



KILLIN NEWS

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KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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St. Fillan's Mill in its working days

Green Light for St. Fillan's Mill

The good news is that at long last the next stage of work on The Old Mill (St. Fillan's Mill!?) should be well underway by the Spring. It's now some time since the building was re-roofed and made wind and water-tight.

The delay in getting on with the second stage of work has been the pursuit of money. But this is now solved! Three funding bodies - Forth Valley Enterprise, Stirling District Council and the Scottish Tourist Board have at last come up with the necessary, plus an additional sum from Central Region.

We should remember - and maybe be truly grateful - that at the end of the day the finished job will cost in the region of £400,000.

Remember? The finished Mill will house on the ground floor the Tourist Information Office and Shop; the second floor - perhaps more controversially will be given over to a clan display and history - with the McGregors and MacNabs prominent, but the Campbells not far behind.

It has been suggested by our informant that the allocation of space will be decided

by a three cornered clan battle in Breadalbane Park - doubtless refereed by St. Fillan!

The third floor will in fact be devoted to the story and the relics of St. Fillan, including the famous healing stones. The whole undertaking for these two floors is being handled by the newly appointed designer/researcher, John Harrison. He has of course consulted widely with knowledgeable people in the village - not forgetting essays written by local school children on their own research.

We look forward to the finished building which will be of considerable economic benefit to the village. Judging by the effect e.g. of the Rob Roy Centre, Queen Elizabeth Forest Centre, Aberfeldy Mill and the Tartans Museum, it has been estimated that the refurbished Mill will bring to the village at least £300,000 of new money!

NO STONE UNTURNED

St. Fillan, our local Celtic saint left a tangible number of relics behind him from his sojourn in the Killin area over a thousand years ago, a beautiful filigree Crozier in the National Museum, and his bronze Bell, for example. Other relics have been lost, but we have in the village the Healing Stones. These have been kept in St. Fillan's Mill or Millmore over the last hundred years, but before that they were looked after by an old woman in a house close by the Mill. She and her ancestors lived rent free and used the Healing Stones, rubbing the "patient" with the Stone appropriate to the ailment whilst muttering a Gaelic incantation. Horses and cattle could be cured if they drank water that had been poured over the stones.

It is likely that the Stones are from a pagan past before St. Fillan's time and became associated with the saint along with other superstitions. The Stones have been subject to a custom lost in history of being bedded in fresh river wrack and straw once a year on St. Fillan's Day (20th January). Whilst the Mill is being renovated the Stones have been in safe keeping and we look forward to their restoration in the Mill and the continuation of the ancient custom. **A.W.**

New Phone Book Ready for Xmas!

It is anticipated that the new phone book will be on sale by mid-December priced £1.50. The producers hope that it will be as popular and as useful as it has been in the past. We continue to welcome donations for multiple entries in order that we can contribute as much as possible to the Church Fabric Fund.

**KILLIN CURLERS
HIT THE BIG TIME
See page 8.**

J.S.

Comment

Great news for the village! It looks as if St. Fillan's Mill - we have been told to stop calling it "The Old Mill" - is all set for completion in about a year's time, certainly by early 1994.

It seems clear also that the completed project should be of considerable economic benefit to the village. At one time when there was early talk of doing something about the Mill, some of the traders thought that there would be a big concentration of interest at the one end of the village, and few tourists would step much further.

We hope this fear will prove to be unfounded! The process of spreading the visitors throughout the village could certainly be aided by car and bus parking at different points. No doubt the developers have ideas about this, for there will be a great need for further parking facilities when the Mill project is completed.

And what about The Stones? No-one seems to know at the moment where they are located. We hope it's in a place of safety. No doubt when the Mill is completed they will find their rightful place inside, where they can, as before, be viewed by the public. And who's going to bed them in "fresh river wrack and straw" come the 20th January 1993?

Lock Up Your Dogs

It seems we owe the local police an APOLOGY for suggesting they don't want to do anything about dogs fouling the streets.

It is ultimately not up to the police. They cannot do anything unless someone makes a complaint. So please accept our apology for a carelessly worded piece!

Note:
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Green Team News

The Green Team have been especially active over the last few weeks. After months of wondering whether we could afford a new pond, money was flooding in from all directions. Soon after hearing that Scottish Natural Heritage and Killin PTA were prepared to give donations, we received a cheque from Stirling District Council. All this meant not only could we buy a big pond, but we will be able to stock it with water plants which will make it even more attractive for wildlife.

