



KILLIN NEWS

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KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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THE SHOW GOES ON



Killin Sports & Leisure Club

Construction of the Sports Pavilion and tennis courts is now well advanced and should be complete towards the end of 1991. It is regretted that the tennis courts which were scheduled to be ready by 31st July are still under construction. The enthusiasm and support of the local community in various fund raising events must be commended. In recent weeks the Bowling Club held a Bric a Brac and raised £500, the Sports Club Committee ran a raffle for a video recorder and collected £106 and the Playgroup donated £90 following their efforts at the Killin Show. The Duck Race raised £291.



"JUDGES IN THE RING" - KILLIN SHOW, 1880.

While becoming one of the country's main agricultural events (with more black face sheep than the Royal Highland!), the Killin Show is also a glorious (weather permitting) highland gala day for both locals and visitors. Nobody seems to be quite sure how old it is, but the picture above was taken in 1880. Since that time it has moved its location from the ground in front of the Kirk (as above), to Kinnell, to the Mart, then a shearing competition and tup lamb show, and finally to Breadalbane Park.

Whatever its origins, the show goes on: and it's mainly thanks to the local people that we have such a range of events for the crowd to watch, and take part in. The quality of the live-stock (and their careful grooming) in the morning is not only a keen event for those involved, but is much appreciated by our August visitors (from foreign parts!). For them of course the pipe-band makes their day, leading the procession from the Dochart Bridge to the Park, to start the afternoon's fun and games.

Congratulations and thanks are due to all those who worked so hard to make it such a successful show, and in particular to Pat and Gilbert Christie, and their band of helpers. Maybe next year we'll have tossing the caber and show jumping - the Royal(!) Killin Highland Show! (Photographs pages 4, 5).

PRIZEWINNERS

SHEEP

Judge J. Michie, Drumardoch. *Champion:* K. Taylor, Dall, Killin, with a two-crop black-face ewe. *Reserve:* R. McLarty, Glen Tarken, St. Fillans with a shearling tup.

CATTLE

Judge G. McCullough, Stirling. *Champion:* A. Campbell, Balnasuim, with a November-born black Limousin cross heifer. *Reserve:* B. McLarty, Glen Tarken with a December born Limousin cross black bullock.

PRODUCE

Handcrafts: S. Davidson and R. Lambert. *Homecrafts:* Mrs B. McGregor. *Baking:* Mrs E. Stewart, Mrs M. Taylor, Mrs E. Woods. *Produce:* Mrs E. Stewart. *Horticultural:* Mrs M. McNicol. *Floral Art:* Mrs H. Taylor and Mrs B. Brown. *Child's Section:* Myrica Mardon and David Riddell. *WRI:* Strathfillan and Killin.

The Killin Sky Divers!

A party of brave Killin souls are to undertake a *parachute jump* to raise money for the Sport and Leisure Club. They are: *Johanne McNee, Gavin Munro, David McLeod, Sheila Laing and Michael McLaren.* They will set off to Strathallan Air Field, Auchterarder, on 28th September and undergo a period of training. If the weather is right on that day, they will make their jump from about 2,500ft! If the weather is not suitable, they will return on a later day. Sponsorship forms will be in the local pubs and shops very soon. We hope you will sponsor them generously. The Killin News wishes them the best of luck and salutes their courage.

Ringling the Changes



In May British Telecom airlifted a four ton temporary exchange over the end of my garden (I'm getting them for violation of air space). The permanent digital exchange will open in late summer 1991, when, wait for it, we will get a new higher pitched dialing tone and to confuse us, our three figure numbers will become six figure numbers. Thus Killin 784 will become 0567 820784 but *not until the end of summer 1992.*

A. Walker

COMMENT

Whatever happened to the much heralded "Killin Community Development Plan?"



Our front page story in June written by Lesley Rogers, told us that our next opportunity to participate would be early in June when the final plan would be available in the Library for comment; and given to the Community Council. So far, there's no sign of it. Has the SDC had second thoughts about it? Or has it already been filed away in a dusty cupboard? Come on Stirling, let's have it. We're just dying to read it!

Show Queens?

