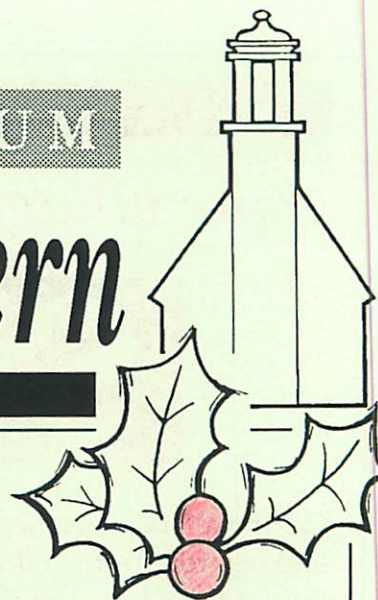


STONEHOUSE YOUTH FORUM

The Stonehouse Lantern

XMAS COLOUR SPECIAL



Santa Syndrome

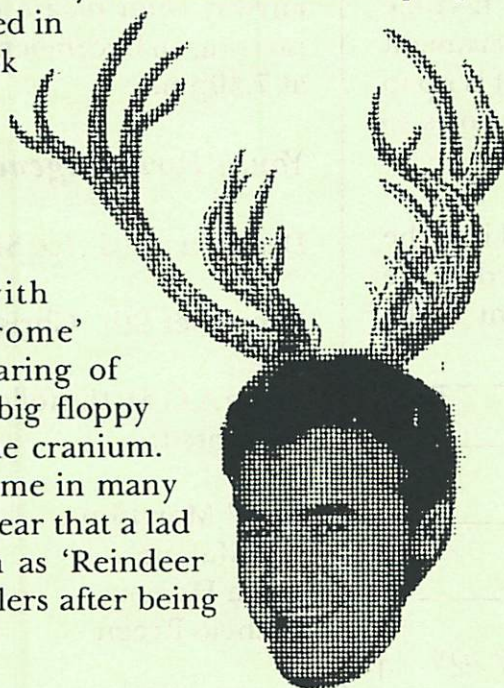


This December has seen the reoccurrence of the Scandinavian disease 'Santa Syndrome' within our village. This rare and mysterious disease causes any unsuspecting individual to wake up in the morning with a long white beard and red wellingtons moulded to their feet.

This can be very embarrassing as both male and female are vulnerable

to the infectious disease. Many of these unfortunate people have already been spotted in Stonehouse trying to look inconspicuous with dark glasses while doing the Christmas shopping.

This disease should not be mixed up with 'Paddington's Syndrome' which involves the wearing of red wellingtons and a big floppy hat protruding from the cranium. Santa Syndrome can come in many forms. It was only last year that a lad from Glenmavis known as 'Reindeer Boy' began to grow antlers after being infected by the disease.



Colour Galore

This Christmas issue brings you the first colour issue on the front page of the Lantern. Don't forget to keep this special edition of the Lantern as one day it might go under the hammer at Christie's as a collectors item! Each copy was painstakingly, individually coloured to bring that little bit extra attraction to this festival issue.

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Contact sheet of businesses and organisations within the village.

Your village needs you



Calling all local businesses the Youth Forum is looking for sponsorship to help produce the Stonehouse Lantern into the next year.

Production costs at present restrict the number of copies that are produced and distributed within the village. 500 copies go out, on average every 5 or 6 weeks and every copy is snapped up, so it isn't possible to ascertain the production capabilities in that we are restricted to so many copies.

The advertising opportunity would be one of advantage to any local business, as there are just over 2000 houses in the village, which means we're reaching 1 in 4 houses within Stonehouse. The promotional aspect alone to a small village would be to your own advantage as well as to your pocket.

Only through ventures such as the Lantern by the Youth Forum can the village truly become a community. Unfortunately, the government has short arms and deep pockets, so it is up to you to support our youth in their efforts to support us!

Please fill in this cut out slip and send it to the following address if you are interested in the aims of the Youth Forum and want to be contacted:

Name: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Send to 16 Spinningdale, Stonehouse ML9 3QS

Gala Day saved for this year

Over 30 residents of the village turned out for a meeting at the Public Institute to decide on the future of the Gala Day.

For this year at least the Gala Day seems secure but unless the support shown at the meeting is sustained in future years this may be the last. Since 1986 there has been a decline in the numbers offering their support and since then the financial balance has dropped by over £2000. The finance and running costs are vital to any Gala Day. A fund raising group has been established to find means of fund raising throughout the year and with your support it may help preserve future Gala Days. The Gala Committee is looking for aid on the day to help with field duties and stewarding the event. They are also looking for organisations to take an active part in the preparation of the event as well as in participating. The support of parents is also essential in making it an enjoyable event, particularly for the children of the village. The floats play a big part in the Gala and help is desperately needed here in constructing the floats. If you are intersted in helping out in anyway then please come along to the next meeting on December 7th in the Public Institute at 7.30pm.

