a scheme to finance youth initiatives in Hamilton District. The afternoon was called the Arts Factory which was open to the public. There were various workshops open in the afternoon like the Afro-Caribbean dancing, drama, music and face painting.



I was one of Prince Edward's escorts and I showed him round the college. Both Karen McGarth from Blantyre and I thought he was a very nice young man. We were both very nervous about meeting him but he soon made us feel very relaxed about talking to him. He spoke to absolutely everyone in the college and was very interested in what they had to say. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit and wished the youth forum all the best in the future.

And we'll certainly need it!!! And may I take this

opportunity to thank Hilary Gloyer, the project co-ordinator for everything she has done.

*Susan Walker*



In the past few months the Stonehouse Girl's Group have been very active. Hazel Morrison and Susan Walker both went to the National Jazz Dance Festival which lasted for four days and was held in Earnock High School in Hamilton.

Due to this they met Alex, one of the choreographers who came to Stonehouse and done dance workshops for two weeks.

Corina, one of the leaders with the Larkhall Girls Group also came to do drama. Thanks go out to both of them.

Unfortunately the Girls group is finished up until after Christmas, but don't despair it will be back on after Christmas in January. Hope to see you all then.

*Hazel Morrison*





## *Halloween Party a howling success*

On October 28th the Youth Forum held its first Halloween party in the Stonehouse Primary games hall. The party was fancy dress only and managed to attract over 60 young people on the night.

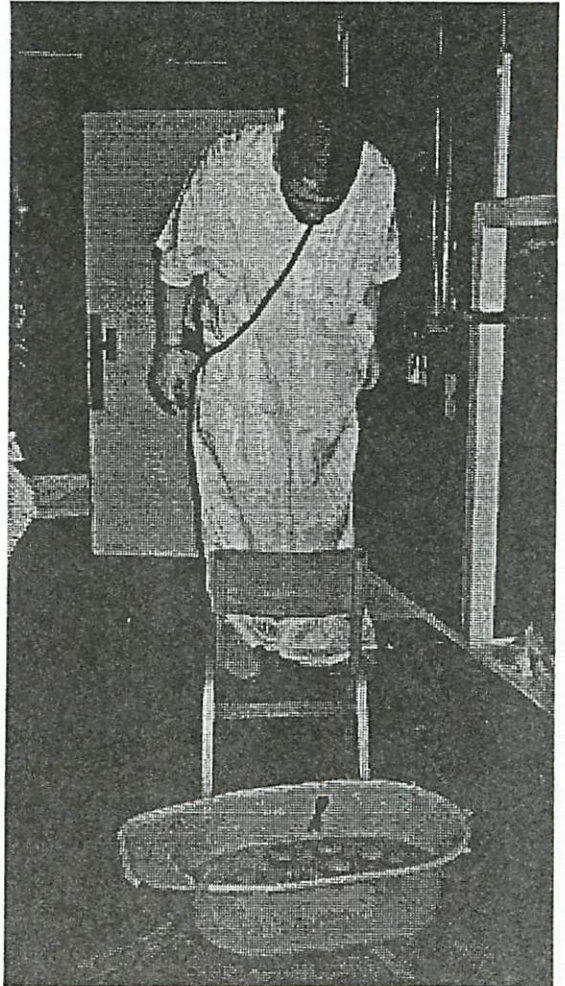


*The Gruesome Twosome*

D.J. for the night was a 7ft gorilla keeping the revellers supplied with music and monkey nuts while others doused for apples, head first and dodged treacle butties. Winner of the fancy dress was Claire who dressed as a flower power hippy.



*Fiona Hanlan and Danny McLeish*



*Foxy nearly taking the alternative  
Turkish Bath !*



# LETTERS COLUMN



## Think about Drink

Is it just me or are the social habits of the growing young adults of today changing? Over the past 5 years there has been an obvious increase in the number of youths who congregate at the cross drinking into the early hours of the morning.

It seems that drink is not the problem. It is the easy availability and attitude towards it that is our concern. Attitudes have dramatically changed in the past few years. The difference being that when we were younger we all experimented with drink but it was done in private or hidden away in the woods or the railway embankment. Where as now under age drinking has been blatantly exposed in full view of the public, especially around the centre of the village.

Violence in connection with drink is also on the increase as is vandalism, which anyone living on the main street or the cross will testify. Not a weekend goes by without an incident involving underage drinking.

The same attitude problem seems to be of litter. Nowadays many youths discard litter without a thought or care whereas in the past



we would wait until no one was looking then drop it through a hole in our trouser pocket to the ground.

Attitudes and social behaviours are changing but what is the solution and who cares? Education blames parents and parents blame education. Surely it is up to every individual to play his or her part in raising a generation of children into an environmentally conscious world.