Various comments have been made to us about the continuing tradition of having a Show Queen for the annual Agricultural Show. We understand that there was some difficulty at the dance to get girls to come forward for the selection. As it happened in this case we were lucky to get a Show Queen in Elizabeth McDiarmid, from Lawers Farm, who is both attractive and personable and carried out her duties to everyone's satisfaction. But is it a tradition we should continue, in the face of the apparent reluctance of young people to support it?

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This Centre is one of three run by Abernethy Trust, a Christian charity who took over Brae Lodge at Ardeonaig in 1983. Since then thousands of folk have come through our doors each year, taking part in activity and environmental studies programmes. Guests canoe, kayak, hillwalk or ski from beginner standard upwards, surrounded by the beauty of Loch Tayside and whilst being assured of hot showers, home cooking and comfortable beds!

We cater for a wide range of groups including schools, youth training, families and individuals.



The staff are committed Christians who wish to provide a welcoming and caring environment. As part of each days' programme, a brief "Thought for the Day" is presented to those interested.

1991 is the 20th Anniversary of the Trust's formation, and we're using this occasion to spearhead an appeal to provide the money for a new sports hall at Ardeonaig to benefit our guests and our contacts in the area. In August a staff member, Stephen Macdonald is attempting to complete the eight 4,000 peaks in Scotland within 24 hours - a distance of about 35 miles and 12,000 feet of ascent.

Anyone wishing to look round the centre is welcome at any time.



POPPY WEEK APPEAL 1991

The dates for 1991 are as follows:-

Poppy Week - 4th - 9th November (Door to door collections).

Remembrance Day - 10th November: Church Collections.

Shops, garages, hotels and other establishments may start to sell poppies up to 10 days before commencement of Poppy Week.

Report on 1990 Collection

The Fund in Scotland raised £915,754.31p exceeding the target by £65,754.31. *Killin's share* was £533.26 exceeding 1989's total by £60.28. Many thanks to the collectors and owners of the various establishments who collected on behalf of the fund and special thanks to Mrs Morag McNee and Mrs Mairi Stewart for their invaluable help over the years.

Arrangements for the 1991 Appeal

If anyone, already listed as a collector wishes to withdraw her name, please notify Tom Gilfillan (Killin 350) - together with the name of a replacement if possible.

Is anyone willing to take on the task of Area Convener after my "retiral"? If so, please phone me on *Killin 350*.

Tom Gilfillan



J. LEWIS

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LETTERS

Dear Sir

I noticed a headline in the Times recently ("Loch fears influx of power boats") which illustrates very forcefully an opinion which I have held for a long time - that now that English lakes are overflowing with power boats, our own lochs will have to put up with more and more infiltration and disturbance.

Already Loch Tay has reached saturation point at Kenmore and at this end there are the occasional power boats and these obnoxious objects, jet skis. Loch Earn can take no more either.

Now is the time for those concerned to take appropriate action and adopt a very strong line, so that the valuable fishing is not disturbed and the interests of both residents and tourists alike are not abused.

Yours truly

Robert Anderson
Manse Road
Killin

Dear Sir

The name "Killin": regarding the article in the last issue of the Killin News on place names, it may be of interest that the Killin Communion Cups dated 1750 have the name Killene, i.e. "Kil" a church and "linn" a pool. The old church stood on the bank of the pool of Lochay behind Killin Hotel. "Lairds and Lands of Loch Tayside" (Christie) mentions a land dispute in 1640 which names "The Clachan of Killene".

James Anderson
Killin

Note

I think that James' opinion of the origin of the name is the most likely explanation, "the church by the pool". Allan Walker.

Dear Sir

Being an avid reader, I would like to pay a tribute to the excellent library facilities we have here in Killin.

There is a wide choice of books, fiction, non fiction, reference, plus videos etc. There is too, a very good children's section. One can always get new publications, within a reasonable time.

I would also like to say a thank you to the ladies who run the library for their unfailing courtesy and help.

Yours etc.