Youth Forum Agenda

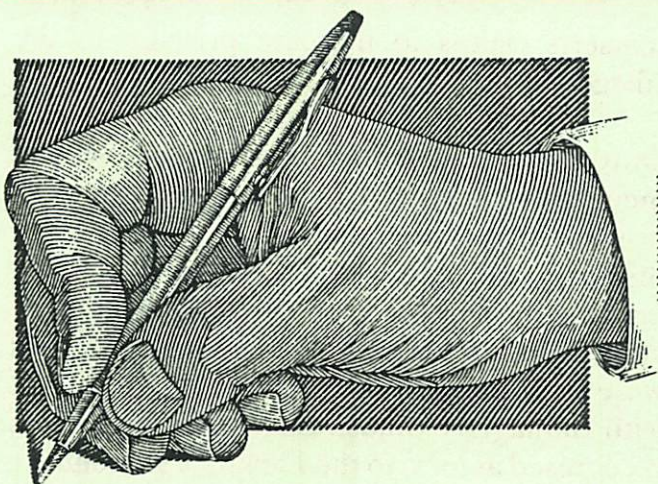
December 3rd Ice Skating at East Kilbride

December 9th Christmas Party

At the A.G.M. the following office bearers were appointed:

Hazel Morrison	Chairperson
Lee Malone	Treasurer
Fiona Hanlan	
Michele Breen	Secretary (s)

Membership due 20th November



Illegal Parking

A problem affecting many residents within the vicinity of the Cross has been the illegal parking and mounting of pavements by lorries travelling through the village.

Worst affected has been King Street which daily sees large articulated lorries not only blocking our main road of traffic, but also preventing access for pedestrians, especially prams and the elderly. This problem causes a great deal of inconvenience as well as danger to many pedestrians on an already overcrowded and dangerous traffic route.

The photograph shown here shows the problems faced. It also affects the residents who live on the main street such as John Ross, who has often barely been able to get out his front door, never mind getting access to his shop.



When confronted the lorry driver was unhelpful and abusive, especially when having a picture taken of his lorry illegally parked on the pavement outside his house.

This is not the only problem faced by trucks passing through the village. At the beginning of Lockhart Street bollards were installed to prevent lorries mounting the kerb as a safety measure to protect pedestrians. Last month a lorry was seen deliberately driving through the bollard, pulling it out its roots as it continued its journey through the village. Luckily this incident was seen and the registration of the vehicle was taken and reported to the police. Not only could it have caused an accident but children and pedestrians at large are again at risk from those taking short cuts in order to save seconds.

Concerned resident

Road Repairs

Over the past few months many residents have expressed concern over the amount of time taken for repairs to road damages.

Malcolm Waugh, who is in charge of the regional roads department, has the responsibility of roads maintenance of the roads and to ensure the repairs are carried out, on average, between 2 -4 weeks from being reported. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to be the case as it is thought that the repairs reported take anything from 8 weeks to 6 months!

Obviously this is not acceptable on a road which has very heavy traffic. Often potholes are formed causing loose stones to fly up, which have caused broken windows in the houses of Lockhart Street and New Street. It is, however, possible to claim against the region for damages to property by writing to the roads engineer in Cadzow Street, Hamilton. If you have any damages to report, fill in a card which can be obtained from the library and hand it in to 67 King Street.

Long lost uncle of the Concerned resident

Additions to stock at Stonehouse Library

Novels

Janet Tanner	Daughter of Riches
Anita Burgh	Advances
Nicola Thorne	Champagne Gold
John Francome	Rough Ride
Mary Higgins Clark	All round the town
Dick Francis	Driving force
Claire Raynor	Sixties
Jon Clearly	Dark summer
Winston Graham	Stephanie
Andrew Greeley	An occasion of sin
Catherine Cookson	Maltese Angel
Martin Cruz Smith	Rod Square

Non-Fiction

Quilt with the best	
Tania Alexander	Euro Disney
Aissa Wayne	John Wayne my father
Debbie Frank	Birth Signs
Classic meat dishes	
Christopher James	Pass your MOT first time
Hamlyn all colour	Indian cook book
Country walks in Clydesdale	
J. Thomas	Book of pressed flowers
Douglas Thompson	Clint Eastwood
Norman Vincent Peale	Amazing results of positive thinking
W.I. Sinclair	Allied Dunbar Tax Guide

Bank of Scotland robbed

On Wednesday 11th November a late night withdrawal was made from the Bank of Scotland in the Trongate, Stonehouse. Unfortunately they withdrew everything and left none for us! This armed robbery poses as a serious escalation in the crime rate in Stonehouse and again

reasserts claims to increase policing in the village.

Only two weeks before this incident several men attempted to rob the bank but were prevented by doing so by observant and quick thinking staff. Two robberies were also made on Strathaven Road by three possibly four young men in house break-ins. These youths were seen making their getaway in an escort with damaged exhaust. One of the youths was recognised as local to the Larkhall/Stonehouse area.

For anyone with information leading to the capture and arrest of the robbers there is a £10000 reward offered. If anyone wishes any information on crime prevention or would like to report a crime, then don't hesitate to call Larkhall Police Station on 881100.

Rememberance Sunday Parade

After attending the Service of Rememberance I was disgusted at the conduct of the organisations during the parade through the village.

They jostled one another, talked in the ranks, and some were kicking a uniform hat up the street while on parade. I was brought up to respect the uniform which I was wearing and our conduct during a parade was expected to be dignified.

I hope note will be taken by the organisations and that in future parades will be orderly and smart.

