

SEPTEMBER Into Autumn



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Stonehaugh News

Success For Stonehaugh Summer Fun Day

The Stonehaugh Fun Day 2007 turned out to be a huge success. The weather was beautiful and this obviously encouraged visitors to come to Stonehaugh. The gentle breeze meant that there wasn't a midgie in sight! The extra advertising in advance, by way of roadside signs really paid off.

The highlight of the Fun Day was most certainly the Bird of Prey exhibition and flight display. This superb attraction was provided by Falconry Days of Lady Hill, and was one of the best, I for one, have ever seen. There were numerous birds on display, not just four or five as is usual, and the flight displays were impressive.

Other attractions included Ferret Racing, Archery, Beer Tent, Teas, Cake Stall, Book Stall, Raffle, Tombola, Children's Games, Punch and Judy Show, Candy Floss and Barbeque. The Vintage Tractor Run didn't actually take place but there was an impressive line up on the field for visitors to view.

The event raised over £500 for the Village Greens.

The Greens Meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month, are your opportunity to discuss and put forward ideas and suggestions for the Stonehaugh Village Amenity Areas, the Annual Craft Fair and other seasonal events.



Stalls at the Summer Fun Day

Parish Meeting 8th August Stonehaugh Social Club

A Parish Meeting was held in the Social Club on 8th August chaired by Anne Hutchinson of Wark Parish Council.

Allotments

Demand for allotments in the village was sufficient and the council is now obliged to act and provide the facility. An area has been marked out in preparation.

There were some concerns about how the allotments will look, as many allotments are notoriously untidy, or even unsightly. Other concerns included long term upkeep of the plots, and the untidy state of some existing gardens, which does impact on the overall appearance of the village.

Traffic

Requests for traffic calming measures were put forward as several residents were concerned at the high speed of some vehicles passing through the Middle Burn End of the village. Anne wrote to the Forestry Commission, who have circulated the complaint to drivers, and the Post Office. Both establishments have requested that registration numbers and times be noted so that they can identify the offending drivers. Anne would be grateful if you could let her have this information to pass on to the Forestry Commission and Post Office.

Grass Cutting

The weather this summer has been exceptionally wet but it was felt that the grass cutting on the village greens has not been as regular as it should have been. Some residents attending the meeting pointed out that the area of grass opposite Middle Burn End needed to be cut further back towards the trees. This has since been attended to voluntarily by Jimmy Murray

Schedule of Events

- **1st September**— Stonehaugh Gardening Club, Annual Leek Show
- **16th September**—Parish Council Meeting, Wark. Under discussion will be the Stonehaugh Allotments
- **20th September**—Greens Meeting 8pm.
- **23rd September**—Autumn Equinox. The nights start drawing in now!
- **27th September**—Gardening Club Draw and Prize Bingo 8pm

September 2007						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 Leek Show	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Parish Council
17	18	19	20 Greens Meeting	21	22	23 Autumn Equinox
24	25	26	27 Prize Bingo	28	29	30

Congratulations

A new Granddaughter for Maureen and Thomas Hogg born on 8th August.

Congratulations

Mark Cooper achieved the A level grades he needed to secure his place at Edinburgh University. Well done Mark, and good luck in your biology studies.

Belated Birthdays

Anne Bulman celebrated her birthday quietly with family on the 25th August.

Tony Alton celebrated his 65th birthday with friends in the Social Club to the sound of 'Routes', also on 25th August.



Harry Murray
was
5 years old
on
4th September

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Murray

Is

3 years old

On

9th September



Gardening Club—Annual Leek Show

The Annual Leek Show was held on Saturday 1st September.

Although entries were down slightly on previous years the leek show was well supported and there was a good selection of entries in all classes.

Carolyn Murray won the Leek Cup and the first prize of £80. Congratulations to Carolyn, her leek was superb but she wouldn't divulge her secret to its success!



Carolyn Murray proudly holding the Leek Cup

The Vegetable Cup was won by Pam Robertson, a new and enthusiastic participant in the show who submitted many entries in the domestic and flower sections as well as the vegetable section.. Hopefully she will continue to enter and support the show for years to come. Well-done Pam!

The domestic trophy (a Crystal Bowl) was won by 15 year old Sam Wright. His cakes and other goodies were outstanding and seem to improve year on year! Perhaps we have a budding Super-chef in Stonehaugh! When presenting the trophy Mick was trying to encourage Sam into the Navy. "They are in need of good chefs " he teased! Well done Sam!

The Flower Section Cup was won, for the second year running, by Carol Madsen.

Anne Bulman won the Raffle First Prize of a food hamper.

After presenting the trophies and prizes Mick Mallaburn entertained everyone in his role as auctioneer. This was Mick's first time as auctioneer and he carried out this daunting task quite professionally. Well done and thanks to Mick!

Many thanks to Carolyn, Brenda and Albert for their hard work hard in staging this popular event.

Free

Computer Desk

With shelf underneath

Cream (from Argos)

Contact Graham Murfin

1 Middle Burn End

Tel: 230511

RHS Gardening Advice

Top 10 jobs for September

- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Pick autumn raspberries
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- Give evergreen hedges a final trim



New Community Hall

Many people in Stonehaugh, and further a field, have been wondering what's happening with the new community hall building which has been at a standstill for quite some time now. According to the Stonehaugh Website (www.Stonehaugh.com) there have been problems with the builders and this is currently in the process of being resolved.

Dog Fouling



The issue has once again been raised! Please consider children playing and your neighbours!

Please pick it up in and around the village!



Council News

Councillor Anne Hutchinson, Chair of Wark Parish Council has reported the potholes on the Ward Lane.

Members of the public can report faulty street lights, potholes and other road problems directly on the following numbers.

Street Lights 0800 085 0029 together with individual light number.
Highways 0808 10008910

With regard to the bracken invading the green at the top of the village Anne has taken advice from the National Park Authority and has asked David Allen for a price to spray and deal with the area.

Wark Parish Council have recently appointed Pat Johnston to the position of Clerk. His contact details are:- **Tel: 01434 674095**,
e-mail: **PatJohnston@supernet.com**

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We're on the web
www.stonehaugh.com

Ramblers visit the Village



Two coach loads of ramblers once again enjoyed tea in the Social Club after their walk on 29th August. Helpers were in short supply due to holidays, work commitments and so on so Maureen Hogg kindly stepped in at the last minute to help out.

**"But Dad I really need a wee!" "Not far now son!
Only about six miles in a place called Wark!"**

Anne Hutchinson has received a letter from the Ramblers Association informing her of a letter that they have written to the Forestry Commission and One Northeast about the need for toilets at Stonehaugh.

Christmas Fundraising Catalogue

The Webb Ivory Fundraising effort last year was a great success thanks to the people of Stonehaugh, their friends, relatives and work colleagues, raising nearly £200 for the New Community Hall. Apparently all money raised by voluntary means is met with an equal donation from funders of the project, therefore doubling the total.

The catalogues for 2007 are now available and will be distributed within the next week or so. Christmas may seem ages away but now the holidays are over and the children back at school, the Festive Season will be here in no time. Some orders last year could not be fulfilled later in the season, so please order early to avoid disappointment this year.

Minnie (or is it Millie?) has returned

Carolyn is happy to announce that her missing cat has returned and would like to thank everyone for showing concern, taking an interest and looking out for her.