J. McIntyre
Killin

Obstruction of Pavements

On behalf of the Community Council may I appeal to you to keep the pavements clear of obstructions? Killin pavements, on the whole, are narrow and difficult for a mother with a pram and possibly another child, even when clear. We have several wheelchair users in the area (and visitors) and there has already been one accident caused by an attempt to avoid a pavement obstruction. The main



problem here is the habit of having "bin bags" for collection on the pavement. We are fortunate in our "bin men" here and I am assured that they will remove the rubbish from inside your gates; so please think about the less fortunate members of the community and keep the pavements clear.

P.S. Remember that cars parked on pavements are equally dangerous.

Dr. M. McColl, Chairman, Community Council.

Community Council

The regular meeting of the Killin and Crianlarich Community Council was held on 8th August in McLaren Hall. Unfortunately neither Regional nor District Councillor was present.

Various matters of local interest were discussed and as always the parking problem in Killin was one of the main areas of concern. Until the Roads Department can provide more parking space we cannot do much about the present chaotic situation at Monemore but it was suggested that an extra policeman (preferably walking the street) or a traffic warden during the summer months to enforce the existing parking restrictions might be helpful; this will be discussed with the local police and the Chief Constable. The proposal put forward at our last meeting that a barrier be erected to prevent buses obstructing the pavement at Monemore has been accepted and this will be done. Obstruction of the pavements generally is becoming a problem and there is a separate appeal about this in this issue. Please read it.

Some progress is being made with the sewage problem at Tyndrum. Action has been agreed but no date so far for commencement. We await developments. Concern was expressed about the delay in letting vacant council houses; we will try to find out from the Housing Department why this happens. Various other matters were discussed and will be taken up with the appropriate departments.

Dr. M. McColl

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The Killin



A good crowd on a good day with the



Jimmie Michie, from Drumardoch, Callander, has a hard time picking the best from such a fine bunch.



The overall champion of the cattle : a black Limousin cross heifer owned by A. Campbell of Balnasuim.



The Brownies also dressed up for the occasion. "Bring on the Clowns!"



Yet another champion!!
The Bonniest baby!
Mrs Kathleen Watts with baby Lauren. Although not living locally, Kathleen has strong family connections with the village.



The



The Fire Brigade demonstrate their skills cutting open a badly crashed car, so that our Ambulance Staff can rescue the "casualty".



Gilbert and Pat Christie with Mairi Hunter.

Gilbert and Pat have run the show for as long as most folk remember. Pat has been secretary since 1970, and Gilbert chairman since 1976.

Agricultural Show

August 1991



Tarmachan Ridge in the background.



The Killin Toddlers Group, dressed for the occasion, along with the Show Queen. Some bonny wee Black-faces!



The overall champion sheep: Kenny Taylor from Dall, happy to be photographed with his winning black-face ewe.



The Show Queen, Elizabeth McDiarmid from Ben Lawers Farm, with the Alloa and Bowmar Pipe Band.



Playgroup! Why do the mothers have to disguise themselves?



Some of the Killin News editorial committee debating whether to go back to the beer tent or not!

Maybe this group have already been there! Enjoying the show anyway.



"Interested parties"! Two faces from the knowledgeable crowd who watched the sheep judging intently.

We would like to thank Richard Shand for the photographs on these pages. He gave his professional services freely for the benefit of the Killin News. Copies of the photographs are available from him: ring Killin 466.

Scottish Pottery

Some very interesting pieces of old Scottish Pottery have come onto the market recently. One such piece with local interest appeared at auction last month - a plate with a transfer print of *Taymouth Castle* made in the 1820s. The print is not unique as a jug with the same print is already on record. Neither print is titled but the illustration of the castle is quite recognisable even though it is of the Castle as it was prior to the alterations which were made for the visit of Queen Victoria in 1842.

Both pieces have the words "John Geddes", Verreville Pottery Glasgow" on the back and it is this that dates the wares to the 1820s as John Geddes owned Verreville Pottery from 1820 until 1830. He had owned the Verreville Glassworks since 1786 and built the pottery in 1820.



A later and a little more common version of a print of Taymouth Castle was made at Fife Pottery by Robert Heron and there is also at least one print made by an English firm. These are obviously desirable for local collectors but they lack the quality of the beautiful Geddes ware.

Kay Dickson

Healing the Scar on a Mountain

The south-west flank of Beinn Ghlas has been disfigured for some years by a scar visible from Killin. The eroded footpath was created by the pressure of thousands of feet, of the many walkers enjoying the ascent of the mountain.