Disgusted Resident

Thanks go to Gillian Fox for laying a commemorative wreath at the cenitaph on behalf of the Youth Forum.



Christmas Calendar

December 25th, Christmas

Christmas is the day on which Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. December 25th wasn't chosen at random; early Christian reformers wanted to replace a pagan festival that took place at that time, but many of the pagan customs survive. Holly was supposed to be especially lucky for men. It was thought to cure people with fevers and rheumatism. Many people think it is an important evergreen because it reminds Christians of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified while the berries are reminiscent of the drops of blood on his forehead.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by pagans who believed it had miraculous powers and could cure all sorts of illnesses as well as protecting them from evil and bringing good luck. Because of this superstition you will never see mistletoe in a church today, but in medieval times it was placed on the altars of York Minster and the Collegiate Church at Wolverhampton.

December 25th, Christmas Presents

The custom of giving Christmas presents goes back beyond the Christian era. This was the time of year when the people of Rome gave gifts to each other, and each gift had a special meaning. Honey, for example, brought a sweet and peaceful year, money brought prosperity, and candles or oil lamps meant a year full of light and happiness. Christians started giving each other presents as a reminder of the gifts brought by the Three Wise Men to baby Jesus.

December 25th, Yule Candle

This is a custom which has completely died out. A yule candle was very large indeed, it was often coloured red or green, and it was decorated with evergreens. The head of the family lit it either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and it had to be kept burning until everyone went to bed.

The flame was put out, but it was considered unlucky to blow it out. The lighting and extinguishing of the candle went on throughout the twelve days of Christmas. Any of the candle that remained after January 6th was carefully put away for it was a protection against evil.

December 25th, Yule Log

The yule log was an important part of the Christmas ritual. It was cut down, decorated with greenery, brought into the house, and set alight. Once it was blazing, it had to be kept burning for the twelve days of Christmas. If it went out then bad luck would enter the house. If any of the log was left by January 6th, this was carefully stored so that the following year's yule log could be kindled from the wood of the old yule log. In some areas of the country cider or ale was thrown over the log just before it was set alight.

December 25th, Father Christmas

Father Christmas originated as St Nicholas, a much-loved bishop who lived in Myra in Asia Minor in the 4th century. He loved both poor people and children. He was a generous man who tried to keep his good deeds quiet. This is why the bringer of Christmas gifts is supposed to come quietly at night. St. Nicholas died on December 6th, and in some countries children discover their Christmas presents on December 5th, the eve of his festival. As a bishop, St Nicholas wore splendid robes and he had a mitre on his head. So, this kindly bishop has become transformed into the jolly red-robed and hooded Father Christmas many children know so well.

December 26th, Boxing Day

Boxing Day is St Stephen's Day, December 26th. No one is quite sure just how the name came into being, but some people believe it is because it was on this day that alms boxes were opened in churches and the money distributed to the poor. In some districts this was called Stephening.



They're back, they're bad, Jon's had a haircut and Richie hasn't. Yes, after 4 years to follow solo projects, Bon Jovi have reformed and produced the excellent album "Keep The Faith", which myself (Gary Leonard) and partner in slime, Lee Malone, have chosen to kick off our new regular music review page in "The Stonehouse Lantern".

After their last best selling album "New Jersey", they "split" to follow solo projects and recharge their Duracels. Richie Sambora (the guitarist) recorded a solo album called "Mr Bluesman", in which in the title track "Mr Bluesman", Eric Clapton joined Richie in the studios.

Tico Torres (drums and percussion) spent most of his time playing golf.

Meanwhile, Jon Bon Jovi acted in, and also wrote the music for the motion picture "Young Guns 11", which got him a US No.1 with the title track "Blaze of Glory" (on which Alec John Sach played bass), and David Bryan was captured by aliens and was forced to re-populise a small planet outside Mars! (Honest!)

"Keep The Faith" is not instantly likeable but it grown on you (like moss). Out of the 13 songs there are a few crackers to look out for:- the title track and 1st single "Keep The Faith" is of vintage Bon Jovi material.

"Sleep When I'm Dead" is a powerful, no-holds barred power track. There are also the expected Bon Jovi ballads, such as "Bed of Roses" (on which Jon plays piano) and also "In These Arms".

The major achievement of the album is the 9 mins 52 sec song "Dry County" in which Bon Jovi turns the search for a glass of beer into an epic voyage of the tonsils, taking the song from a whisper to a scream and back.

Finally, the first minute of the last track, "Save a Prayer" is a kind of unrehearsed jam session where all the technicians and studio staff joined

in on the backing vocals and pots and pans to accompany the band on what must have been a pre album completion party.

Marks out of 10 - 8 out of 10

Oh, by the way, Lee and I and a couple of friends are going to see them at the SECC on May 19th 1993, so we will have a review on the concert. Just to rub it in!

Questionnaire

Which of these is not a band?

- a) Toad the Wet Sprocket
- b) Hamsters with Machine Guns
- c) Goats Don't Shave

Ans B

What was the name of the American Country singer who sang with KLF on "Justified and Ancient"?

- a) Dolly Parton
- b) Billy Ray Cyrus
- c) Tammy Wynette

Ans C

Who cut Jon Bon Jovi's hair?

