



# KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN &amp; DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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## Opening of Sports Pavilion Boreland Gardens



The formal opening of the Sports Pavilion took place on Saturday 11th July; Stirling District's new Provost, Pat Greenhill, did the honours and cut the white ribbon.

She spoke of her pleasure at the high level of co-operation between District and local community which the Pavilion represented and paid tribute to the different organisations which provided Grant Aid for the funding of the whole project. Of these, in attendance were Tom Wharton OBE, of the Football Trust, who presented a plaque to David Osier (Chairman of the Management Committee) and James Fraser of the Scottish Tourist Board.

Also present and joining members of the Management Committee were Stewart McKenzie of SDC's Community Services Department who did so much to get the project off the ground; Ann Dickson of the Community Services Committee; J F Keron, Secretary of the Perthshire Amateur Football Association; and of course Councillor Martin, our own local District Councillor. We also note that Brian Donaldson (our tennis coach) is joining the Management Committee to represent the Crianlarich area. So far we have no confirmation of a member co represent Lochearnhead.

Sinclair Aitken

Boreland Gardens opened on the 19th July in aid of charities supported by Scotland Gardens Scheme. The late Mrs Stroyan opened the gardens intermittently from 1953 until her death in 1985.

Mrs Angus Stroyan has opened the gardens regularly since 1989 following work by students of Cupar Horticultural College but primarily from the work of Neil Graham who died earlier this year. Neil, starting in 1989, brought the gardens up to the standard we enjoyed over the last few years and many will remember his pride in showing visitors round last year.

This year blustery conditions kept numbers down but those who ventured out were rewarded by the views of the herbaceous borders and the cream teas supplied by the Killin Cancer Research Committee. We wish Mrs Stroyan and new gardener, Brian Higginbotham, continued success within the fine setting of Boreland.

Takings were in the region of £500.

A Walker

## A Generous Village

During the past two months various fund-raising events in Killin have given to the following charities. Killin Church, Cancer Research, Stirling Royal Infirmary, Community Bus, Brownies, Girl Guides, McLaren Hall, Scotlands Gardens Scheme, the Local Nursing Association and the Heart Start Fund amongst others.

The money has been raised as follows: Church Sale of Work - £2,214. Nearly New Sale - £576. Boreland Gardens - £476. Fiddlers Concert - £469. Carol Campbell Barbeque & Raffle - £528. Barbeque at Auchmore £288. Art Show - £300.

This has resulted in a total of £4,851 given to charity by the generous villagers. All the more praiseworthy surely at this time when the combined efforts of rain and the recession has brought fewer tourists and less money to the village.

## Killin Floral Award Scheme - Prizewinners

### Children's Section

**Window Boxes** - 1. Alison Cairns

2. Gemma Grant 3. Krystle Grant

**Hanging Baskets** - 1. Kirstie Kennedy

2. Janet Kennedy 3. Jamie Callan

**Tubs** - 1. Paul Ramsay 2. David McCallum

3. Drew Wright

### Commercial Section

**Window Boxes** - No entries

**Hanging Baskets** - 1. Capercaille Restaurant

2. Mrs Gauld, Antique Shop

3. Falls of Dochart Hotel

### Domestic Section

**Window Boxes** - 1. Mr A Walker

2. Mrs S Mudd 3. Mrs F Stewart

**Hanging Baskets** - 1. Mrs Farmer

2. Mrs Lewis, Fircroft 3. Mrs J Forster

**Tubs** - 1. Mrs McRae 2. Mr McNicol

3. Mrs Farmer

Many thanks to all who entered. We hope we can encourage more entries for 1993.

The entries for this year were very strictly judged with special note taken of lack of water, dead plants and dead heads not removed etc.

## Comment

The Resource Centre in Stirling: We have now heard from both sides - the staff of the Centre (last issue) and now SDC itself (p3). The Centre will continue to operate, but lacking urban aid funding, will be somewhat reduced. The Killin News should not be affected since the Graphics and Printing Service will continue - with a review of costing - this usually means increases! However it is expressed, it seems clear that there will be some job losses and some loss of services.

We know from statements in the press that the new Council is eager to provide a more efficient and cost-effective service - and to concentrate on "core services". (How do you decide what is a "core service"?). As long as the printing of the Killin News is part of this "core service" we suppose we should be laughing! But those who have lost their jobs won't be!

### Lock up your Dogs

We've had a number of requests to speak to you, the dog owners of Killin, *about the mess your dogs make!* And on the pavements! Please note it's an offence to allow your dog to foul a public place (penalty £200). Unfortunately the police don't seem to want to charge anyone. All we can do is appeal to you all to control your much loved pets and try to keep the pavements clean. And please, please, if you see "it happening" have the courage to speak to the person concerned. What you say, we leave up to you! But the truth is our pavements are a mess!