So digging began with great enthusiasm and at one stage it looked as though the school would be gaining a new swimming pool rather than a pond!

Once in place the pond was quickly filled by some heavy rainfall. The finishing landscaping has been hampered by the shortening evenings but should soon be finished and we hope to buy the plants early in the spring ready to entice passing beasts. Thanks to Stewart Inglis and all parents who loaned tools and/or muscle.

On October 4th, the Green Team were joined by the Killin Lone Guides and several family groups from outwith the village to Walk for Forests of the World on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature. It was a beautiful day and all walkers enjoyed their 5 mile walk through Acharn forestry plantation. Sponsor money is still coming in and looks like reaching a very healthy total. Look out for news of this in the next edition of the Killin News. **H.C.**

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the Bakery in the past. The Coffee Shop will continue to sell a range of baked goods, as well as a new selection of food-connected gifts.

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Killin & Crianlarich Community Council

A meeting of the Council was held on Thursday 10th September, in the village hall, Crainlarich. Dr McColl was in the chair; the meeting was attended by Mrs Susan Duke, Regional Councillor and Mr Ian Martin, District Councillor.

The Council has been in touch with Forth Valley Enterprise to try to get some landscaping improvement to the area round the entrance to the Park. They have now met with CRC and we await (good?) news of their plans.

Continued trouble was noted from buses at Monemore car park, although pedestrians are now protected by a barrier. Council will follow this up with CRC.

The meeting was attended also by Mr T Taylor, Water & Drainage, Central Region. He gave a brief talk about the problems and opportunities in this area of the Council's work. He responded to complaints about smells from the Killin Sewage Works.

It had to be admitted however, that these had been less in recent years. He asked to be kept informed should any further bad smells occur. He also said that the new sewage works at Tyndrum had initial problems, but was now working satisfactorily. A number of minor matters to do with both Region and District Councils arose. These will be pursued by the appropriate Councillors.

S.A.

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Working Party

Following the decision of government not to proceed with the proposal to form National Parks in Scotland, a Working Party was set up to "consider the management issues connected with the conservation of the natural heritage and visitor trends in the area of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs". They are expected to report with recommendations by the autumn of 1992.

As a contribution to this consultation procedure a public meeting was called on 30th September in McLaren Hall by your local Community Council since there is a possibility that Killin and district might form a part of the area to be considered.

Since no member of the Working Party was apparently able to attend, the meeting was chaired by Dr Mairi MacColl. Approximately 25 people attended, most of whom had strong views one way or another.

Some were strongly against management and the inclusion of this area mainly because they thought it would impose restrictions, eg. on farming and also lead to excessive tourist development

The majority however, appeared to be in favour of being included. They saw it as a method of protecting the area from unfettered commercial development; as a means of controlling tourism; as a method leading to compensation where necessary for farmers.

In general such a development, they thought, would protect the area for future generations.

There was also discussion about a suitable name for the area, the extent of the boundary (the whole of Loch Tay?); would it include Crianlarich and Tyndrum.

Finally, it was recommended that whatever sort of central body was set up to handle these issues, it should be democratic and consult local people.

Killin News Resignation

It is with regret we announce the resignation of Jim Sutherland from our Production Committee. Jim has commitments that prevent him doing as much for the Killin News as he would like. We should like to thank him for his help and support right from the start of Killin News. Apart from contributing much to the paper he also played a big part in its distribution. Many thanks, Jim, from us all.

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Vegetables can be almost cooked earlier and re-heated as above in a microwave to save cooker space.

Make a casserole of sliced potatoes, sliced onion, milk or cream, chopped chives and a sprinkle of nutmeg and cook for an hour in the oven with the turkey or for 15 minutes on full power in the microwave.

Instead of a white wine with poultry, try one of the new reds, now widely available in supermarkets, which are not 'heavy' and need to be served chilled.

Slainte!!

L.K.

Annual Sheepdog Trials

Killin and District Agricultural Show Society held their annual Sheepdog Trials at Finlarig on Sunday 6th September. In very wet and inclement weather, handlers braved the conditions to run a record entry of 21 dogs.

The field and sheep were kindly provided by Mrs Sants and Angus McKechnie and Dougie Livingstone presented the sheep in a most able manner for all the competitors. Duncan Robertson, Taynuilt, made an excellent job of judging and prizes were presented by Helen Smeaton.