- a) Rick Allen (Def Leppard Drummer)
- b) Edward Scissor Hands
- c) Stevie Wonder

Ans None of the Above

Who was Michael Jackson's plastic surgeon?

- a) Rick Allen
- b) Edward Scissorhands
- c) Stevie Wonder

Ans None of the above because he claims he hasn't had plastic surgery

CONTACT FACT SHEET

Stonehouse Violet Social Club
11 Glenview
Stonehouse
Tel: 791136

Start-Rite Nursery
Mrs Margaret McMeekin
Tinto View
Strathaven Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 793489

Chemist
34 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793300

Scottish Country Dancing
St.Ninian's Church
Stonehouse
Contact: Mr MacKenzie
43 Lockhart Street

Stonehouse Lantern
16 Spinningdale
Stonehouse
Tel: 792479

Stonehouse Primary
Townhead Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792377

Newfield Primary
Muirhead
Stonehouse
Tel: 792084

Sunshine
Mother/Toddler Group
Mrs Whitelaw
Tel: 791425

John Ross
Draper
11 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792690

Stonehouse Coaches
48 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792145

Autofit
37 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793981

Whitelaws Coaches
Loch Park Ind.Est.
Stonehouse
Tel: 792800 or 793506

Anwar Newsagents
Violet Crescent
Stonehouse
Tel: 791018

T.I. Motor Engineers
9a Loch Park Ind.Est.
Tel: 793794

Alvin Garden Services
Stonehouse
Tel: 792364 or 791485

Adair & Bryden Solicitors
15 Trongate
Stonehouse
Tel: 791060

Galloway & MacLeod Ltd.
King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791919

Hamilton Bros
1 The Cross
Stonehouse
Tel: 793432

James Syme & Son
Family Butcher
5 Argyle Street
Tel: 791451

Step Aerobics
St. Ninian's Church
Vicars Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 888493

Falcon Chinese Kerry oot
44 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791223

Stonehouse Greengrocers
12 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791431

James Brown Plant Hire
Unit 8 Loch Park Ind. Est.
Stonehouse
Tel: 791421

Quintilianis
The Cross
Stonehouse
Tel: 791397

J. McDonald
Precision Engineering
Unit 5 Loch Park Ind. Est.
Stonehouse
Tel: 793493

A & M Steele
62 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792547

Ginestri & Sons
11 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792201 or 791880

Top Grade Windows Ltd.
20 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791046



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Useful addresses within the village of Stonehouse

Stonehouse Library
4/5 The Cross
Stonehouse ML9 3LQ
Tel: 793984

Agricultural Society
'Shika', Sidehead Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 793505

Stonehouse Art Group
7 Beechwood Drive
Stonehouse

Stonehouse Burns Club
157 Strathaven Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791785

Stonehouse Heritage Group
16 Spinningdale
Stonehouse
Tel: 792479

Stonehouse Male Voice Choir
48 Hill Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791297

Slymm & Trymm
7 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793774

Women's Rural Institute
9 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792690

Avonside Track Club
66 Muirhead
Stonehouse

Stonehouse Am. Athletic Club
58 Muirhead
Stonehouse
Tel: 792189

Stonehouse Badminton Club
2 Argyle Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793591

Stonehouse Bowling Club
Vicars Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791389

Avon Angling Club
3 The Neuk
Stonehouse
Tel: 793065

Kype Angling Club
69 Lockhart Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793517

Stonehouse Violet F.C.
4 Hawkwood Way
Stonehouse
Tel: 792030

Stonehouse Tennis Club
2 Argyle Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793591

Stonehouse Dog Training
Thornhill Kennels
301 Strathaven Road
Limekilnburn
Tel: Chapelton 355

Stonehouse Post Office
Tel: 793202

Stonehouse Pharmacy
34 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793300

Stonehouse Mini Cabs
48 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792145

Thomsons Taxis
Tel: 791337

Stonehouse Hospital
Strathaven Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 793521

Congregational Church
Angle Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793784

Stonehouse Service Station
Strathaven Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791328

Grace Hamiltons
Trongate
Stonehouse
Tel: 793709

Doctors Surgery
King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792269

D.A.S.H.
14 Argyle Gardens
Larkhall
Tel: 885544

Mackenzies (Hairdressers)
New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792513

Autofit
New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793981

Stonehouse Youth Forum
19 Townhead Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791264 or 792479

The Old Ship Inn
3/5 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791215

The Crosskeys Inn
7/9 Queen Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791221

The Boys' Brigade
11 Udston Avenue
Stonehouse
Tel: 791955

The Girls' Brigade
8 Argyle Gardens
Larkhall
Tel: 885514

Dentist (Edwards)
12 Lawrie Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792754

Stonehouse Prim. Sch. Board
Tricia Logan
Vicars Road

The Black Bull
The Cross
Stonehouse
Tel: 793325

The Buckshead
6 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791200

Regional Councillor
Jackie Burns
38 Bryce Gardens
Tel: 881546

District Councillor
Dick Gibb
157 Strathaven Road
Tel: 791785

Ballet Classes
Contact Janet Newell
Tel: 791626

Community Council
Robert Freel
67 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792460

Old Folks Welfare Committee
Mrs Hamilton
4 Caledonian Avenue
Stonehouse
Tel: 791660

Senior Citizens Day Centre
Mrs Crawford
7 Sidehead Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791854