The young adults of Stonehouse have so much to offer the village as the Youth Forum are proving and we must always remember that the youth of today are tomorrow's future.

*Concerned Resident*

## Like Bum Notes ...

*Cancer, Heart Disease & Alcoholism are best avoided*

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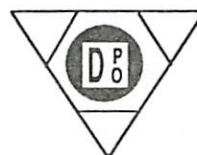
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## L E T T E R S C O L U M N

## Protecting the Children from Tobacco

Tobacco companies continue to thrive demonstrating their advertising success, profit and growth regardless of their customer's health. Look at inbuilt faults in the system which allows cigarette advertising to be very effective in the young, and encourages them to take up this lethal habit.



The law currently requires that children under 16 years of age should not be sold cigarette and yet 9-10 year old youngsters can easily buy single cigarettes at 20p each.

This is plainly not for their parents use and the retailer's greed makes in excess of £2.00 profit per pack sold in this way. Police state they are unable to do anything unless a member of the public makes a specific complaint stating, where, when, who, etc.

This "blind eye" in the system in effect encourages children to take up smoking early, and specialists accept and recognise that the more cigarettes smoked, the greater the risk of serious illness, pain and death.

Scotland, in common with Northern Ireland, has the highest incidence of heart disease and lung cancer in the world. Smoking is heavily implicated with these preventable illnesses and yet there is no compulsory health education in our Scottish schools and our police appear helpless in the face of retail greed and the recession.

Each year in the UK 120,000 people die from smoking related illnesses, many losing 20-30 good quality years and yet children can be seen smoking openly in the streets around our schools. These youngsters will form the disease statistics of the future. The community is failing to learn and is repeating the same mistakes by believing the fashionable, good life myth promoted by tobacco sponsorship and advertising.

Many now think that not only should tobacco advertising be banned but the safety rules applied to pharmaceutical drugs should also apply to tobacco smoke. Both are drugs except one group assists recovery and the other causes disease.

Stop smoking now and discourage the young from starting.

*George Bandeen, Charity Manager  
Disease Prevention Organisation  
31 Lockhart Street  
Stonehouse ML9 3LX*

## 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. The date for the 1992 Gala day shall be the 20th June.



# environmental issues



## *The Clyde and Avon Valleys Project*

The Clyde and Avon Valleys Project is promoted by the District Councils of Clydesdale, Hamilton and Motherwell and the Strathclyde Regional Council in partnership with the Countryside Commission for Scotland, Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland and the Lanarkshire Development Agency to promote a wide range of improvements in the Clyde and Avon Valleys.

The 64 square km Project area stretches from the A723 Motherwell-Hamilton road 24km up the Clyde Valley to, and including, the Falls of Clyde, and 14km up the Avon Valley to Stonehouse.

The major aims of the Project cover six main headings: - Recreational Development - Landscape Improvement - Habitat and Wildlife Protection - Education and Community Involvement - Planning and Development - Job Creation and Business Links

It is intended to involve local communities, organisations and individuals in promoting the aims of the Project and to encourage environmental awareness and understanding. Specifically within the context of LEEF, the Project is keen to actively promote environmental education through establishing links with schools and colleges.

The Project area is already home to some of Lanarkshires major environmental education resources, including Chatelherault Country Park, Baron's Haugh RSPB Reserve, New Lanark World Heritage Village, and the Falls of Clyde SWT Reserve. The quality of the

environment within the Project area, in terms of landscape, heritage and wildlife, offers much more potential for environmental education. It is hoped to develop wider opportunities for environmental education throughout this area and the Project Manager is keen to make contact with schools and colleges that have an interest in the Project.

*For further information contact: Chris Waltho  
Project Manager Clyde and Avon Valleys Project  
c/o Clydesdale District Council South Vennel*

## *Bypass bypassed !*

As yet Stonehouse is still waiting for a reply from Malcolm Waugh for a date to attend a meeting, to answer questions from residents to why the A71 bypass was yet again cancelled in September.

Despite a personal promise by himself at a meeting previous, and concrete proof that the traffic (which has doubled since 1979) is damaging housing and causing stress to the occupants we are still awaiting the go ahead.

