

Happy New Year 2008 Year of the Rat!

2008 The year of the rat

In the Chinese New Year, taking place from February 7th, this year is the Year of the Rat. People born in the Year of the Rat are one of the most industrious and hardworking in the zodiac.

Ambitious in pursuit of personal goals and born perfectionists. Often successful financially and good providers.

Loyal and loving, rat people inspire loyalty. They have high energy levels and expert organisational talents,

as such they can find success as business leaders or politicians.

Famous people born in the year of the rat include Charlotte Bronte, Prince Charles, Mozart, Shakespeare, Tolstoy, George Washington and Margaret Thatcher.

Years: 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996.



Rats are compatible with Dragon, Monkey and Ox

Dogs

This time it isn't dog poo which is being highlighted, though this is always an issue!

Ant Wright wants to remind the many responsible dog owners in the village to make sure that they are aware and in control of their pets at all times.

On 16th January, Ant returned home from work to find his garden covered in feathers from where something had been attacking the hens. There were so many feathers about that he feared the worst but the hens had luckily escaped, two of them onto the front green. He does realise that there is a slim chance that the culprit

could have been a fox, but thought a fox would have been more successful in catching a hen or three in an enclosed space and concluded that the culprit was more likely to be a small dog.

The chickens in Ant's garden are in the main loved family pets and he wishes to point out to dog owners the carnage and distress their dog can cause if left to roam.

A quote from Ant "For the people who keep the small amount of livestock it will mean the loss of a few hens perhaps and no doubt a bit of aggravation. However, if the same dog finds its way amongst the sheep close to the village, it may not be so lucky if the farmer sees it first"

Forthcoming Events

- 13th February** —
Valentine's Day meal
at 8 pm
- 21st February** —
Village Greens
Meeting 8pm

Belated Birthday Greetings

To Graham Murfin
who was 60 years
young on 3rd January!

February 2008

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Valentines Day Meal</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Village Greens</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Events Reviewed

Christingle Service 16th December.

The Annual Christingle service was well supported this year. It was standing room only for some, with a good attendance from Stonehaugh and also from Wark! The carol singing was accompanied by Lewis Watson of Roses Bower playing the organ. Each member of the congregation received their symbolic Christingle to take home.

Bottle Bingo

The annual Bottle Bingo held on 20th December was also well attended this year despite the short notice. Eleanor won first prize in the raffle of a fruit hamper.

Updates

Stonehaugh Darts Team

An invitation is extended to anyone who may be interested in joining the Stonehaugh Darts Team to contact Plum (Richard Murray) or simply turn up at the Social Club at 7.30 pm on Sunday Nights

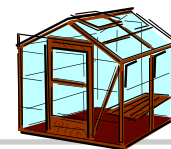
Monthly Leek Club Draw and Weekly Meat Draw

A couple of people have suggested/requested that the winners of the leek draw and the meat draw be announced in the newsletter as a point of general interest. Some winners may prefer to remain anonymous however! On the plus side such publicity might stimulate more interest and therefore more support.



February in the Garden

RHS Gardening Advice



Top 10 Jobs

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds and some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches! (In Stonehaugh?)
4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
5. Prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
7. Prune Wisteria
8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
9. Prune Conservatory climbers
10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter

Stonehaugh Community Hall

As many of you know progress with the New Community Hall has been beset with problems over the past year. The next few months will hopefully see work being recommenced and the hall completed at last.

Unfortunately Michael Murray has resigned as secretary of the Community Hall

Trust together with his wife Brenda.

Tommy Hogg has also resigned as Vice-Chairman.

Many thanks go to them all for their hard work, dedication and commitment to The Community Hall Trust over the last few years.



Happy Birthday to these special people!



**Hannah is 7 years old on
21st February**

**Chelsea is 3 years old on
7th February**

**Rachel is 9 years old on
22nd February**

**Peter is 8 years old on
26th February**

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***Gardening/Leek Club Secretary
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Council News

Brenda Murray has resigned her seat on Wark Parish Council. Anne, Chair of Wark Parish Council would like to thank Brenda and express her gratitude for Brenda's service over the past years.

Potholes and Street Light Failures

Members of the public are asked to 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

The Parish Council is apparently looking in to the possibility of providing much needed toilet facilities for visitors to Stonehaugh after the Forestry Commission bulldozed the existing ones on the Warksburn Picnic Site last year. The toilets are likely to be of the New Age "Green," composting design.

Vacancy in office of Councillor Stonehaugh Ward

Due to Brenda's resignation from Wark Parish Council a vacancy now exists for a councillor to represent Stonehaugh. Any one interested is asked to contact Ann Hutchinson Tel: 230680, as soon as possible.

Speeding through the Village

Parents of the many younger children now living in the village are becoming increasingly concerned about the speed of traffic along Kern Green. The speed with which some drivers are travelling through the vil-

lage is quote "a disaster waiting to happen". Please be aware that at any moment a child could run out from behind one of the many parked cars. The culprits unfortunately include some residents, as well as utility vehicles and delivery vans.

Concern is such that the County Council has been approached by some parents with a view to installing speed bumps and other traffic calming measures.

Best Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Pauline Murfin and Pat Potts who have both recently undergone operations.