Cander Quilters
Joan McCue
51 Camnethan Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792681

Salvation Army
37 Mainsacre Drive
Stonehouse
Tel: 792870

Labour Party
Mrs Carty
103 Patrickholm Avenue
Stonehouse
Tel: 791381

Stonehouse A.F.C.
Mr Sloan
15 Lockhart Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791450

Royal Bank of Scotland
New Street/Boghall Lane
Tel: 793160

Soft Focus Photography
Ken Maclean
Ramsraig Gardens
Stonehouse
Tel: 792945

Newfield P.T.A.
16 Whinriggs
Stonehouse

Jubilee Playgroup
9 Secaurin, West Mains
Stonehouse
Tel: 793518

Girl Guides
Mrs E.Sutherland
1 McEwan Way
Stonehouse
Tel: 793433

Scouts
Mr Clements
30 Lawrie Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791043

St.Ninian's Women's Guild
Mrs Kirkwood
29 Strathaven Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 791363

SNP
Mrs Miller
47 Lawrie Street
Stonehouse

Murray Drive Residents
Mrs Gillespie
165 Murray Drive
Stonehouse
Tel: 793927

Camnethan Street Residents
Mrs Bunch
66 Camnethan Street
Tel: 793714



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Cross Video Centre
The Cross
Stonehouse

J. Murdoch
Licenced Grocer
20 Violet Crescent
Stonehouse
Tel: 791468

The Cross Garage
Trongate
Tel: 791204

Stuart Hill
Driving Instructor
Queen Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791126

Mac's Driving School
Ramsraig Gardens
Stonehouse
Tel: 792945

James Hood Decorators Ltd.
Stonehouse
Tel: 793686

J.E. Sheeran
Amusments Arcades Ltd.
18 Argyle Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792711

Changed Reflections
53 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791766

John Campbell
Plasterer
3 Udston Avenue
Stonehouse
Tel: 793133

Bank of Scotland
17 Trongate
Tel: 791355

Brookpark Builders
30 Townhead Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791543 or 793430

K & F Butchers
2a King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793637

Jim Tait
Joiners
13 Townhead Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791653

Mogul Refridgeration
58 King Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 792804

Pet & Pony Shop
36/38 New Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791670

Wilson Builders Ltd.
Building Contractors
Green Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 791274

Archibald Brown
Plumber & Cen.Heating
1 Vicars Road
Stonehouse
Tel: 793456

Melvin
Fencing Contractor
20 Angle Street
Stonehouse
Tel: 793928

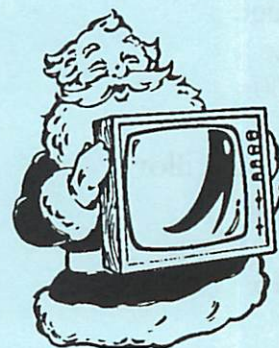
E & M Scott
Newsagents
3 Trongate
Stonehouse
Tel: 791936

Answers to Numbers and Initials Competition

1. Pounds in a stone
2. Degrees in a circle
3. Year Terry Waite was released
4. Steps (John Buchan)
5. Players in a Rugby League Team
6. Wheels on a unicycle
7. Highest score at darts
8. Year of the first ascent of Mount Everest
9. Old pennies in a pound
10. Number of balls in an over
11. Kenya became independant
12. Bones in the human body
13. Dialling code for Manchester
14. Fluid ounces in a pint
15. Sides on a fifty pence piece
16. Men in a boat
17. Holes in a golf course
18. Maximum score at snooker
19. Margaret Thatcher became leader of the Conservative party
20. Books in the old testament

CRIME BEAT

Crime Prevention



*Make sure your house is
secure this Christmas,
or Santa will be
off with your telly!*

REFLECTION ON HERITAGE EXHIBITION

From October 5th to October 10th 1992 in St. Ninian's Parish Church Halls, Stonehouse, the pages of memory's picture book were turned back, for over nineteen hundred people - natives, residents past and present, visitors and school children who paid homage to forebears, friends and "stalwarts" who lived in the village a century ago and could be called the "Salt of the Earth".

The Historical Exhibition has been the common topic of villagers for weeks following the event. It was unique in that the organisers - Stonehouse Heritage Group - were two, or perhaps three, generations "on" from the scene so interestingly displayed. To say it was an "eye-opener", a pleasant one, to learn that life in Stonehouse was so active and industrious one hundred years ago when no modern tools or machinery were available.

Relics of the past, in weaving, mining, quarrying, farming, textiles, education, etc, were plentiful and proved that the worker was a person of calibre and determination to succeed under difficulties. No transport was accessible for those who had to travel to the mines or quarries - no "breaks", except for mid-day meal and tea for those who "plied the shuttle" (often twelve hours per day). Time was precious to secure a wage of £1.00 per week. In the homes, women tended their families to keep them in good health, worked in large gardens to produce vegetables to fill the soup pot in Winter, as well as "tramping the blankets" in Summer. By use of a scrubbing board, clothes and moleskin wear, were made fresh and clean.

To a child who visited the Exhibition and looked at pictures which brought these scenes to life, one does not wonder at his casual remark "The folk who lived in these days must have been daft".