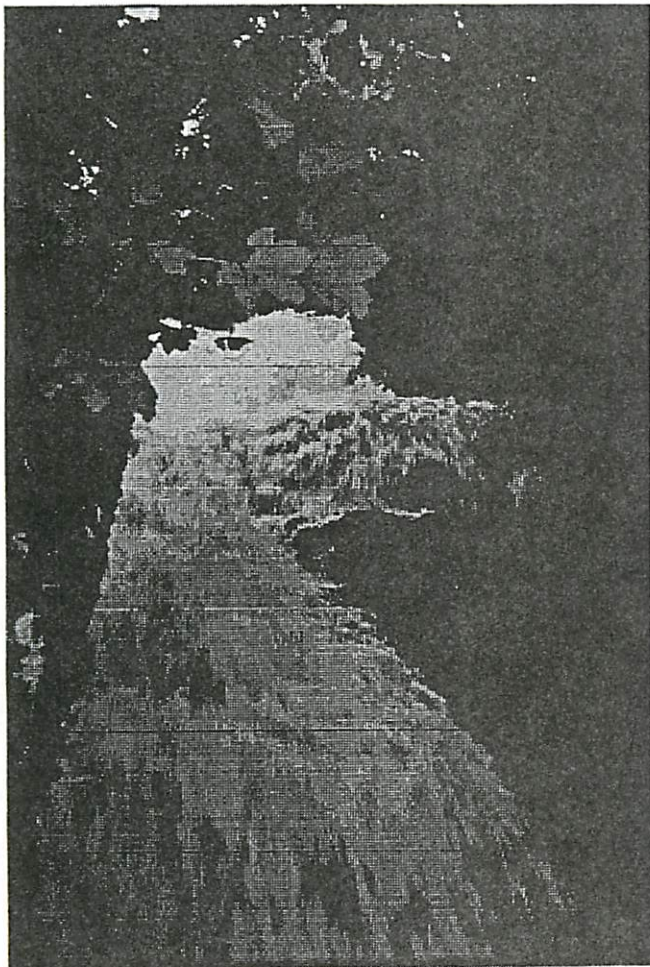
As part of the campaign to put pressure on those concerned, a questionnaire will be delivered to every house on the main street which we hope will be filled in and returned. This will inform us of the structural damage to each house in order that each household may put a claim forward for compensation for damage caused by traffic. This questionnaire is to everyone's benefit and can only further the case put forward to give Stonehouse a chance to breath again.



# environmental issues

## *The Spectacle E'e*

An often forgotten about run of waterfalls which to this day retains their beauty they have possessed since the beginning of time itself. The Spectacle E'e falls remain one of Scotlands most spectacular sights yet so few know of or have seen their magnificent cascading torrents which flow over a 40ft drop into the Kype.



*The Spectacle E'e in its splendour*

The walk which has recently been restored by the National Trust begins from Sandford village, and continues along the river Kype to a series of three falls. The most spectacular of them all can be seen up close from a small wooden walkway which overhangs the river.

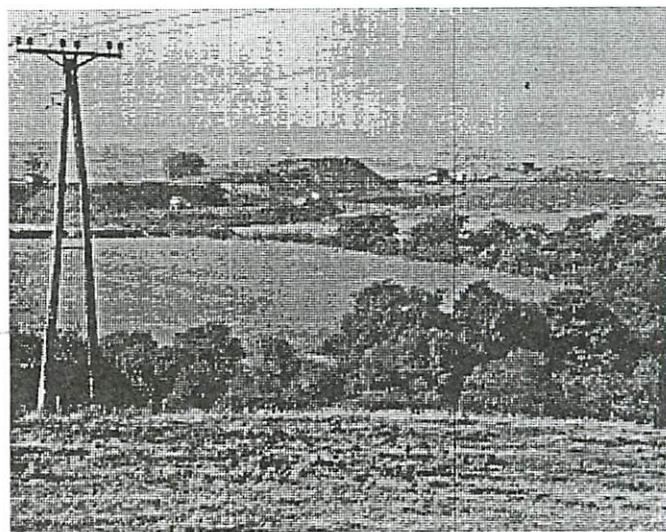
The trail is especially at its most beautiful in the Autumn. Remains of a castle can be seen along the walk. Following the banks of the

river Kype you eventually meet with the river Avon.

The falls lie within the parish of Stonehouse. Never has such a splendid sight been so unknown but perhaps its better to leave it that way, as one of the few unspoiled parts of wilderness in Lanarkshire.

## *Opencast Mining - A blot on our landscape*

For those who don't know what the horrendous view over the river Avon is, we can inform you that this is the result of Opencast mining. Despite the Community Councils objections the approval of the site went ahead. This process of removing the coal shall take 2-3 years and apart from being an obvious eyesore this is not the concern of the Community Council.



The concern is with the environmental consequences linked with the mining. The problem is that tons of waste (sludge) have to be drained out the ground into large storage tanks, and the worry being that not all the waste is being collected properly.

As you know the Opencast mine lies on the banks of the river Avon and thus there could be serious damage caused to the surrounding environment. By the sludge filtering into the river it could be destroying many species of fish and especially many rare flowers



which are only to be found in this part of Scotland. The devastation caused could be irreversible to the environment.