1st. Andy Buchanan, Glenlyon, with Nell - 74 points. 2nd. Tom Baillie, Tyndrum with Gyp - 67 points. 3rd. Gordon Stewart, Balnasuim, with Meg - 60 points. 4th. Alec Buist, Carie, with Roy - 58 points. 5th. Alec Buchan, GlenFalloch, with Dave - 47 points. Special prizes outwith first three placings:- Best Outrun, Lift and Fetch - Helen Smeaton, Kiltyrie, with Roy. Best Drive - Dick Steven, Wester Tullich with Jean. Best Pen - Alec Buist, Carie, with Roy. Best Handler and dog not run at Open Trial - Gordon Stewart, Balnasuim with Meg.

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Ian Campbell of the Killin Fire Service said the response of the village people was amazing and they made a marvellous collection. The Fire Brigade boys would like to thank the village for giving so much.



Killin Raft Race

This year about 20 rafts took part in the Annual Killin Raft Race. They set off at timed intervals from the power station in Glen Lochay and made the perilous journey downstream, through the rapids under the Bridge of Lochay and then out to the Loch. The winners were: 1. Blackbird from Alyth. 2. Scotlad from Letham, Angus. 3. Hard Graft from Alyth. Two things we note: there was very little publicity for the race, and there was NO KILLIN RAFT! Why, we ask? There used to be one! What happened to it? Come on, make sure we're in the race next year! **S.A.**

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KILLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

September 16th saw our Annual General Meeting. Thanks are expressed to all who turned out. A new committee was elected. The chairman is Lesley Syme; Vice-Chairman Jane Brown; Secretary Kate Stewart; Treasurer Eileen McCarron. Other committee members are Maureen Inglis, Linda Frost, and Elizabeth Woods.

We hope to have another good year; but the PTA cannot exist without support from

parents so we would ask that readers who have children at Killin School make an effort to turn up at events throughout the year.

Our first event was the Party on Halloween Night when around 56 children came to dook for apples etc. We must thank David Mardon for presenting the prizes for Fancy Dress, among so many good ones. Thanks are also due to a local "ghost" who appeared at the windows to add some spookiness. Thanks also to everyone else involved in this event

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Killin Curlers have qualified for the finals of the Calor Scottish Province Championship at Forest hills Trossachs Ice Rink, 26-27 November. The Killin Team consisting of Douglas MacRobbie, Sandy Taylor, Eilidh Taylor and Sheila Aitken beat Aberfeldy and Kenmore, and in a keenly fought match managed also to take care of local rivals Gilbert Christie's team from Glendochart on their way to the Finals. Well done, Killin!

**Killin Football Club
will hold its
Annual Dance on
19th December
in the Killin Hotel.**

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Karate Club

The new karate club, formed in Killin last month, has got off to a flying start, with 40 people enrolling during the first few weeks.

There is still time for anyone to join who wants to take up karate, either as a sport or as a form of self-defence. Mr K Gray who runs the club is hoping for more senior (over 16) female members to form a woman's team.

The current members can have their first attempt at competition at the national level on November 29th, in the Scottish Regional Championships. At least four of the senior males will be part of the squad representing the club in Forfar that day. The other team members being from Tyndrum and Dalmally.

A Junior team and various individuals will also be taking part.

The following Sunday, the 6th December,

Killin Cancer Research Committee

Are holding a Christmas Coffee morning in McLaren Hall on Saturday 12th December from 10.00am to noon.

This event is in place of their Annual Whist Drive, so please come along to support this worthy cause.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Bunty MacGregor.

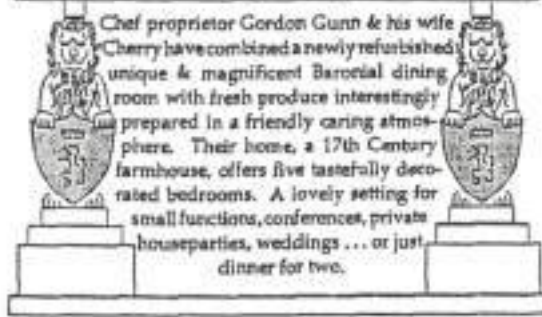
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Mrs Kathleen Little from Callander gave an informative demonstration on Beauty and Aroma Therapy. Miss N McKellar enjoyed her experience of being Mrs Little's model for facial care. The vote of thanks was by Mrs Helen Gledhill.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs M Gillies and Mrs B Martin.

A competition to guess "Aromas" was won by Mrs M Twigg.