Major repair work is being carried out, on behalf of The National Trust for Scotland, by professional path workers from Pathcraft. By means of surfacing, revetments, drainage and ground restoration, we hope to contain and stabilise the path, thus minimising the area affected.

Gravel and rocks had to be flown in by helicopter, adding to the high cost of the operation, supported by grant from the Countryside Commission for Scotland

David Mardon

Annual Sheep-shearing Competition



Mrs Judy Bowser hand shearing in the old style on a clipping stool. Ben More Farm, June 1991.

The Killin and District Agricultural Society held their Annual Sheep Shearing Competition at the end of June.

This competition started in the 50s when there was a strong Young Farmers Club. It was held in the Mart in Killin and incorporated a small produce Show. In those days all the shearing was done by hand and it was confined to locals; in contrast we now have shearers from New Zealand who work with the local shearing contractors.

The last four years have seen a big increase in the competition, with competitors coming from as far as Kintyre, Mull and Fife. This year we had 27 machine clippers and 17 hand shearers.

We are obliged to local farmers for the sheep and facilities and for the last four years we have been indebted to Messrs Ronald, Benmore.

Pat Christie



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GLENCOE HOLIDAY FOR P. 7



The last week of term for Primary 7, indeed the last week of primary school, was this year spent at Glencoe Outdoor Centre.

Twelve pupils from P.7 accompanied by Head Teacher, Mrs Maureen Inglis and also Mr Inglis, spent five days testing and trying

out sports new to them, canoeing, hill-walking, orienteering, sailing etc., and all agreed it was a most successful week.

As the Community Bus is at present off the road, the pupils were conveyed there and back by parents and friends.

Tuesday Club

They are called the "Evergreens" the Killin "Senior Citizens" who meet in the Church Hall on a Tuesday evening from March to October. President is Mrs M. Stewart and there is a membership of around 60. Each week there is a talk, slide show or a demonstration etc. also a cup of tea.

This season some of the members over 80 may be retiring, therefore we would very much like to welcome some new members who have now attained the ripe young age of 60 and over! Transport is always available. Please think about it.

Mairi Stewart: K. 606

Playgroup

The Committee would like to thank all the shops, hotels and businesses of Killin and district who gave so generously of goods and donations to the fund-raising events at the Killin Show. As a result we have been able to make donations to the Community Bus of £90 and to the Sports Pavilion of £90.

Marriane Smith, Sec.

Killin Golf Club: Open Competition 3rd August

Scratch E.J. Lindsay, Blairgowrie 65; K. Simpson, Blairathol, 69; G. Smith, Killin, 71.

Handicap D. Campbell, Lochgilphead, net 60; J. McCallum, Killin, net 62; A. Morrison, Glencruiten, net 62.

Killin Bowling Club would like to thank all who helped with the Bric-a-Brac Sale, Wednesday 24th July, and a special thanks for the donations given by so many generous donors. It added up to the handsome sum of £505 towards the new Sports and Leisure Centre. Thanks again for a magnificent effort.

A. Chisholm

Carpet Bowling Club

The AGM will be held on 23rd September at 7.30 pm in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Bowling will start in October. Newcomers are welcome.

Recollections

As a small boy I lived at Firpoint, 3 miles from Killin. The harbour was built to shelter Breadalbane's yacht and the house at the roadside as temporary residence while Culdochart, a mile nearer Killin was being renovated. Although of corrugated iron it was well built with room and kitchen and quite comfortable. As I had 3 miles to walk to school, I was excused for the first year provided I was taught at home. We had a visit from Rev. G.W. Mackay who was the first Chairman of Killin School Board. My grandmother had taught me to repeat the Lord's Prayer in Gaelic. The Minister, who was a keen Gaelic enthusiast was delighted and although we adhered to the United Free Church, he always took a keen interest in me. Sometimes I got a lift in a farm cart especially coming home. In stormy weather fishermen left their boats at the harbour and were driven to Killin Hotel in a horse drawn carriage.