The only protection we have against this catastrophe is the Clyde River Purification Board who keep an eye on the drainage process. All we can do is hope that the waste created by the mining does not pollute our waters or we may be seeing the last of our wildlife and rare species we have possessed and viewed through the years.

## D. A. S. H

### Diabetic Assistance for Stonehouse Hospital

In 1988 at a Diabetic Clinic Dr. David Matthews said he was hoping to have a club for patients and relatives of Diabetics at the hospital. This was discussed many times but it was not until cash was raised that this project finally started to take form.

D.A.S.H. was formed in September 1989 with a few interested parties attending the meetings. Since then we have purchased equipment and helped patients have a holiday and attend Diabetic conferences.

We decided that due to the lack of accommodation we would try to raise funds for a Diabetic Education Suite. This has now been accomplished; and it is due to the generosity of many local residents, friends from afar, drug companies and interested parties. Stonehouse Hospital, Hamilton and East Kilbride Health Board have been very supportive in this venture. Henry Boot Inner City Scotland Ltd were given the contract to build from the start to the finish in only 10 weeks. The suite was handed over to the Health Board in July this year. In January we hope to have the suite officially opened by a celebrity. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given time, monies and help in any way towards this great venture. I would also like to thank the Hamilton Advertiser for all the publicity given in the past and also to the *Stonehouse Lantern* for this publication. We are now saving for a special chair for the Chiropodist. We held our annual

Supper Dance in the Larkhall Leisure Centre and raised about £600.

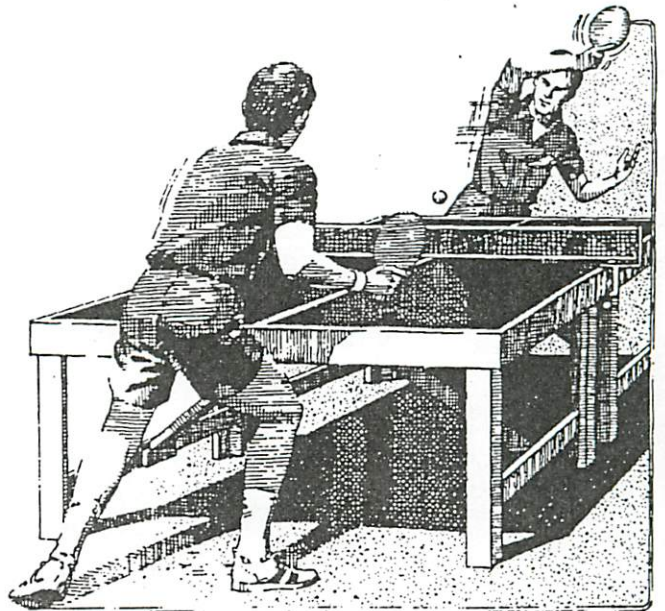
On a more serious note: If anyone wishes help about Diabetes in the family and how to cope I am available, with the consent of the committee, to help and advise.

Many thanks to all and the Seasons Greetings from D.A.S.H.

Marion Young (Chairman)  
7 Townhead Street,  
Stonehouse  
Tel. 793367

### Whers oor Sportsbarn?

As part of the Local Plan proposed by the Community Council, one of their aims is to pursue the possibility of having a Sportsbarn in Stonehouse. They hope to keep up the pressure on the Department of Leisure and Recreation by justifying their claim that Stonehouse's recreational facilities are under developed.



While Larkhall, Strathaven and Hamilton all benefit from Sports Centres and Sportsbarns, Stonehouse remains deprived of all such facilities. It should be evident to The Department of Leisure and Recreation that Stonehouse has an ever increasing population and as such they should respond to their needs and cater for a village which they repeatedly ignored in the past.



**Double, double toil and trouble, fire burn ; and, cauldron bubble**



*Stonehouse Heritage Group*

## *The Witches of Stonehouse*

Stonehouse it is thought, maybe be of pagan origins, thus we immediately think of druids, warlocks and witches. But this may not be so far from the truth as it was thought that in the middle centuries of this millenium that the focal point of witchcraft in Europe was in Scotland.

In these times of old the villagers of Stonehouse denied all knowledge or beliefs in the dark arts. Many of the neighbouring villages feared the wrath of the witches of Stonehouse, and thus when travelling through the village or visiting for a local fair they would hold branches of Rowan tree to their person to act as a charm to protect them from the witchcraft and powers of their evil art.

Near three centuries ago a practising curate in the parish 'Mr Gideon Penman' was brought before trial on charges of witchcraft but escaped with a caution despite many accusations implying he was working with the Devil.

Even in the times of the Roman occupation there was a strong superstitious belief

that the reason Roman roads were so straight was that the Romans believed that devils or demons would be waiting round corners and thus built roads straight to avoid such an encounter.