## Note

The next issue, November, will be the Christmas Edition! Advertisers please note, and do contact Judy Forster for Xmas Ads. All copy is needed by the end of October. Thank you! We are also willing to carry advertising inserts for Xmas; Judy will advise you of costs.

## The Earl Haig Fund (Scotland)

# Poppy Appeal Week 1992

1. The dates for 1992 are notified:-  
Poppy Week 2nd-8th November 1992  
Remembrance Sunday 8th November 1992
2. Shops, garages, hotels and other establishments may start to sell poppies up to 10 days in advance of Poppy Week. I shall get them by 23rd October 1992.
3. The current recession has had an effect on the Scottish Fund in that overall there was a decline of £50,000 against 1990; Killin and Ardeonaig's share was £575.86 against 1990's £533.26. Well done!
4. A replacement collector for Mrs Helen McNeill (Sandy ford) is still required. Names of volunteer(s) to Major Tom Gilfillan, Laburnum Villa, Killin. Killin 350.

## New Phone Book Reminder

Have you handed in the written statement of the entry you require in the forthcoming issue? Many people have done so, and our thanks to them. The more written entries we receive, the more likely we are to achieve maximum accuracy. You can help by ensuring that your statement is given to any one of the following: -

1. The Library, Killin
2. Mr P Henderson, Ardlea, Crianlarich
3. Mrs T Coffield, Dal Kyll, Tyndrum
4. Mrs M Andrew, 4 Scott Cottages, Bridge of Orchy

A reminder too, that entries are on the basis of one for domestic and one business number per family. Where more entries are required, we would appreciate a donation to help towards production costs and thus increase the "profits", all of which will go to Killin Parish Church Fabric Fund.

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## Community Council

The AGM of the Community Council was held on 9th July in the Lesser McLaren Hall. District Councillor Ian Martin was in attendance.

Part of the agenda had to do with Central Region Roads Department. Although little was achieved at the actual meeting Mr Hamilton and Mr Fairbairn from the Roads Department paid a visit to Killin shortly afterwards to meet some of the Community Council and see for themselves some of our road problems (including parking). It was a useful visit and some action is expected in the near future.

*The Chairman, Dr Mairi McColl*, gave her report for the year in which she mentioned a number of matters which SDC and CRC have dealt with satisfactorily. She was particularly pleased that the SDC's response to problems raised with them had improved out of all recognition.

*The Treasurer, W Sinclair Aitken*, presented the Council's accounts for the year. In the year in question a considerable amount of money had been given to different projects. The Council was able to do this because over the years funds had accumulated from the rental of Breadalbane Park for large Caravan Rallies. This income, however, was no longer to be expected since the space available for such rallies was severely reduced.

S.A.

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## Killin Couple Raise Cash for Eye Clinic



Carol and Ally Campbell, out of gratitude for the care and attention given their daughter Victoria, raised the sum of £527.86 for the Stirling Hospital Eye Clinic.

They did it by running a barbecue in the garden behind their flat and holding a raffle. Although photographed already for the Stirling Observer, we thought they merited space in the Killin News.

The photograph shows Carol with her two children, Victoria and Jonathan.

## Stirling District Council's Resource Centre

Following the piece in the last issue of Killin News by the staff of the Resource Centre, the District Council has put out the following information.

### Resource Centre Services

Government funding for the Resource Centre Urban Aid Project ended on 31st August 1992. Consequently the District Council held a detailed review of Resource Centre Services and has approved a revised scheme of operation to take effect from that date, taking into account the reduced funding as follows:-

### Graphic Design/Print Services

These services including graphic design, artwork preparation, printing and training will continue to be available to all community groups. There will however be a review of charges.

### Advice Services

These will be progressively wound down and after September will not be provided from the Resource Centre. A new Government Funded Anti-Poverty Project should take over some of this work.

Other services will be reduced or cease to be provided from the Centre.

A new staffing arrangement will improve administrative support at the Resource Centre and provide cover for the reception service. The Council will continue to support the Resource Centre Advisory Committee.

## Survey of Rural Retail Problems & Opportunities

As some of you will have already noticed a survey has been carried out of retail customers in parts of the village. This is the first stage of a more comprehensive survey being carried out by the Hoffman Research Company of Edinburgh. The second phase will be a survey of rural households to establish spending patterns and trends, while the third phase will involve surveying retailers. Both these phases will be conducted by postal research and direct interviewing and will start in November this year.

