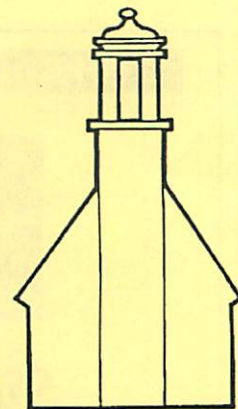


STONEHOUSE YOUTH FORUM

The Stonehouse Lantern

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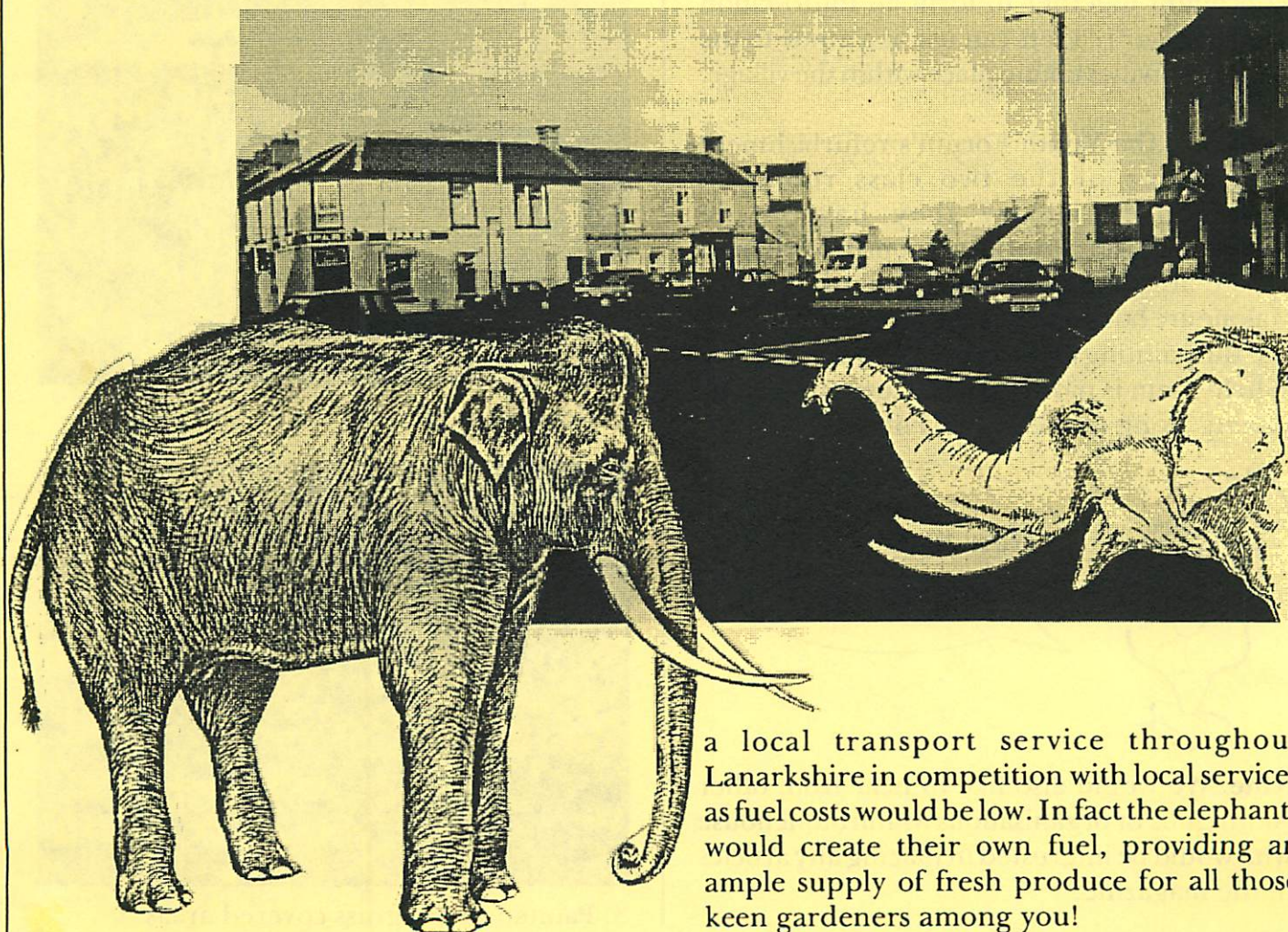
Elephant's Return

Stonehouse may be seeing the return of the European elephant to the area known as the Linthaugh, as Europe's top specialist breeders have been brought in to re-establish the breed in an elephant sanctuary.