Competition Results: -
Shapeliest Ankle 1 Mrs Moira Reilly. 2 Mrs Marie Stewart 3 Mrs Pat Christie.
Lemon Curd 1 Mrs Sheila Ferguson. 2 Mrs Bunty MacGregor. 3 Miss Aileen Smith.
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Elizabeth Martin, Convener

Killin Carpet Bowling Club

Open Pairs Tournament will be held in the McLaren Hall on 5th December.

Entries please to I Donaldson or D Livingstone (Phone 820770) by 22nd November.

Refreshments and Raffle.

The Womens Guild

Are holding their Christmas Evening of **Carols and Readings** in the Church Hall on **Thursday 17th December** at 7.30pm. A tea of mince-pies and shortbread will be served. All welcome.

Bunty MacGregor.

Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their Open 50 D.T.L. Shoot on Sunday 6th September under very wet conditions. 20 Guns braved the rain.

The winners were:-

Trap 1 1. D. McRobbie 75 pts. 2. P.Chalmers 74 pts. 3. Jas. Sinclair 73 pts. 4.E.McAllister 72pts. 5. J. Welsh 71pts. 6. J. Sinclair 68pts.

Trap 2 1. P.Chalmers 73pts. 2. J. Welsh 72 pts. 3. D. McRobbie & D. McGregor 71 pts. 5. C. Isles 68pts. 6. H. Slee & Jas. Sinclair 67 pts.

High Gun - P.Chalmers 147 pts. High Gun Local - D. McRobbie 146 pts.

Club Shoot held on October 4th was held under dry conditions for a change. Winners of the day were:-

D.T.L. - Class A - 1. D. McRobbie 74 pts. 2. G.Coyne & E. McAllister. 3. J.Sinclair 65 pts.

D.T.L. - Class B - 1. R. Cairns 69 pts. 2. S.Christie 61 pts. 3. Lennox & G.Ross 57 pts. 5. Jas. Sinclair 56 pts. 6. D. Deans 54 pts.

D.T.L. - Class C - 1. T. Frost 51 pts. 2. B. Donaldson 49 pts. 3. A.Donaldson 39 pts. 4. R. Gibb 34 pts.

Sporting

Class A - 1. Jack McKay 69 pts. 2. G.Ross 69 pts. 3.G.Mitchell 66pts. 4. D. Deans & D.Stewart 60 pts.

Class B - 1. Jas. Sinclair 54 pts. 2. M.Greenfield 54 pts. 3. Lennox 51 pts.

Class C - 1. J. Holmes 63 pts. 2. R. Mills 57 pts. 3. R. Gibb 54 pts.

High Gun - D. McRobbie 131 pts. Veterans Trophy J. McKay 69 pts. Double Rise Trophy 1. D. McRobbie. 2. C. Ross, R.Cairns & G. Coyne.

Last shoot of the year was held on Sunday 1st November. Winners on the day and over the year were:-

High Gun on the day and Suie Cup: G.Mitchell 127 pts.

Aggregate: **Shield for the Year** I. G Mitchell 493 pts.

Runner Up Shield: D. McRobbie 268 pts. **Junior Shield:** F. Frost.

Classification for the Year:

D.T.L. A D.McRobbie335 B J.Sinclair 309 C D.Coyne 276

Sporting A J. McKay 309 B G.Coyne 276 C T.Frost 228

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Killin Golf Club Junior Section

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The junior section of Killin Golf Club completed its season with the prize giving ceremony on Friday 18th September.

Special thanks were expressed to the Bank of Scotland for their continued sponsorship by way of golf balls to all prize winners; J Ferguson, I Ramsay and G Smith for assistance through the year; Dick and Mary Lewis for providing snacks, meals and drinks; to the Club Captain Alf Muller for his regular support; and to Alan Chisholm for 'video-filming' this years crop of budding stars!

Prize winners

Club Champion (Dochart Trophy)-Richard Lewis, Runner Up - William Chisholm, **Category One (Bert Yancy Trophy)** - William Chisholm, Runner Up - Simon Lewis, Third - Richard Lewis. **Category 2 (McArthur Trophy)** - Norman Inglis. **Category 3 (Anniversary Trophy)** - Douglas Ferguson, Runner Up - Fiona Ramsay, Third (equal) Richard Donaldson, David McCallum. **Category 4 (Junior Cup)** - Mark Donnelly, Runner Up - Kenneth Campbell.

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Junior Champion: Richard Lewis

Scotland Putter) Douglas Ferguson.