The Hoffman Research Company have been commissioned to do this job by the Rural Stirling Economic Partnership, which was established to examine the problems and potential of the rural areas. The partnership is made up of SDC, CRC, Forth Valley Enterprise, the Tourist Board, Rural Housing Association and the private business sector.

This survey work is intended ultimately to be of benefit to local shops and to improve the rural retail sector. For more information contact Steve Roderick on telephone 0786 442000.

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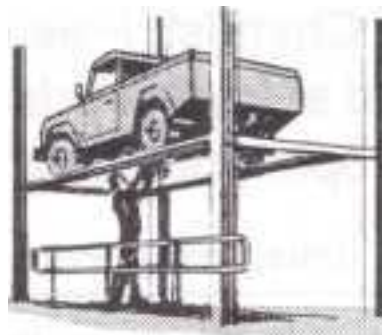
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# National Park/ Conservation Area?

Members of Killin and Crianlarich Community Council attended the last of seven meetings set up by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Working Party on 6th June. The meeting held at Strathyre attracted local people from what might be called North West Perthshire.

What Working Party I hear you cry? - The Secretary of State set up the Working Party to look with urgency upon the problems besetting Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, and to report back with recommendations.

The committee felt it appropriate to include our somewhat ill-defined area in its report, as we are likely to face the inevitable consequences of increasing pressure on the

environment and amenities. In other words, what is happening to Loch Lomond now, will happen to the Killin area in the not too distant future.

Whilst the benefits of increasing use of our area are obvious, there is a need for some management strategies - hence the question of National Parks or Conservation Areas.

The two sides of the coin are - management and some form of control or a catastrophic free-for-all where the unique qualities of the area are destroyed by uncontrolled development

National Parks or Conservation Areas may or may not be the answer but the Working Party will be making a report, probably recommending some form of the latter (National Park is a no-go subject in Scottish politics at the moment).

There are analogies elsewhere, for example the South Downs, England, where argument has raged for years over National Park status, and some form of protection is planned because of the need to regulate and reconcile the plethora of recreational use with the traditional life of the inhabitants.

Killin and its immediate area will change and such changes must be planned (witness the extraordinary growth of Tyndrum) whether as part of a conservation area or as part of existing structures.

Benefits such as increased grants for certain projects, extra aid to farming, are by-products of being in a Conservation Area/National Park.

Arguments that such a move will increase access are answered by the fact that the process is inevitable - plan before events overtake.

Whether we would wish to be part of an area called the Loch Lomond and Trossachs is debatable and would certainly be a misnomer - but the issue transcends the name - what is important is the future of our environment and the quality of our life in the next few years - a rose by any other name?

Killin and Crianlarich Community Council will be holding a public meeting in the near future to discuss the issues. It is hoped that a member of the Working Party will be present

A Walker



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Pictured on the left is **Billy Hunter** with his wife Alison receiving his "retiral" cheque from the village in recognition of his long involvement with the Ambulance Service. The presentation was made on the day of the Show by Dr Syme, ably assisted by Yvonne Graham, the Show Queen and her "Attendant" Mary Ann Grant.

## ABRACADABRA

The Killin News would like to wish Marion Smith and family every success with their new shop in the village. Come on folks, pay it a visit!

1 Whiles Lane  
Birstall, Leics.

## Letters

2 Stewart Road  
Killin

Dear Sir

For those who were unable to attend the Killin Show I would like to thank all the folks of the Killin area for the wonderful gift I received from you all.

For once in my life I was speechless and I forgot all I wanted to say. I intended letting you all know what we had planned to do with the money and that was to add it to our American Holiday Fund which would enable us to travel a bit more, but it will have to be next year after I have finished with all my treatment.

May I also thank all those who organised the Presentation and a big thank you to the Committee from Alison for the lovely flowers she received.

Yours etc.

Billy Hunter

Dear Sir

Having been a regular visitor to Killin for the past 38 years, may I make a plea for viewing points along at least one side of Loch Toy?

When we first started to visit your beautiful little village, it was quite easy to park the car and enjoy a whole day by the Loch at the site of the old harbour, but now that this is owned by Edinburgh University, this is no longer possible, nor are there many places where one can safely park to enjoy this wonderful amenity.

When in Scotland we also like to spend some time in Inverness, and there on the East side of Loch Ness, parking lay-bys have been provided, and in some cases picnic tables and benches. Many cars take advantage of these.

If something similar could be provided on Loch Toy, more people would stay in the area rather than just pass through, adding to the prosperity of the village, and it would of course, stop some of the haphazard parking along this narrow road.