These majestic animals once roamed freely on the surrounding countryside during the 14th century. The Stonehouse elephants were made famous when Robert the Bruce used them in a cavalry charge at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, repelling the English army southward.

There have been many unconfirmed sightings of these beasts throughout the years, but the elephants are masters of disguise and have been able to blend into the scenery.

It was suggested that the elephants may operate



a local transport service throughout Lanarkshire in competition with local services as fuel costs would be low. In fact the elephants would create their own fuel, providing an ample supply of fresh produce for all those keen gardeners among you!



Summer break

After the Lantern's first years success the magazine will be taking a summer break while the schools are on holiday. We shall return in August. The Lantern aims to widen it's news issues and enlighten the village on what's going on in Stonehouse. There are many clubs and youth activities available and the magazine hopes to reach those people who may be looking for something different to do or get involved in. We are looking for groups and organisations to advertise their opening hours in the magazine. This can only attract new members and encourage others to get involved in the community actively. All this information can be brought together to form an information page that our readers can use as a guide to the various activities taking place within the village.

As part of the Youth Forum's refurbishment programme of the two class rooms in Stonehouse Primary they have made preparations for a mural in Room 8 to brighten up the atmosphere. Gary Leonard and Lee Malone are both responsible for the organising and the painting of the mural. Anyone wishing to help them is more than welcome to help by coming along to the Youth Forum.

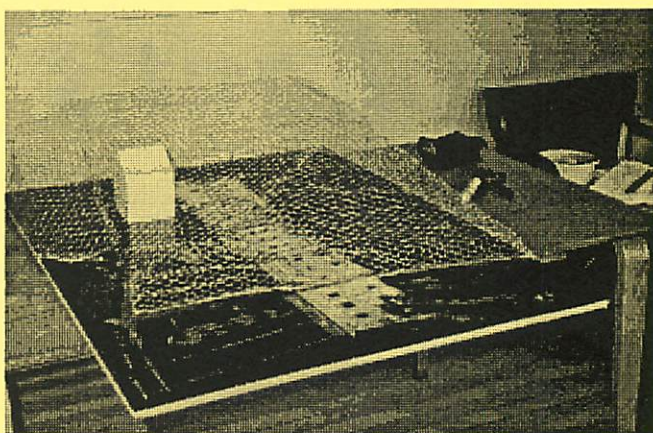


*How many Harry's
can you spot?*

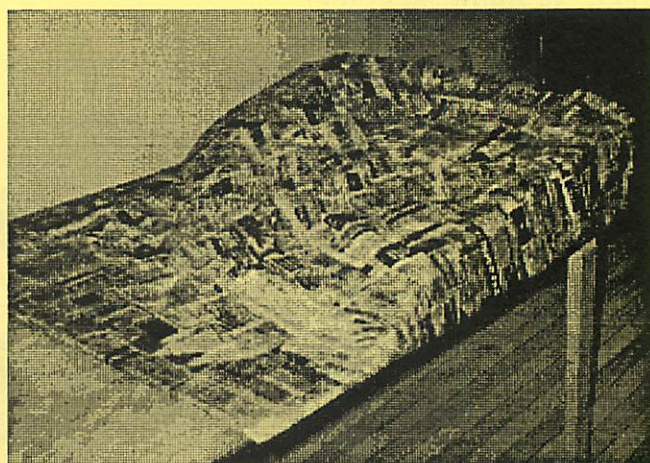
Note. We would also like to hear from other youth clubs or organisations within Stonehouse who would be interested in placing any articles in the magazine.

Model Progress

A start has been made on the construction of a scale model of Hamilton Memorial Park. Already a base has been made and work is almost ready to begin on the finer details of the park. The pictures below show the progress made over the last three weeks.



