

New Village Newsletter to Keep you informed!



Stonehaugh News

Welcome to the first edition of the New Stonehaugh Newsletter.

Residents who have lived in the village for a few years will remember the previous newsletter which was produced by Mavis Peer, formerly of 18 Kern Green. The newsletter kept everyone informed of future events and activities and reported on past events. These included Christmas and New Year parties, Easter events, sports day, village fair and craft day, and the highlight of the year, the annual leek show, with a list of winners! Most residents found the newsletter invaluable and looked forward every month to when it dropped through the letter box with snippets of news about the village and its

residents.

Another former resident, Helen Watson, did revive the news-sheet for a time.

Now could be a good time to revive the tradition once again, what with the completion of the new village hall within sight and the Season of Goodwill upon us!



Stonehaugh as a Community

We are a small and isolated community in the scale of things. The nearest shop in Wark or Simon burn is 5.5 miles away. We are, however, fortunate in having a village post office at 2 Middle Burn End, run by our own postmistress Anne Bulman, and the Social Club.

The Social Club has, over the years, provided a venue for numerous events and occasions. These have included, the youth club,

dances with live bands, birthday, engagement, christening, wedding anniversary and Christmas parties, prize bingo, craft fairs, leek and flowers shows, Valentine's Night dinner, leek soup suppers, walkers' teas and many, many more.

When the grand, new hall opens it could be in demand for miles around as a venue for events and celebrations! Imagine how stunning wedding photographs would be!

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Special points of interest:

- *Christmas events calendar*

Schedule of Events

- **9th December**—Routes, live music at the club 8 pm. £3 admission
 - **10th December**— Christingle Service 6.30 p.m. at the club with the Archdeacon of Newcastle.
 - **14th December**- Bottle Bingo 7.30 p.m.
 - **17th December** Children's Christmas Party 4 pm until 7 pm
 - **21st December Green's Meeting**—unconfirmed. (To Be Confirmed)
- Please refer to club for opening hours.
- **24th December**—Christmas Eve
 - **25th December**— Christmas Day
 - **26th December**—Boxing Day
 - **31st December**—New Year's Eve

December 2006

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Routes</i>	10 <i>Christingle</i>
11	12	13	14 <i>Bottle Bingo</i>	15	16	17 <i>Christmas Party</i>
18	19	20	21 <i>Greens TBC</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Forthcoming Events For All The Family

This year there are several very welcome newcomers to the village who will be enjoying their first Christmas at Stonehaugh. The Community Trust had hoped that this year residents would be celebrating Christmas in the new community hall. That was not meant to be, but is something to look forward to next year now!

Santa Claus always has Stonehaugh high on his list of priorities! He has in the past made a special visit to the village on Christmas Eve before he begins his amazing tour of delivering presents to the children of the world! He usually arrives at the club end of the village on Christmas Eve at around 6 p.m.

Santa Claus never fails to turn up at the Christmas

Party to present a gift to all the children there. The party starts in the afternoon for the youngsters and then continues through the evening for the whole family, and everyone else!



Christmas Bottle Bingo brings the opportunity to win your Christmas celebration drinks. Prizes are so numerous that almost everyone goes home with something, well worth winning. Even if you aren't lucky with the bingo, you may well win something in the raffle! Don't miss this

enjoyable evening!

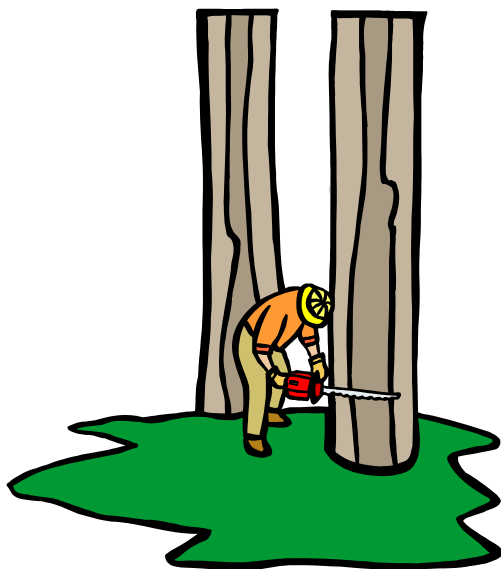
This year you will be able to buy your last minute cards, wrap and calendars too.

Stonehaugh Residents are Front Page in the Hexham Courant

Two weeks running now we have seen familiar faces from Stonehaugh on the front page of the Hexham Courant.