Yours etc. H C Andrews (Mrs)

Auchlyne

Sir

I write to correct a serious error in my article "Oh! DEER, What can the Matter be", published in Issue No 8.

In fact, there are six species of wild deer in Britain, but only the four mentioned (Red, Roe, Fallow and Sika) are found wild in Scotland.

The other two species are Muntjac and Chinese Water Deer, both now feral as a result of escape from Woburn Park, Bedfordshire in the first instance.

They, like Sika, were imported over one hundred years ago.

Yours etc.

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# The Killin Agri



1. Overall Champion Sheep: A Blackface ewe shown by Ian McClarty of Little Port Farm, Glentarken, St Fillans



2. Judging the sheep: David Jackson of Lochgoilhead doesn't find it easy to pick the best from among such fine beasts

3. Hand shearing Bill Wright, now retired, shows how they used to do it



6. Siobhan Anderson "judges" the ice cream! Looks as if its a winner!



4. The prizewinners

12. Overall Champion a powerful young heifer by the McDiarmid brot of Lawers Farm

5. Douglas McRobble helps a newcomer at the clay pigeon shooting



7. The old woman who lived in a shoe! The float created by the Mothers and Toddlers Group



# cultural Show 1992



9. A "spirited" discussion in the Beer Tent!

8. The Show Queen - Yvonne Graham, of Crainlarich, hits it off with some of the Pipe Band



11. Wot! No prizes for us!



10. Supreme Champion Baby! Little Rebecca Buchanan in the arms of her Auntie, Shona Hunter

13. Little Amy Munro aims to be a great climber someday! Here she is on the Climbing wall set up by the Killin Mountain Rescue



Cattle: shown here



Once again we would like to thank **Richard Shand** of **Tay Vision Leisure Marketing** for the photographs on these pages.

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# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Killin Heritage Society

The Society are hoping to produce a video of the village past and present on a professional basis - we are anxious to obtain on loan, old photos of farming, buildings, fishing, people (not scenery), machinery (eg. implements) etc.

These can be handed to Judy Forster, at the Post Office or Allan Walker, Barnacarie, Main St. as soon as possible. The video will be for sale.

We need to know who, where and what on the photos. Grateful for your help.

AW/JF

## Killin Boys Brigade

We will be starting on Fridays in September. Boys in Primary 4, 5 and 6 will be in the Junior Section 6.30pm. to 7.45pm. Boys in Primary 7 until the age of 18 years will be in the Company Section 7.45pm. to 10.00pm. Anyone who has unwanted uniforms, will they please return them to the Company.

Thank you.

Officers of the Boys Brigade

## Killin Drama Club

"It's treading the board's time again". Killin Drama Club are holding a meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 8.00pm., Church Hall. Anyone interested is very welcome.

G Mardon, Secretary

## Womens Guild

The ladies have had a very busy time organising the Church Sale of Work which raised £2,220 and the Nearly New Sale, which raised £576

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us.

Although small in numbers we are a very active group and will give new members a warm welcome.

Our new session commences on 22nd October at 7.30pm. in the Church Hall.

## WRI

The WRI competition for the Killin Show was a Sales Table of six items plus one of your own choice.

Killin WRI was first with Lochearnhead and Balquhiddar WRIs second equal.

Items for the Sales Table were:-

1. Decorated Sponge 2. Knitted clothes for a doll 3. Jar of Apricot Jam 4. 1/2lb Home Made Sweets 5. Poster for a Sale of Work 6. Waist Apron and one item of your own choice

## Killin Playgroup

The autumn term of playgroup has now started with Mrs Yvonne McPherson Supervisor on both Monday and Thursday. All children between the ages of 3 and 5 years are welcome to attend.

New Committee for 1992/93:- Chairperson - Mrs E Woods, Secretary - Mrs E Murphy, Treasurer - Mrs E McCarron, Rota Secretary - Mrs J Anderson, Branch Rep. - Mrs J Mitchell

## Killin Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Held in McLaren Hall in August, this year was very successful and we have been able to donate to the Community Bus - £120, Brownies - £100, Girl Guides - £30, McLaren Hall - £50.

We also thank the local community for their support.