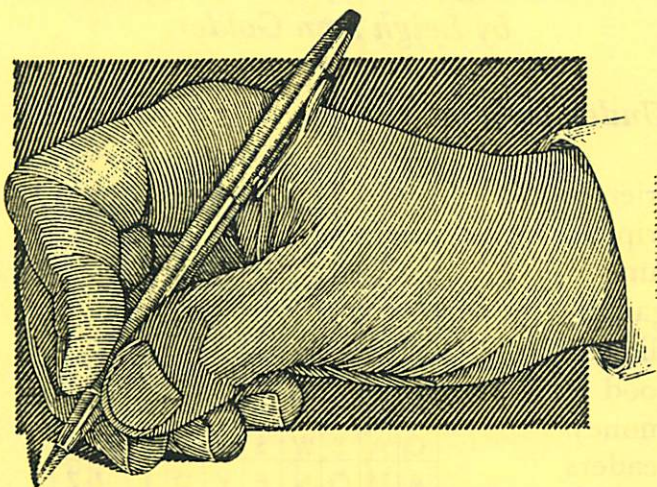
1. Moulding of contours with chicken wire.



2. Covered mesh with paper and paste.



3. Painted in the grass covered areas.



'Road to Nowhere'

The community council has raised concern over the Regional Roads Departments (headed by Malcom Waugh) delay over coming to a decision on the repair work necessary to the re-opening of the Millheugh Road which was the scene of a landslide over six years ago.

The road is situated on the Linthaugh (previous site of old golf course) on the backroad to Larkhall. The road provides a vital link for farms as well as a diversion road and an alternative route to Quarter and Larkhall.

A year ago the Region estimated the cost of restoration at £200,000, yet only a year after the estimation the estimated cost was £300,000 and they claimed the route was only used by 300 cars a day. It seems apparent that this inflation of the cost seems to be only an excuse to put off its reopening. And I believe most people would agree that 300 cars using the road is a large amount of traffic for a minor but essential road.

Of the road tax we pay in Scotland (at present £100) only 10% is actually reinvested in Scotland. This obviously can only affect the claims financially for repairs to roads such as ours. Unfortunately we are still dictated to by an English Government and thus our transport system and our roads will suffer due to this injustice.

Great Auntie of Concerned Resident

What a load of rubbish

It has been pointed out that over the past few months the litter problem round the centre of the village has been getting worse.

Every shop owner, inn keeper, and company surrounding this area has a responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the village. Not only is it unhygienic, it is also an eye sore to those passing through the village as well as to those residents who live in the area.

One problem is that because the rubbish is put out for collection next day, the cats and dogs are ripping the bags and boxes apart to get at the food scraps. Much of the waste is not secured properly allowing the wind to carry away the paper produce into streets as well as neighbouring gardens.

Confectionary waste is also a problem - and the fact that very few people use the bins provided does not help.

I believe the litter dropping problem has to be tackled at an early age at primary school level, as after that age, as the saying goes, 'it is very hard for a leopard to change its spots'.

One good note to end on is that recently the litter awareness problem was tackled by holding a mass clean up of the river Clyde and its tributaries such as the Avon on Sunday 7th June. Hopefully this will encourage similar schemes in the future.

Local villager

Over the past months there has been a rise in car crime in the village. This again raises the concern over the lack of policing within Stonehouse. Often the village is left with no policing or very little as we all know. This can only be an incentive for the criminals, for if we know there's no policing then they must know too.

Local villager's mother



POETRY COLUMN



Winter Morn

*So white and bright
What do you hide?
Your arms are laden
Release thy clasp*

*Snow falling light and crisp
Covering all that stands before it
Fields covered like untrodden carpets
Trees with arms so heavy,
Ready to release all thy tension*

*Beauty lay all around
Words not enough to describe
So lay my beauty, do not hide.*

Resident of Stonehouse

My Puppy

His nose is short and scruby
His ears hang rather low
He always brings his stick back
Know matter how far you throw

He gets smacked rather often
For things he shouldn't do
Like running around and barking
And biting things when there new

He always wants to be going
Where he isn't supposed to go
He runs about the house when its raining
Oh puppy, I love you so

Raymond

Competition Time

by Leigh Ann Golder

Under twelves

friends
trips
fun
games
discos
food
money
leaders
sweets

F	U	T	R	I	P	S	B	F	H
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Over twelves

competition	magazine	sweets
games	leaders	juice
cinema	swimming	fun
pizzaland	ice skating	friends
discos	money	
partys		

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There are prizes for both competitions so get writing down your answers and send them to Leigh Ann Golder at 16 Hill Road, Stonehouse and the results will be published in the next issue of the Lantern. If there is more than one correct answer the correct returned forms will be drawn from a bag.