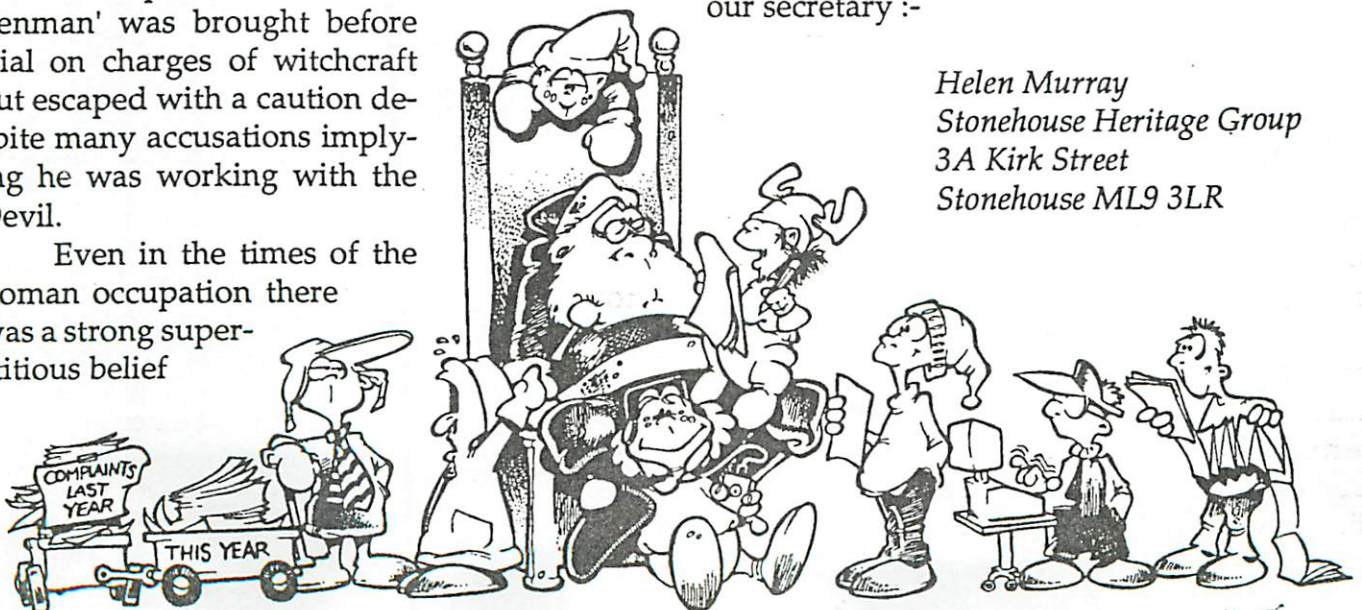


*The Roman Road Stonehouse*

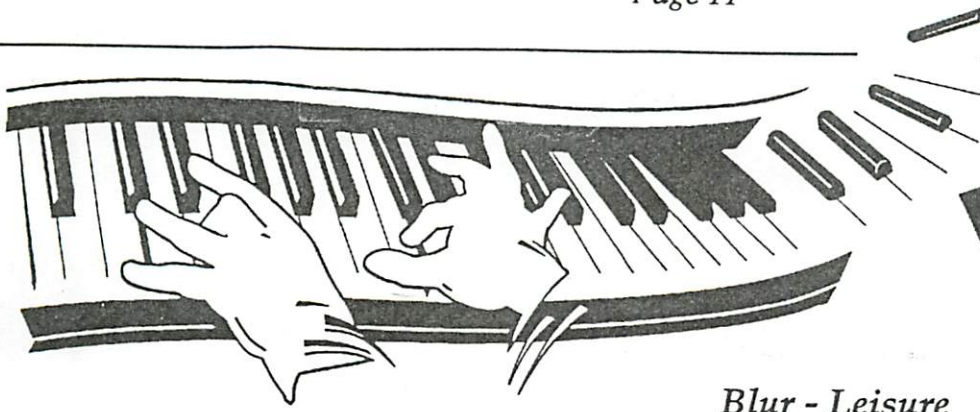
It was also a belief in the past that the witches of Stonehouse were unable to leave the parish as they could not leave the parish boundaries without crossing running water, which was taboo for witches. Maybe this is why so many of our women folk today rarely venture outside Stonehouse!