The Victorian school-room was an attraction greatly enjoyed. Many visitors recalled the desks, pointer and tawse. A School Register on view was of great interest in that the exact date of entry of grand parents and great grandparents could be found.

Much credit and appreciation are due to those who delighted queues of people earnestly

searching the Census files and awaiting a computer "print-out" of their ancestors. This section was a hive of activity and computer operators were patient and happy to oblige.

In the small hall one could enjoy both a slide show and coffee or tea service by willing helpers. From the slides it was interesting to see all classes of inhabitants at their various labours, some also enjoying a little relaxation in the long summer evenings, playing quoits and other games, while in winter, skating and curling on the ice pond was an enjoyable pastime when outside work was at a standstill. No work meant no pay in these days.

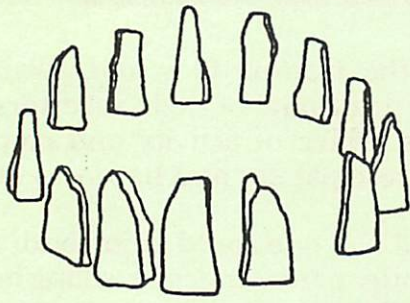
Moving half way through the century, music too had a place in the Exhibition. Instruments were on view recalling memories of the local Silver Band which for many years provided the annual New Year greeting when members assembled at the Cross on Hogmanay. They also maintained concerts in the Public Park. These memories were tinged with sadness that these happy occasions no longer exist.

Trophies, medals and relics were on view and much admired, reminding visitors that the village had a place in sport, war and peace.

To everyone, the Exhibition was of considerable interest and enjoyment. It appeared an unanimous verdict for another to be staged within the next few years. Those responsible are to be highly congratulated and thanked for their insight and innovation as well as the pleasure given to all who supported this event.

I visited the "show piece" four times, each with renewed enjoyment. While everything on view was well worthy of praise, I reflect often on some of the photographs which, unfortunately, were not identified. "As a white candle in an holy place, so is the beauty of an aged face". There were portraits of several men and women whose serene looks and thoughtful meditation revealed faith and strength which had been their guiding lights through times of hardship, scanty livelihood and many anxieties all rewarded with a quiet peace towards the end of their pilgrimage. Such is our heritage. Let us preserve it.

Jean T. Leishman



Stonehouse Heritage Group

Heritage Group A.G.M.

Stonehouse Heritage Group met on the 2nd November in the Crosskeys to hold their second Annual General Meeting after the success of the groups exhibition on the history of Stonehouse. The group welcomed a good turn out and interest generally shown within the village.

Membership was discussed and it was agreed to restrict membership to 18 years and over, though anyone of any age is welcome to come along and become actively involved. Annual membership fees were set at £5 and monthly meeting dues set at £1 to aid the finances of the group. The treasurer's report stated that the group were still in need of finance to reproduce and preserve the glass slides of the village dating back to the 19th century. The Heritage Group are still open to donations, and photographs are still for sale for those who wish to purchase them. The family census information is also available for a donation of £1 for those who wish to trace their family ancestors.

Dr David Duncan retired as Chairperson of the Heritage Group after the years success due to the many other obligations he has to the community. The new office bearers were appointed as follows Chairperson, John Young. Vice Chairperson, Lindsay Greenock. Treasurer, Ken Maclean and Secretary, Helen Murray, all of whom accepted the posts.

In the next year the Heritage Group hope to further collate the vast amount of information that exists within the village. Other

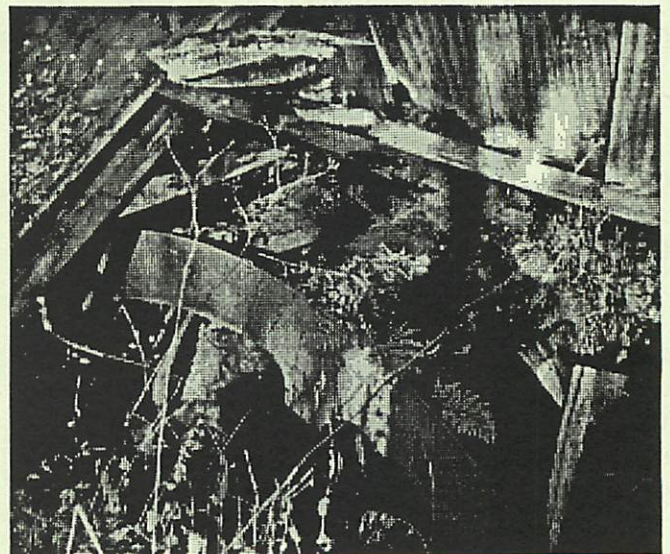
possible routes that may be followed are the documentation of the 1841 and 1881 census, research on the Stonehouse Railway line, the possible reconstruction of a weavers cottage and a feasibility study on the possibility of a museum for the village. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 7.30pm in the Crosskeys lounge where everyone will be made welcome.