Cattle Show

Stonehouse celebrated yet another successful Cattle Show on the 16th of May. The turnout was as good as any Gala Day and the children were catered for with a bouncy castle, children's farm, side shows and Radio Clyde providing the music as a backdrop for the occasion. Over the past few years the attendances have been encouraging and the show itself is well supported by the local farmers. Hopefully this is only the start of greater things for the Cattle Show.



Youth Forum to expand

Two years ago the Youth Forum was at a crisis point where there were too many children and not enough adult leaders to cope, thus they raised the age group to first year at secondary to bring the numbers down.

Now that they have now become better organised and established, with more help from the older residents of the village we now hope to reintroduce primary 7s to our ranks once again.

There is a whole range of games and activities they can take part in, as well as trips and holidays. The Youth Forum is held in rooms 7 and 8 and meets both Mondays and Wednesdays. So come along and enjoy the fun.

Strawberry Teas in aid of Heritage Group

On Saturday 13th of June Mrs Marion Young once again opened her lovely gardens to the public to hold the Strawberry Teas.

This has now become an annual event which is usually held the week before Gala Day. Every year the money raised goes to a local charity. In the past this has gone to DASH (Diabetic Assistance to Stonehouse Hospital), but this year the Stonehouse Heritage Group have been chosen as the recipient.

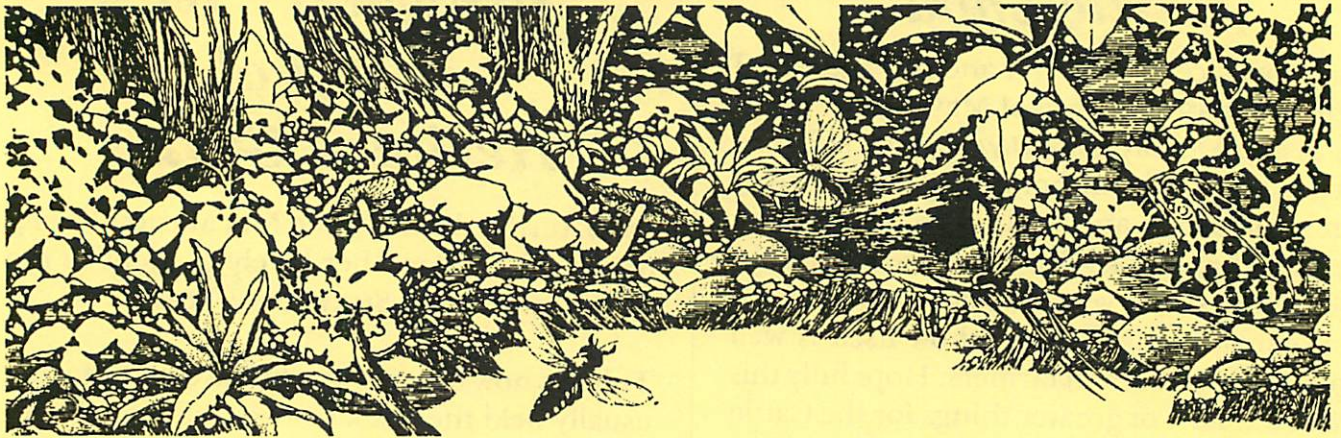
The Strawberry Teas was very well attended by the villages, with over 200 attending, providing a grand total of £165. As well as the teas a selection of baking and bric-a-brac was on sale.

The money raised will go towards the staging of an exhibition which the Heritage Group are staging in October of this year.

The Heritage Group would like to thank Mrs Young for holding the Strawberry Teas on their behalf. A great deal of time and effort went into the event, not only from Mrs Young but also from her family. Thanks are also extended to those who attended the Strawberry Teas and to all those who made donations. Mrs Young has also asked us to thank St. Ninian's Church for the use of their tables and chairs.

Hopefully next year the event will prove even more popular and some other charity will benefit from the donations from the people of Stonehouse.





'By yon bonnie banks'

After the extension of the Avon Walkway to Larkhall from Chatelherault, it is hoped that will be extended again to Glassford Bridge on the outskirts of Stonehouse.