H S Hall, Secretary for Arts and Crafts

## Check-Mates

Anyone interested in playing **CHESS** this winter, contact:  
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## Golf Club

The Gent's Open was held (in mixed weather) on 1st August and there was a satisfactory field of 106 entrants. The following were the prize-winners:-

SCRATCH: 1. E Lindsay, Blairgowrie, 63  
2. J Lister, Lochgilphead, 66 3. J Cameron, Oban, 70

HANDICAP 1. I Gillies, Killin, 59 2. J Chisholm, Killin, 60 3. W Blake, Killin, 62

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## The Gun Club

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**Duck and Teal** - H Johnston, **High Pheasant** - R Eddie, **Driver Grouse** - M MacVicar, **Ptarmigan** - M Keiller, **Woodcock** - S Atkinson

**High Gun** - S Atkinson, **Ladies High Gun** - D Dickson, **Club High Gun Postal District** - H Campbell

**Continuations - Bolting Fox** - S Atkinson, **Pairs** - D McRobbie

*Many thanks to all for their help on the day.*

G D Coyne, Secretary, Killin Gun Club

## Carpet Bowls — AGM —

AGM to be held in Lesser McLaren Hall on **Monday 28th September at 8,00pm.** to which members and any other interested parties are invited.

## Action Aid

We are informed that Miss Mustard and her sister collected in the village for Action Aid to provide help for the Third World.

£178.34 was the total. People were very generous on a once only collection.

Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

On a lighter note, be it noted that one envelope contained *2p and one crisp!*

## The Tuesday Club

Will all members please note that our first meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th October in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Our President, Mrs Mairi Stewart, will be pleased to welcome any new members, so please come along on the 13th.

We have a talk, slide show or a demonstration every week, followed by a cup of tea. Transport will be available as usual.

B Taylor, Secretary

## British Legion

Thanks to the people of Killin who supported Callander British Legion at the Highland Games at Callander.

Duncan McNee

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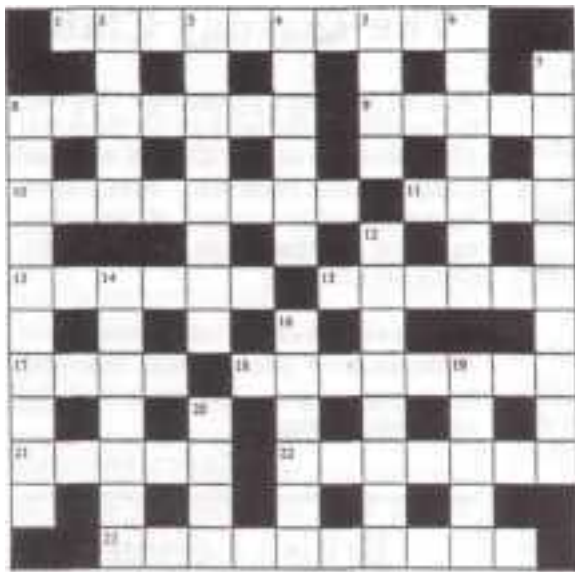
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## Crossword by Scorpio

### Across

1. Pict easily turns out to be something unique (10)
8. It benefits the ex-wife (7)
9. As an old boot! (5)
10. Get it together for effect (3,2,3)
11. A fever (4)
13. They're not dead flat, and yet for the dead (6)
15. A loving suit? (6)
17. Has been - no longer with us (4)
18. Brain in a rush, made one remember (8)
21. In time you'll come to see it in the sky (5)
22. Quietly let and so made happy (7)
23. Acknowledgement of valour (10)

### Down

2. Article in a pint is colourful (5)
3. A bit on this is not exactly warm (4,4)
4. Nobody in particular (6)
5. Letter of no consequence (4)
6. You won't get this as time passes (7)
7. Similar to a triangle (5,5)
8. A necessary morning evil (5,5)
12. Ten cents in the post for a deposit (8)
14. Perhaps like the shrew, not yet domesticated (7)
16. He gets what he sows (6)
19. The princess's firm holds a dance (5)
20. Involuntary facial movement (1,3)

## Killin Hotel under New Management

We welcome the new owners of Killin Hotel and Joint Managers, Susan Bell and Carole Mercer. We wish them success and hope to write a longer piece on the hotel and its history in the near future.

## Church News - Sunday School Solution to last Crossword

The Killin S Team and Laser Group with parents and friends held a fun evening in the park on Saturday June 20th.

This was followed on Sunday 21st by a joyful service of praise led by Rev. D McNaughton at which books were presented to the children by the Killin Church Women's Guild.

WA

### Across:

1. Completion 8. Evening 9. Fungi
10. Exertion 11. Dish 13. Is Rare 15. Possum 17. Note 18. Dictator 21. Sleet 22. Canapes 23. Dependence

### Down:

2. Obese 3. Pointers 4. Eggs On 5. Info 6. Nannies 7. Nightmares 8. Eye-Witness 12. Hortense 14. Retread 16. Tin Can 19. Topic 20. Stop

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