Week ending 24th November 2006 saw a front page article and photograph of our own wood turner and forester, Jimmy Potts, of 3 Middle Burn End. Jimmy was responsible for selecting a suitable tree to stand under Big Ben, outside the Houses of Parliament. Having worked for the Forestry Commission for 43 years, Jimmy should know his trees. Many residents will already be familiar with Jimmy's beautiful woodwork which he does in his spare time. His creations can be bought at the annual village craft fair and at *New Horizons Gift Shop* in Bellingham. The symbol of

Stonehaugh, the totem poles are Jimmy's work!



The following week, ending 1st December, we saw Steve Hill on the front page having won Northumberland's School Chef of the year award! The children of Acomb First School are ditching their packed lunches to enjoy Steve's wholesome meals which are virtually all home-cooked from fresh local produce. Since Steve took up his post school meals uptake at Acomb First School has risen from 50% to 85% in only two months! We wish him the very best of luck in winning the national title next April!

Steve can be found behind the bar at the Stonehaugh Social Club. Come along and meet him! He occasionally delights club members with some of his culinary creations!

Announcements and advertisements welcome in the New Village Newsletter

A section in the new village newsletter could, if demand is sufficient, be devoted to any **special announcements**, such as births, engagements, marriages, special birthdays, achievements, memorials etc. Just let the 'editor' know (address on the back page) and this can be included in the forthcoming edition.

Congratulations

Fred Bloggs is 40

Love and best wishes from all the family.

Help him celebrate in the Social Club on

Saturday.

Everyone Welcome:

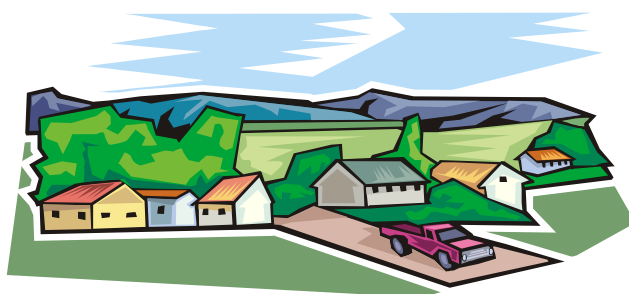
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Articles and services wanted and articles and services for sale, will also be inserted if required!

The Village Greens Association

The Village Greens Association is for the benefit of all residents of the village. It is our mini-council and community committee if you like. It's main function, is to provide insurance cover and maintenance of the children's playground, general maintenance of the village by providing the skip twice a year (in conjunction with Wark Parish Council) and so on. Fundraising

events to pay for the above and the Christmas Party, Easter events, Prize Bingo etc., include the Craft Fair and the Village Fete. It meets each month at 8 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday, and all residents are more than welcome to attend with any issues or suggestions concerning general village matters.



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Best contact times are:
Thursday evenings, and Friday, Saturday
and Sunday!

***Please contact me with any suggestions,
comments or opinions for inclusion in
the newsletter***

Webb Ivory was a success and raised around £200 towards the New Community Hall Trust Funds. A big thank you to everyone. Almost every household in the village, supported this effort by buying from the catalogue. Thanks also to the many people who passed the catalogues on to family, friends and work colleagues. Perhaps we can do even better next year when the new hall is up and running, and funds will be needed to add finishing touches to the interior!

Fancy writing a short article? If you have a special interest or hobby, or a story to share perhaps you might like to have it included in a forthcoming newsletter. Anyone of any age, children and teenagers included, is welcome to contribute. Perhaps you have been on a holiday of a lifetime, achieved a long-strived-for goal in life, passed an exam or qualification, have a special gardening tip or problem, or just fancy putting pen to paper and giving a point of view or opinion.

The Gardening Club (incorporating the Leek Association)

The Gardening Club was once a thriving concern, meeting every month with guest speakers giving demonstrations and advice on gardening matters. That was in the days when there was a National Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Champion living here!

The Leek Show is still the village highlight of the year, held in September and is well supported with entries from most households. Funds are raised with the monthly number draw, drawn on the last Friday of the month. The first prize is £20 cash. If you are interested in joining the draw contact Carolyn Murray, 10 Kern Green, phone 230473 .

Carolyn would also be interested to know if there is any demand for reviving the meetings when spring finally begins to emerge. There are opportunities for inviting guest speakers, plant exchanges etc. in fact any ideas or suggestions would be gratefully received.



Don't forget to feed the birds this winter.
They will come back and eat your greenfly, slugs and snails in the summer!