As part of the research being done into the route of the Walkway, Hugh Burns guided me through the Cander Gorge on to the Avon Gorge and along the banks of the Avon. Its' scenic beauty is unequalled in Lanarkshire and the feeling of it's remoteness was overwhelming as we ventured into the Cander Gorge. The smell of the wild garlic almost took your breath away, or maybe it was the smoke from Hugh's pipe. All around were the smells of the wild, including the coo shicht stuck to my boots. The Avon is famous for the many species of it's indigenous plants, rare in Scotland but abundant on the banks of the Avon, such as Herb Paris. Deer, badgers and mink are also not uncommon to the area. As is the mallard duck which we encountered crossing the Cander Water. For to our surprise, when attempting to cross on fallen trees a female mallard and her young startled us when they were disturbed and fled the undergrowth to the safety of the Cander Water. I don't know who got the bigger fright. Hugh nearly had a heart attack and I nearly had an early swimming lesson.

As we ventured further into the Cander Gorge we came across a dipper who's nest Hugh said

had been there since he was a lad over 50 years ago.

Much of what had been the old pathway is now almost inaccessible. Due to the steep slopes and over hanging rock faces many landslides have caused tree falls into the river almost blocking the route along the waters edge.



At the meeting of the waters there stands a large stone once the site of a Roman encampment. The view from that stone cannot have changed much from those days. As we travelled up the banks of the Avon the route became much less hazardous but the scenery was just as spectacular. The history and splendours were numerous. The river's wealth of history can be told by the many place names that stretch the length of the river such as, Tods Table Pool, Millers Hole, Bilin Pit and Dief Tam's Hole. There are also several mine workings which were worked by monks and are still open but appear to be dangerous to



exploration. The Avon itself was surprisingly crystal clear but many remnants of the past still cover the river banks. It was also a surprise to hear from a visiting angler than an otter had been spotted playing in the shallows of the water.

The project is very challenging as many parts of the route were almost unpassable. We trekked the slopes coming out at the Townsland Farm, leaving the rest of the walk for another day.



Old mine, worked by the monks to extract the coal. There are several of these mines along the Avon, one of which is said to lead under the Avon into a large underground cave illuminated by stalagnites.

The heat of the summer's morning was almost unbearable as we reached the summit, but my thirst was soon replenished when we sank a beer when we returned, leaving our boots outside to vaporise in the sun.

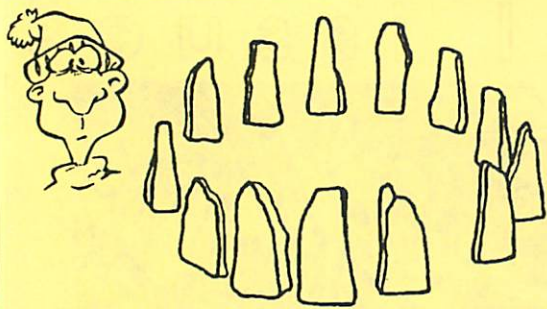
Bypass Survey

As part of an on going campaign for the bypass, a survey was carried out on those residents occupying property on the main street from Lockhart Street to Strathaven Road. The survey was also a personal compensation claim for various complaints the occupiers have had to endure because of the traffic conditions. Hopefully these compensation claims will be successful and put pressure on the roads department to speed up the long awaited bypass.

The major concern on the survey was that out of 132 householders replies, 100 claimed the property value had been affected by the location of their house to the severe traffic congestion on the A71. 95 owners also expressed that they had suffered some degree of stress to their everyday life.

The gas board also confirmed that the sheer weight of the traffic had damaged underground pipelines which may possibly pose a risk to the residents. Many residents also said that they had to accompany or pay for a taxi to take their children to school due to the dangers of the roads and the lorries that thunder through the village.

If you would like to express your views or wish to file a complaint, air your views to the community council who will give you the necessary information to file your complaint.



Stonehouse Heritage Group

St.Ninian's to the rescue

At long last the Stonehouse Heritage Group have been able to find a location for their forthcoming exhibition scheduled for October 5th-10th 1992. A leaflet promoting the event and times will be available nearer the time from local outlets as well as the local press including the 'Stonehouse Lantern'.

St.Ninian's itself has an interesting historical background and several prints planned to be shown at the exhibition are of the construction of St.Ninian's in the late 19th century.