Stonehouse 1710

Sheriffdoms of Renfrew and Lanark

(From the statistical accounts of Stonehouse the description of the village is written here as it was in the days of old)

Stonehouse is a pleasant parte, tho it toucheth not Clyde : it lyes upon the water of Aven. This baronie and parish anciently belonged to the Earles of Douglas ; and after their forfaulture, the one half of it came to Lord Hamilton, and the other half to the Laird of Stonehouse, Hamilton ; and continued fo for severall ages, until of late, it was first purchased by the Lord Lee, and then by his son, the Lord Castlehill, and now belongs to Martha Lochhart, his daughter, and John Sinclair younger of Stevensone, her spouse. The place is plentifull both of grass and corn ; but the house which belonged to the land is now ruinous, they dwelling elsewhere, at Cambusnethan. The Duke of Hamilton is patron of the parish.



Remains of Mill wheel on the Cander.





Harry Krishna's Christmas Crackers

Selection Box
Xmas Tree
Tinsel
Icicles
Baubles
Stocking
Sparkle
Garland
Santa
Fairy
Cracker
Presents
Punch
Jesus
Turkey
Snow
Yuletide
Advent
Carole
Lights
Holly

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Do you belive in reincarnation Part 3

1. If Father Christmas asked you what you wanted for Chrstmas would you...
 - a. Tell him "my mother told me not to talk to strangers"!
 - b. Bop him on the nose and tell him to mind his own business.
 - c. A new tambourine for choir practice.
 - d. Say "I'm Guy Fawkes, have I got the wrong time of year" then set him on fire.
2. If your mother asks you to help decorate the Christmas tree do you...
 - a. Say " what do you think I am, a volunteer worker?"
 - b. Bring your friends round and build a tree house.
 - c. Put your tartan shirt on and sing "I'm a lumberjack and I'm ok" and then chop the tree down.

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3. If Santa asks you to look after his reindeer do you...

- a. Say "only if you stop that ridiculous laugh you have"
- b. Take them to a stag party at the Buckshead.
- c. Chop off their antlers, strap them on to your head and say "I used to be a coat hanger in a previous life".



Harry and the rest of his family would like to wish all the Lantern readers a Warm and prosperous New Year.

4. If your mates ask you to dress up and go Carole singing do you...

- a. Say "I like dressing up in women's clothing but I'd rather be called Brenda!"
- b. Suggest that they need psychiatric help.
- c. Say No, as you were unfortunately killed after swallowing a tonne of mackerel while swimming in the North Sea.

5. If asked to take a large tin of chocolates as a present to your granny, do you...

- a. Eat them all on the way there and say "here you go gran a new biscuit tin".
- b. Eat all your favourites and fill the empty ones with cats droppings.
- c. Beat on the tin while chanting warnings to neighbouring tribesmen of Tarzan coming.

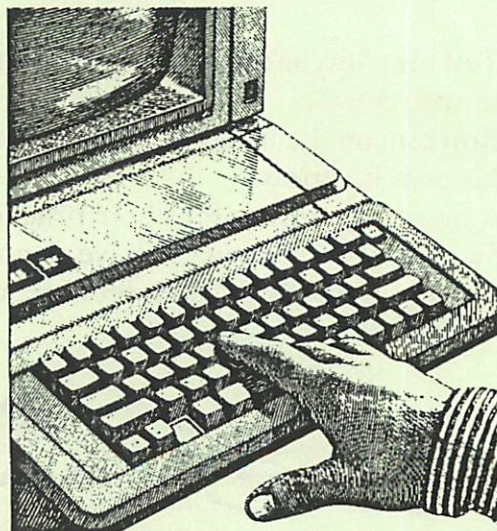
Garbage Excuse

Over the past few months several residents of the village have been in grievance with the council over the allocation of wheelie bins. Residents moving into new homes and others having their bins stolen have requested through the Cleansing Department for new wheelie bins. They were told they would have to purchase a new one at the cost of £38. One elderly lady was told that she was not eligible because she did not live in a council house, and that if she left her garbage in black bin bags they would not be uplifted.

This situation seems ridiculous considering we all pay Poll Tax and expect these services to be provided. This rule discriminates those who own their own homes especially the low paid and the elderly despite the fact that they may be just as poor as many council residents. After all what do we pay Poll Tax for?, other than to provide local services to the community.

Computer Courses

If anyone in Stonehouse wishes to learn basic computer skills on the Apple Macintosh now is your chance. Once installed the Youth Forum will be giving organisations and individuals the chance to learn and make use of the computer software. This may improve the quality of promotional material of many of the villages clubs either in the form of booklets, posters, magazines or merely as a method of storing information. If anyone is interested in learning to operate the Apple Macintosh please contact John Young on 792479.