Winners of the Sponsored Competitions (Category 1 Golfers only) Daily Telegraph - Simon Lewis, Esso Classic - Graeme Ramsay, Golf Foundation - Simon Lewis. **Perfect Attendance achieved by** - Richard Lewis, Simon Lewis, Graeme Ramsay, William Chisholm, David McCallum, Fiona Ramsay.

The average attendance throughout the season was in the high twenties, with an encouraging increase in the number of young 'ladies' now playing. Assistance on a Friday evening is **still** sought in order to give every youngster as much personal tutoring in this great sport, as is possible. Anyone interested in helping please contact: Sandy Chisholm (08383 235).

KILLIN BREADALBANE ANGLING CLUB

Prize-winners 1992:

Club Champion: A Muller

Runner-up: R Grieve.

Peter Ross Cup: R Grieve

Runner-up: A Weaver

George MacDonald Memorial Cup: S Aitken

Runner-up: A Weaver

Awa' Cup: G McAuley

Runner-up: J. Scougall

Heaviest Basket: A Muller

Heaviest Trout :R Grieve

Salmon Champion: D McKenzie

Capercaillie Shield: N Cairns. **HW.**

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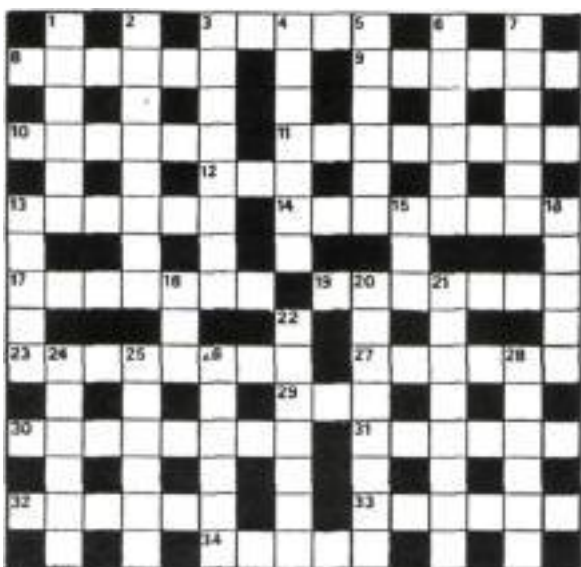
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Christmas Prize Crossword by Crustacean

Across

3. Teamed with a climber it suits this issue! (5)
 8. Russian waters (3,3)
 9. For a start you might need one (6)
 10. Definitely the high ground (6)
 11. This done in a way will find pleasure (8)
 12. Take the weight off! (3)
 13. Sounds like the searcher found nothing in this U.S. city (6)
 14. Wandering about? Make a mistake an' have another go!! (8)
 17. Certainly not a welcoming figure at the door (7)
 19. It's not indoors! (7)
 23. This happened to people during "The Clearances!" (8)
 27. Mean, but not like Scrooge! (6)
 29. One form of proportional representation (3)
 30. Extremely important! to the reviewer anyway! (8)
 31. A green mixture to make one angry (6)
 32. Sounds like part of a car! And you wear it?? (6)
 33. Come to decision in argument - on a couch?(6)
 34. In the hands of a lassie very likely you'll find a riddle!! (5)

Down

1. He's grim with that lethal scylhe!(6)
 2. Two fools in it together can be murderous! (8)
 3. In good health and some more besides Adonis (8)
 4. This vessel is not as heavy as some (7)
 5. Not here! Over there! (6)
 6. Narrow streamer! (6)
 7. Part of this lessens or reacts to touch (6)
 13. Hard to believe this tale! (5)
 15. In part the work of a painter? (3)
 16. A farmer likes to get a good one (5)
 18. With nine tails it's punishing!
 20. Up market speech in poetic terms encompasses more than the world (8)
 21. Soak thoroughly! (8)
 22. Get complete power over someone (7)
 24. Forever it yields the truth in part (6)
 25. Felines like this plant (6)
 26. Non-metric approaches (6)
 28. Egyptian river conceals a horse, but it's a small complaint! (6)

Solution to last Crossword

Across: 1. Speciality 8. Alimony 9. Tough 10. Act as one 11. Ague 13. Mounds 15. Hearts 17. Late 18. Reminded 21. Comet 22. Pleased 23. Decoration

Down: 2. Paint 3. Cool Side 4. Anyone 5. Iota 6. Younger 7. Threesided 8. Alarm Clock 12. Sediment 14. Untamed 16. Reaper 19. Disco 21. Atic

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