Stonehouse Bowling Green Pre 50s

The Heritage Group are still looking for artefacts of local interest that can be borrowed for exhibiting. The group can be contacted through 0698 792479. The Heritage Group would also like to thank St.Ninian's church board for supporting the exhibition and its aims.

As part of the research into the origins of many of the glass slides the Group held a slide show in Maclean Gardens to attain information. This was very entertaining as well as helpful and will help in the presentation of the photographs in the exhibition.

Memories of Stonehouse Part 2 *by John H. Thomson. Aged 94* *As told to Robert Campbell* *(Newfield Primary)*

Much of the land in Stonehouse was owned by Sir Graeme Sinclair Lockhart, who lived in Cambusnethan Castle on the banks of the Clyde. His permission had to be sought before a house could be built.

Weavers had to work very long hours to make a profit. Lighting was by gas or by candle light which added to the difficulties.

Very few houses had inside toilets or running water. This had to be fetched by bucket from wells situated at Green Street, Wellbrae, and Lockhart Street. Later a water pump was installed at the top of Green Street and a washing house, here housewives brought their clothes to be washed in large tubs.

Heavy blankets were difficult to wash, but the housewives stamped hard on them with their bare feet for several minutes, and this seemed to be quite successful.

There were few pavements in the village and the streets were poorly lit by lampposts. At night a lamp lighter, as he was called went along the streets lighting the lamps with a long pole with a flickering flame at one end. The children were fascinated by this, and the lamp lighter usually had a crowd following him around.

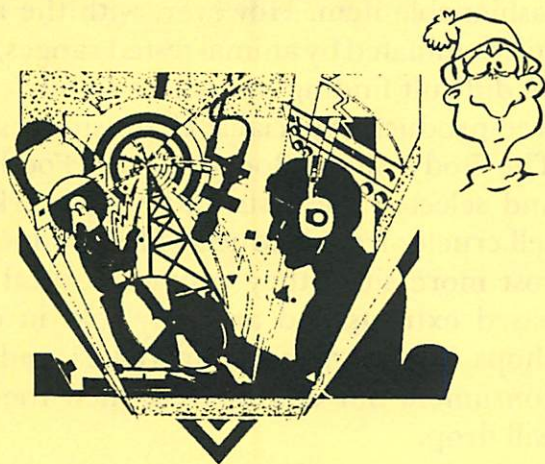
And now for a surprise, there were many more shops in the village in those days than there are now. The list includes several grocers, fruit shops, bakers, butchers, joiners, dressmakers, 5 licensed grocers and a chemist. In addition there were 5 shoemakers and 4 tailors in the village and they deserved the name because unlike today, they could make those articles in their town shops. Once every week a carrier left Stonehouse with his horse and cart to go to the markets in Glasgow. There he bought goods which were supplied to the Stonehouse shopkeepers. *cont page 9*



There were 2 blacksmiths in the village, and a tinsmith who made pots, pans, pails and sold these in his ironmongers shop.

Most of these shops were open for very long hours and on week days they closed at 8 o'clock in the evening. On Saturdays one grocer closed early (?) at ten o'clock, and the remainder closed at midnight. It is very difficult to understand why shopkeepers did not agree between themselves to close much earlier in the evening, after all, Stonehouse was a very small village then and it would have been extremely simple to tell the housewives that all shops would close at 6 o'clock. Shopkeepers would then have had a more pleasant life than they had.

Hospital Radio with Stonehouse Youth Forum



The Youth Forum have branched out into the Radio business in Stonehouse as well as our newspaper. In the beginning we were only on the air Saturday nights from 5.30pm until 7.30pm, but now we have the Gaz and Lee show on Thursday and Friday nights from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. We play a wide variety of music to suit everyones taste, we also play any requests from nurses and patients within the hospital. If anyone has a request for anyone in the hospital we can be contacted at the times stated above in the hospital radio station.

Hazel Morrison

Galaday 92 Galaday 93?

As Galaday 92 looks to another successful year the question must be asked, how long will the Galaday be a part of Stonehouse's annual celebrations?

This year will see several new appearances, such as the Great Duck Race and 'Spaceball', a spaceage, stomach churning but thrilling experience not to be missed.