**Note:** 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 :-

*Helen Murray  
Stonehouse Heritage Group  
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Stonehouse ML9 3LR*







# MUSIC PAGE

by Scott Mackie

## REVIEWS REVIEWS REVIEWS REVIEW

### Queen- Greatest Hits II

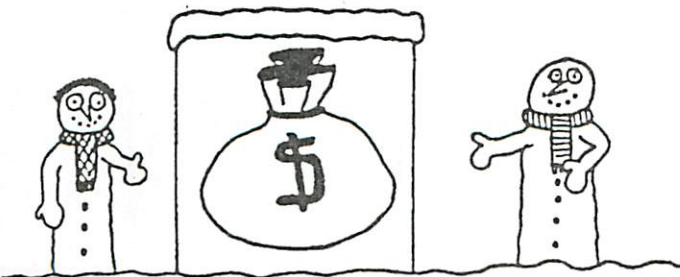
Another fabulous compilation album from Queen. The album contains most of their hit singles from 1984 onwards including "Radio Ga Ga", "A kind of Music" and "Innuendo". It also contains the brand new single "the show must go on". Not much to say that hasn't been said already. The band are brilliant.

Rating 10 stars

### Teenage Fanclub - Bandwagonesque

Not long ago, an unknown band released an album titled "A Catholic Education" which was unknown. Now with the help of producer Dan Fleming, the fannies have released "Bandwagonesque". The fannies have a style somewhere between Rock and Indie guitar pop. Songs like "Satan" and "Metal Baby" are revolutionary. Songs like the subtly mellow "December" and the raging "I don't know" are out of this world. What's so good about this album I hear you ask?! I'll tell you - it contains guitars! A breath of fresh air, considering all the techno nonsense these days. Long live the guitar!

Rating 9 Stars



The truly inspiring Teenage Fanclub album Cover

### Blur - Leisure

I was really looking forward to this album, but it was a major disappointment to say the least. Being an Indie band from London, they are unique. Unfortunately the album is rubbish. Pity the rest of it wasn't like the two singles "There's no other way" and "Bang" which are superb. What can I say? Next!

Rating 2 stars

## SINGLE OF THE MONTH SINGLE O

### Elton John and George Micheal - Don't let the sun go down on me

A re-release of Eltons superb single first released in the seventies. A few cover versions have come and gone but you can't beat the original. Half the proceeds from the record will go to a children's charity, and the other half to aids research.

## NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NE

Ride will release a new single in February followed by their second L.P. In March. Queen have re-released their classic single "Bohemian Rhapsody", which incidentally was there first ever song to have a video. The Charlatons will also release their second L.P. in January.



### Killer Clown's Disc Depression

Every now and then a song comes along which puts you into a state of depression and this month Altern 8 have come up triumphs with Activ8 (Come with me). How this reached number 3 in the charts I don't know. It has no decent lyrics, no guitar and the drum beat is the same as any other techno song. Bring them to me - I'll show them why I'm called Killer Clown.



# STONEHOUSE'S BAND IN DEMAND

## STONEX NATION

*Interviewed by Lee Malone*

In July of last year three boys from Stonehouse who were in London at the time decided to get a band together. At first it started out as a four man band but since it has risen to a five man band.

The band thinks they get their roots from Led Zeppelin, The Cult and The Sisters of Mercy, plus some of their own stuff mixed in with it. The band is called "Sioux Nation" and the name came about when George (one of the guitarists) saw the name in a book he was reading.

The bands decisions are made by George basically but all the band has a say in the matter. George writes most of the songs and lyrics but again the rest of the band gets to put their own ideas to the songs.

When I asked band members Dusty and Mark for an interview I asked them what tracks of theirs they like playing the most. Dusty's favourite tracks are "Soul Stealer, Temple of the Low men, Sweet Angel and Wolf Child". He also likes their own version of Born to be Wild by Steppen Wolf and Moby Dick by Led Zeppelin.

Mark's favourites are "Soul Stealer and their two new songs Spirit Horse and Home which they wrote in the studio on Saturday 30th of November and will hopefully be doing a demo in a couple of weeks.

Although the band gets on O.K. as Dusty puts it, they can have a good slagging match at times and John Douglas the vocalist, usually comes out the worst most of the time, but Stuart McCluggage can also get a good slagging as well.

Dusty who started playing the drums

when he was eight or nine, started playing because he liked Adam and the ants. Mark

started paying the bass about four years ago because he says "It was something to do!" Their ambition in life is to be able to give up their jobs and be able to live comfortably.

As I said earlier the band contains five members, who are as follows:- John Douglas - Vocals, Mark McNeil - Bass Guitar, George Christie - Guitars, Dusty on Drums and the newest member on guitar Stuart McCluggage.

I also asked them what their favourite bands were. Dusty's are Bauhaus, Love and rockets, Fields of the Nephlim, Led Zeppelin, The Cult, The Doors and Jimi Hendrix.

Mark's favourites are The Sisters of Mercy, Fields of the Nephlim, The Remones, Skid Row, Neds atomic Dustbin and Hanoi Rocks.