Differences between NHS Trusts and Directly Managed Units

Issue	NHS Trust	Directly Managed Unit
Management	Each Trust is run by its own Board of Directors. The Trust is there to determine its own management structure. Senior professional staff must be involved in management.	The Health Board is responsible for the unit with the Unit General Manager (UGM) being responsible for day to day management. Internal management arrangements are subject to Health Board approval
Accountability	Each Trust Board is directly accountable to the Secretary of State via the Management Executive.	Each unit is accountable to Its managing Health Board. The Health Board is accountable to the Secretary of State via the Management Executive. Each unit's income is largely derived from contracts with Health Boards. GP fund holders and the private sector.
Funding	Each Trust's income is largely derived from contracts with Health Boards. GP fund holders and the private sector.	The range and extent of services offered by a unit are determined by the managing Health Board.
Services	Each Trust is free to determine the range and extent of services it wishes to provide except that where a service must be provided locally a Trust can be obliged to provide it if it is the only unit able to do so. Each Trust provides the services which it is contracted to provide. There is no requirement for Trusts to consult Local Health Councils on closures or changes of use.	Each unit provides the services which it is contracted to provide. Closures and changes of use are subject to formal consultation with Local Health Councils.
Employment of Staff	Each Trust sets its own staffing structure and levels. It employs all its own staff including consultants. Each trust is free to determine the pay and other terms and conditions of employment of all staff it employs. Staff transferring to a Trust retain their existing terms and conditions of service until changes are negotiated.	Each unit determines Its own staffing structure but Its staff are employed by the Health Board. Pay and other terms and conditions of employment of nearly all staff are subject to Review Body of National Whitley Council agreements or Departmental determination.
Financial Duties	Each Trust has a statutory duty to break even taking one year with another. It is also required to achieve a 6% return on assets and keep within its agreed EFL. • External Finance Unit. Agreed with Scottish Office.	The managing Health Board has a statutory duty to balance its budget each year. The UGM has a managerial imperative to ensure that the unit breaks even. The unit has to pay capital charges equivalent to depreciation and 6% interest on its fixed assets.
Surpluses	Each Trust prices to cover running costs, depreciation and return on assets. Trusts may retain surpluses.	Each unit prices to cover running costs and capital charges (depreciation and interest). Units cannot retain surpluses.
Borrowing	Each Trust is free to borrow within its agreed EFL.	Units have no power to borrow.
Insurance	Trusts do not insure for medical negligence. They may insure for other insurable risks.	Units do not insure for medical negligence or other insurable risks, with certain limited exceptions.
Ownership of Assets	Each Trust owns its assets. It is generally there to acquire and dispose of assets and retains the proceeds from any sales.	Each unit's assets are owned by the Secretary of State or the Health Board. Acquisition and disposal of assets are subject to control and regulation by the Health Board and the Management Executive.
Capital	Each Trust makes its case for capital developments to the Management Executive. It funds the agreed programme from its own resources or by borrowing within its agreed EFL.	Each unit makes its case for capital developments to the Health Board. Funding is dependent on allocations from the Health Board capital programme.

Fire Prevention

Often around Christmas there seems to be a rise in fires in the home. In the event of a fire we have compiled a few tips to aid you in the unfortunate event of a fire.

What to do if a fire starts

If possible close the door of the room where the fire is and close all doors behind you as you leave. This will help delay the spread of fire and smoke.

Before opening a closed door, use the back of your hand to touch it. Don't open it if it feels warm - the fire will be on the other side.



Get everyone out as quickly as possible. Don't try to pick up valuables or possessions. Make your way out as safely as you can and try not to panic. It will help if you plan your escape route now rather than waiting until there is a fire.

Telephone the fire brigade on 999 from a neighbour's house or a telephone box. Clearly state the address of the fire.

Never go back into the house until a fire officer has told you it is safe to do so.

If you are cut off by fire Try to remain calm.

If you are unable to use the door because of flames or smoke, close the door and use towels or sheets to block any gaps. This will help stop smoke spreading into the room.

Try to make your way to the window. If the room becomes smoky, crawl along the floor where it's easier to breathe because smoke rises.

Open the window and try to attract the attention of others who can alert the fire brigade. Wait for the fire brigade to arrive.

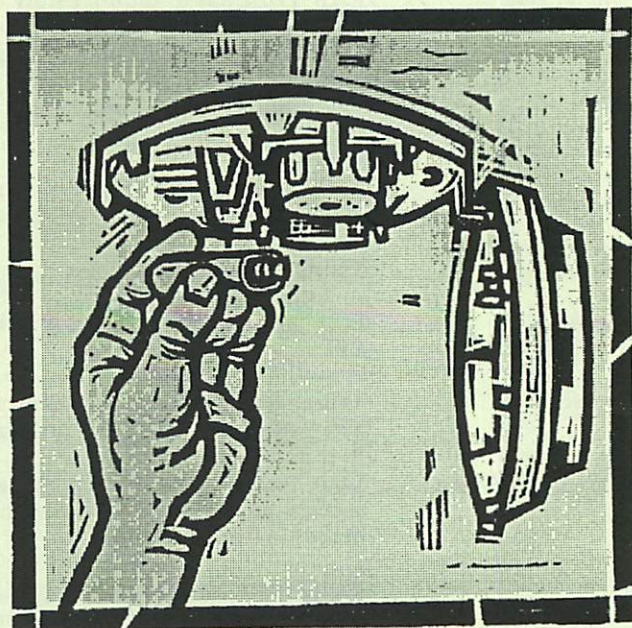
The fire brigade should arrive in a matter of minutes. If you are in immediate danger and your room is not too high from the ground, drop cushions or bedding to the floor to break your fall from the window. If you can get out feet first and lower yourself to the full length of your arms before dropping.

Chip Pans

Chip pans are one of the most common causes of fire in the home.

You should never fill a pan more than one-third full of fat or oil; and you should never leave the pan unattended when the heat is switched on.

If the pan does catch fire, do not move it and never throw water on it. Turn off the heat, if it is safe to do so, cover the pan with a damp cloth or damp tea towel and leave it to cool for at least 30 minutes.



Get a smoke alarm it may save your life.