There seems to be an increasing enthusiasm for participation on the day itself and encouragement from most of the local businesses, but where the Galaday does lack is at its core in the organising and preparation for the big event.

Preparation begins 8 months before the event itself and this year less than a dozen people have been involved in co-ordinating the event.

Its lack of support can only be disillusioning for those involved, as alot of responsibility is taken by the committee in ensuring the day does go by without hiccups.

Meetings take place for one hour once a month and unless there is a greater response for aid, then Stonehouse may be going down the road of so many other local villages and losing one of its most historical and entertaining fairs.

Until that day lets all enjoy what has been an enjoyable and well attended day and lets hope for better weather then we endured last year.

Music in the park

Sunday 5th July 2pm - 4pm

Poteen Ceili Band

Sunday 19th July 2pm - 4pm

Coalburn Silverband

Sunday 26th July 2pm - 4pm

Poteen Ceili Band

Sunday 2nd August 2pm - 4pm

Coalburn Silverband



Beauty without cruelty

A hundred years ago experimentation of animals was on quite a small scale. Today, the trickle has become a flood. In 1988, 3.5 million animals were killed as a result of laboratory procedures and over 300,000 of these animals were used for testing cosmetics and other non-medical and unnecessary products. Why should such tortures be inflicted upon our animals for the sake of our vanity?

Every year thousands of new cosmetics and toiletries flood the market. The products are attractively packaged and advertised yet we are unaware of the cruelty involved. The term vivisection is normally associated with animal experimentation and literally means "to cut an animal while it is alive". Experimenting on animals is a world-wide practice involving millions of creatures including guinea-pigs, rabbits, dogs and monkeys. An astonishing 80% of experiments are carried out on mice and rats for cosmetic products. It is incredible that the practice of vivisection inflicts dogs as their victims since they have no aim in life other than to love and serve their owner. The tests usually carried out are to assess possible eye and skin damage. They are often force-fed hairsprays, lipsticks and eye-shadows. Resulting in bleeding from the eyes and mouth, convulsions, diarrhoea and inevitably death. The Draize test involves dripping solutions such as shampoo or perfume into the eyes of animals, usually rabbits and in skin tests, substances are applied to exposed, sometimes raw, animal skin. The LD50 test is especially criticised for killing unnecessarily large numbers of animals. LD stands for lethal dose and in the experiment a chemical is injected in increasing amounts until 50% of the animals die. Sometimes the animals may even be made to breathe in fumes, given off by the substance. The experimental animals are carefully studied to see how the substance affects them, whereby samples of blood, urine and the animal's behaviour are studied. But why should animals be made to feel such pain or even be killed? They are innocent. Animals can't argue for their rights so we should argue for them. Some

people think the lives of animals don't matter as much as the lives of humans. I agree that humans are cleverer than animals, but that doesn't give us the right to use them as tools. It's our responsibility to care for animals and protect them. As French physiologist Claude Bernard once said:

"Science permits us to do to animals what morality forbids us to do to our own kind".

Many people accept animal experimentation on potentially life-saving drugs but is it necessary for animals to be cruelly tested for our vanity? In fact, we know that drugs such as Thalidomide and Opren, which were found to be safe in animal tests, had tragic effects on people. But there is hope. Increasingly large numbers of consumers are choosing products that are not tested on animals. Products containing natural ingredients and devoid of animal suffering have become a popular and fashionable item. However, with the market still dominated by animal tested ranges, it may be difficult finding out where to buy cruelty-free products. Specialist chain stores such as The Body Shop, Boots, Health Food shops and selected chemists and supermarkets all sell cruelty-free products. The products may cost more since they contain natural plant-based extracts and are only sold in certain shops but as demand increases and more consumers buy cruelty-free, then the prices will drop.

Animals can't make demands about how they want to be treated. People need to learn to understand the needs of animals and decide what's best for them. We must break down the barriers of prejudice and ignorance in our society that continue to deny rights to animals, but "nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little."



As Leonardo da Vinci said.

"the time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

Michele Green

CRIME BEAT



CAR CRIME PREVENTION YEAR

1992 is Car Crime Prevention Year and a nationwide campaign will soon be launched in Scotland to encourage the public to be more security conscious with their cars. Television advertising will spearhead the initiative in an attempt to thwart the significant rise in car crime.