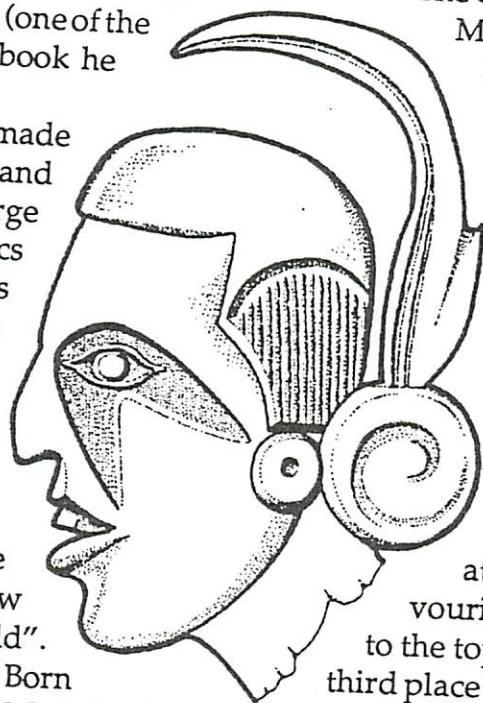
The band haven't any gigs lined up at the moment but are concentrating on staying in the studio's and writing new material which should be as good as or even better than the songs they have already written and played at numerous gigs such as a rock Festival at Carluke which they were favourites to win.

They went straight to the top but mysteriously dropped to third place by the end of the festival. They also played at Motherwell where they were the top band from ten bands appearing.

The band are getting T-Shirts printed which are designed by John the vocalist.

So if you are into Rock music, look out for this band playing locally and go and see them. I have seen them and thoroughly enjoyed them and have been at every gig they have played. For me this band get a rating of twenty out of ten.

**Note.** If you have a band locally or know of any bands within the village and would like to write an article for the magazine please contact the Youth Forum or John Young at 3A Kirk Street, Stonehouse.