About 1910 I got my first lift to school in an Albion Motor Car from Killin Hotel, by a Mr Alex Dingwall. The teachers in Killin Public School at that time were Mr A Ross, B.S.C., Miss Jessie Campbell from Wick and the infant teacher was Mrs Webster from Ellon, Aberdeenshire.

J. Anderson

The Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held a Shoot on Sunday 30th June, attended by 32 Guns.

High Gun for the day A. Wilbert 132 pts. 25 D.T.L. E. McAllister also winner of the Challenge Cup.

10 High Pheasants A. Wilbert, **15 Crossing S.** Christie, **Juniors** R. Paterson, **Continuation** R.M. Cairns.

18 Club members had a day out to Calum Isles Shooting Ground at Stockbridge Farm, Dunblane on Saturday 27th July. High Gun for the day was H. Paterson.

Killin Gun Club entertained the Observer Corps to a day out at the Club's Shooting Ground on Sunday 4th August. We gave instruction and a small competition was run amongst the Observer Corps members.

G.D. Coyne, Secretary

JOHN M^CRAE



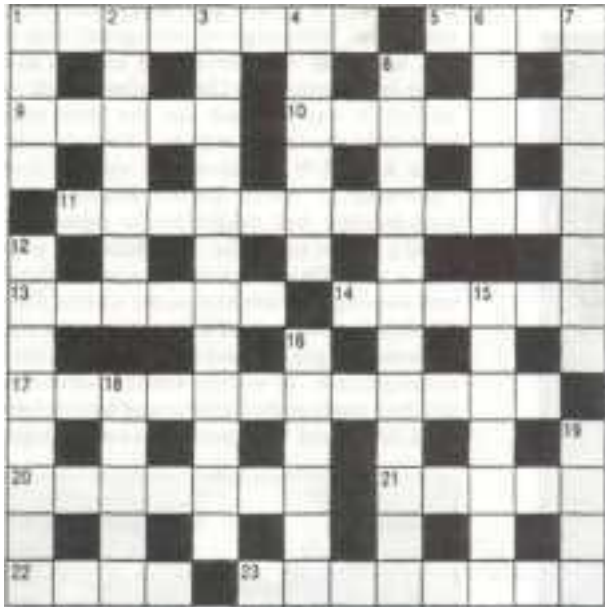
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ACROSS

1. This village car park sounds as if it's far from full! (8)
 5. A Gulf missile (4)
 9. Local pre-Beeching transport (5)
 10. Hallowe'en method of fruit-gathering (7)
 11. Easy to identify (12)
 13. Supernumeraries in the film business (6)
 14. Spoil the surface of or damage (6)
 17. Pull these drinks (7, 5)

DOWN

1. Michael appeals to everyone initially for a pal (4)
 2. and dearest (7)
 3. Collectors of superior tops (5, 7)
 4. A pan of Yorkshire (6)
 7. A kind of poetry McGonagle excelled in (8)
 8. Amnesiacs suffer from it (4, 2, 6)
 12. It tells the story in eye-catching terms (8)
 15. Environmentally unfriendly can (7)
 16. A main highway in an eye-infection causes a blockage (6)
 18. In fact or in fancy you'll find him (5)
 19. Soiled or employed (4)

Solution to July Crossword?



Across:

1. Tipsy. 4. Flash. 10. Alpha. 11. Dochart.
 12. National. 13. Stun. 15. Fingal. 17. Picnic.
 19. Late. 20. Milliner. 23. Arrange. 24. Rural.
 25. Blate. 26. Agley.

Down:

2. Input. 3. Seasonal. 5. Loch. 6. Spartan.
 7. Saint Fillan. 8. Ideas. 9. Stone Circle.
 14. Finlarig. 16. Natural. 18. Lifer. 21. Nurse. 22. Gnat.

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The next issue of the Killin News will be distributed early in November. We will be happy to accept your advertisements for Xmas Offers, lunches, or anything to do with the Xmas season. Remember the paper is personally delivered to every household in the district! The rates will be the same as usual. Please contact Judy Forster, Telephone Killin 201, as soon as possible.

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Jean McTaggart, one of the early members of the Killin News Production Committee, has now left the village to live near her relatives in Peebles. We should like to thank her for her help in the early days of the paper and we wish her well in her new life.

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