In Stonehouse car crime is evident throughout the village. From having no insurance on vehicles to stealing radio cassettes and even the cars themselves. In Camnethan Street and New Street recently three cars were stolen within the same week.

CAR CRIME.

TOGETHER WE'LL CRACK IT.

Car Crime - The Facts

- A car is stolen in Britain every two minutes, day and night
- Recorded thefts of motor vehicles in Scotland in 1990 increased by 24%. Thefts from motor vehicles increased by 9%. Provisional indications are that the recorded statistics for 1991 will show even greater increases
- Car crime accounts for more than a quarter of all recorded crime in the UK
- 90% of car crime is opportunist
- Over a quarter of stolen cars are taken by professionals
- Only 55% of car drivers claim always to lock their vehicles
- A quarter of stolen cars in the UK are never recovered by their owners

- A stolen car is estimated to be up to 200 times more likely to be involved in an accident than one driven by its owner
- About one in ten of stolen cars in the UK involves insurance fraud
- The greatest proportion of car crime is committed by young men

Car Crime - Prevention

Luggage And Valuables : Don't leave them on display. Take them with you or lock them in the boot out of sight. Never leave credit cards in the glove compartment.

Doors : Lock them ! Get a padlock if you have a gate at the end of your drive.

Windows : Etch an identification number, such as your registration number, on all the glassware: windows, headlamps and sunroof. Thieves don't want the expense of complete replacement

Ignition Key : Take it out, even when your car is in your garage

Alarms : If you have an alarm, turn it on every time you park.

Cassettes/Radios : The latest security coded equipment won't work if somebody tampers with it and disconnects it from the battery. Some car stereos are specially designed so that you can take them out of your car easily when you leave it. Even so, security marking with an ultra violet pen is strongly recommended.

Strangers : Watch out for strangers showing interest in your car (or your neighbour's car). They may be thinking about stealing it, rather than admiring it. If they look suspicious, call the police straight away.

Immobilisers : Most cars already have steering locks. But an additional immobilising device is worth considering.

Fuel Cap : A lockable fuel cap forces thieves to abandon your car when it runs out of petrol.

Documents : Never leave vehicle documents in your car. Your registration document, MOT and insurance certificate could help a thief sell your car.

CRIME BEAT

YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION PANELS

It is clear that the fight against crime is one which cannot be pursued by the police alone. It is only with the full co-operation of the community that crime can be reduced. Crime Prevention Panels form an important link in this fight and provide that vital contact between the local police and the community.

Young people are closely associated with crime - both as victims and offenders. They therefore have a lot to offer and can play a major role in preventing crime. Getting involved is not always easy and takes enthusiasm and energy. But your contribution is needed and, what's more, you will find the challenge exciting.

Joining a Youth Crime Prevention Panel is an important way in which young people can help reduce the effects of crime on themselves, their schools, homes and communities. Based mostly in secondary schools, Youth Crime Prevention Panels provide an opportunity for young people to:

1. Consider crime and the way it affects young people
2. Identify problems which they consider to be most important
3. Develop their own responses to those problems, perhaps by pressurising other influential organisations

If you are interested in doing something about crime in your school or community, setting up a Youth Crime Prevention Panel is a great way to do it. If you would like any information about Youth or Adult Crime Prevention Panels, please contact staff at the Community Involvement Branch of your local police station who will be only too happy to assist.

Have you a favourite recipe?

Stonehouse Youth Forum are trying to raise funds for their club, and have come up with the idea of compiling a recipe booklet full of recipes or handy hints donated by you, the readers.



If you have a tried and tested recipe you would like to share, could you write it and hand it in to any of the magazine outlets, club members or post it through the door of 43 Kirk Street.

'The club' will then make a booklet and put it on sale. That's where they need you again, please buy one and help them raise money for their club.

To get you started here is one of my favourite recipes.

Tangy Citrus Cheesecake

Mix 3oz melted butter with 5oz crushed digestive biscuits and press mixture into an 8inch loose bottomed tin or lined tin. Dissolve a lemon jelly in a $\frac{1}{4}$ pt. boiling water, add grated rind and juice of one lemon and 6oz cream cheese. Whisk until smooth. Add one large tin chilled evaporated milk (14.5oz). Whisk till thick. Pour into base and chill to set. Decorate with 10oz can mandarin oranges, drained.

Janel