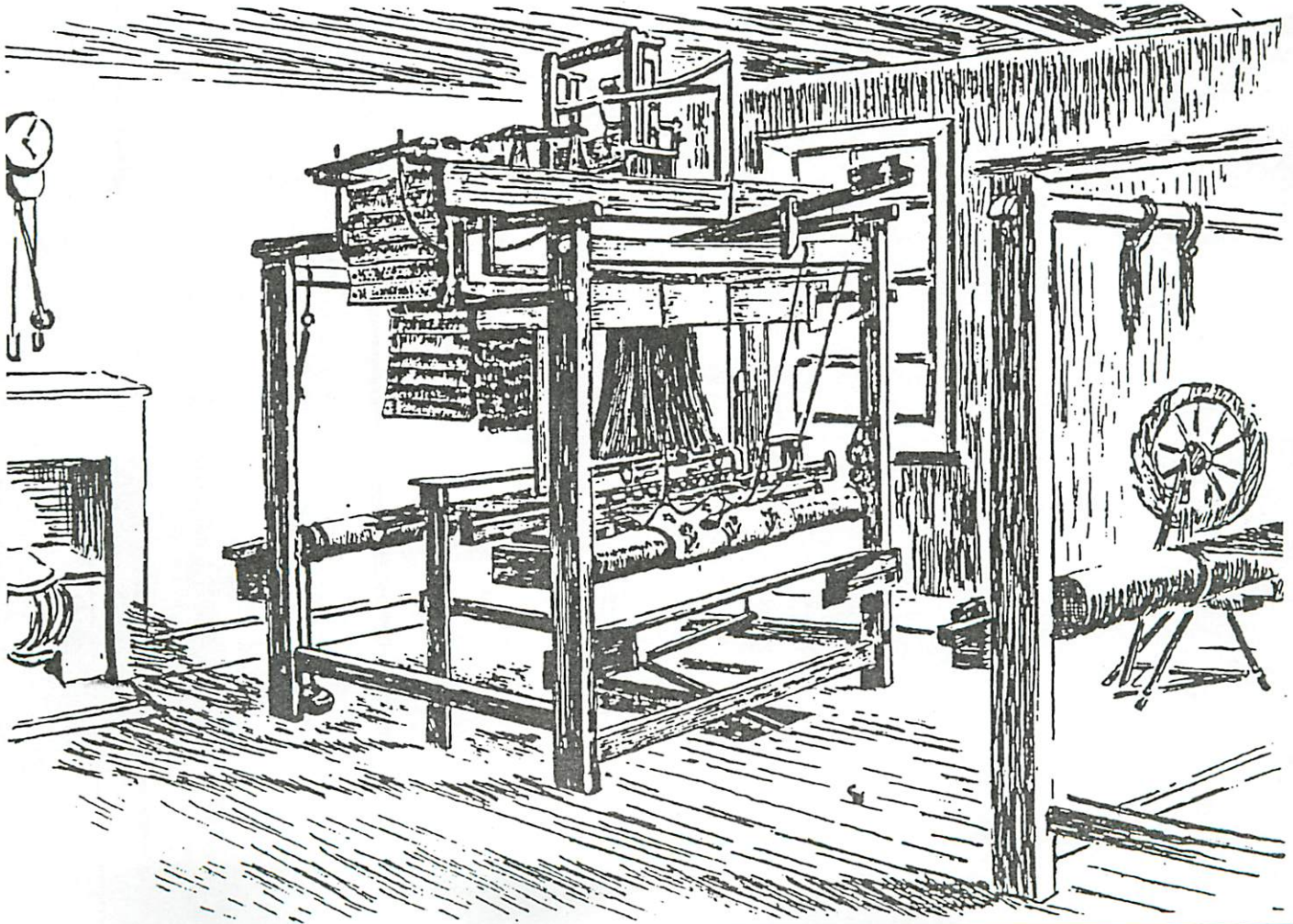
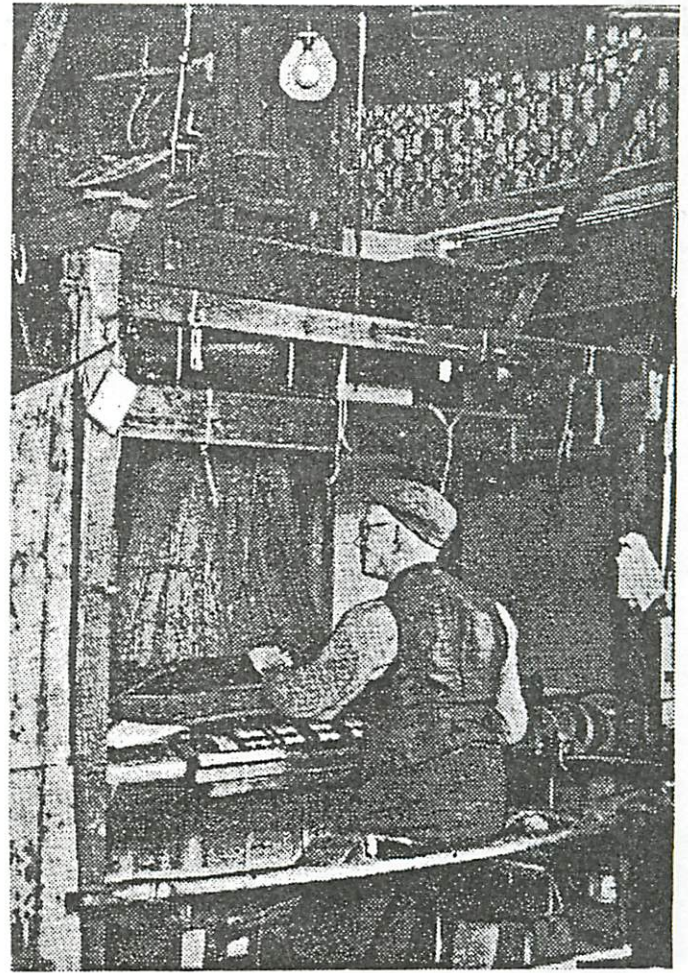
## *A flash from the past*

*Right.* A Stonehouse hand-loom weaver still plying his trade in 1935 when the market was on a sharp decline.

Up to the end of the 18th century there was still a living being made at the weaving, and weaver's cottages were still being built in the 1880's, e.g. Hill Road, Stonehouse. After the turn of the century, however, very few people took up the trade and after the first World War only the older men worked on.

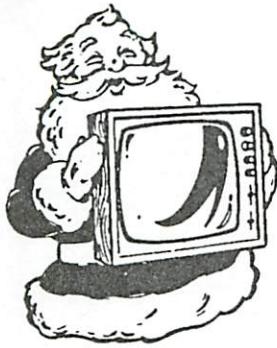
The last two weavers in Lanarkshire, as far as is known, were two brothers, Robert and James Hamilton of Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, who stopped work in 1939.

*Below.* The silk loom illustrated here belonged to the Hamilton brothers, which is now in the Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh. James Hamilton who died in 1959 set the loom up himself. The loom was known as a Jacquard Silk Handloom.





## *A Merry Christmas from Stonehouse Youth Forum*



*Don't forget folks, remember to lock your door or Santa will be making another visit, but this time he'll be off with your video !*

You too can look ridiculous with this Santa cut-out beard!



**COMING SOON**  
TO A CINEMA NEAR YOU



**"REVENGE OF THE  
KILLER SANTA"**



**Harry Krishna**

says "don't forget to  
jingle your bells this  
Christmas"

**"Gouranga"**

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