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Nursery Education for All?



The Killin Playgroup in Action

We feature this subject because it is, to say the least, somewhat topical. Our PM (no less!) has said he wants a place made available for all children. Alright, we know it won't happen tomorrow, or even by the year 2000, but at least it's on the Agenda - at last!

In **the** meantime, what provision is made for the pre-school children in Killin? Let's be clear. No pre-school education is provided by Central Region Education Department in any shape or form. What we do have is mainly due to the initiative and determination of the local mothers - namely **The Playgroup**. This gets some financial help from the Scottish Pre-School Playgroup Association and much valued professional guidance. It provides the 3-5 year olds with professionally supervised and educationally structured play sessions. These sessions, although falling short of full nursery schooling, are of considerable educational and social value; there are two sessions of two hours per week, with an additional

session for the "rising fives".

While post-five education is free, pre-five education costs **money** - on average about £6 per week per child. These "fees", paid by the parents, go to pay for supervisors' wages, hall rental, equipment, books, paper, paints, insurance, heating, lighting, etc etc. Valuable "extras" such as day trips, parties, etc are dependent upon parental fund raising. We pay tribute to those who administer and supervise the Playgroup which, since the 1989 Children's Act, is subject to strict registration and inspection procedures.

At a time when nursery schooling in Scotland lags far behind most other European countries, perhaps Central Region should at least make some attempt to support and even extend the limited service provided by the Playgroup. Some financial grant support would certainly ease the present burden on parents. Since full Nursery Education is still some way off, such help would be greatly valued.

New Year Dance

1994 got off to a lively start with the Annual Dance in the McLaren Hall. The limiting of numbers to approximately 400 on a ticket-only basis was a resounding success. All were able to enjoy the spirit of the occasion and take part in a variety of dancing without having to resort to wearing shin pads and steel toed boots. Various groups in the village benefit from the proceeds of the dance and thanks should go to all those involved in organising the events.

Radio 4 Long Wave Saved!

You will maybe know by now that the BBC has backed down on its plan to scrap Radio 4 on Long Wave. To all those who wrote to their MP's and to all those who listened to them, well done! Mind you the Campaign had a tremendous support from the great and the good as well. However, it's nice to think that "David Public" overcame "Goliath BBC" this time at least!

The cynical amongst us "Save Radio 4 LW" campaigners are just a trifle worried that what the BBC did not achieve as an outright victory, may still be achieved by attrition! Hence, "Save Radio 4 LW" has metamorphosed into "Radio 4 Watch". If you find your favourite Radio 4 programme has disappeared or been shifted to some ridiculous time of day, do something about it. The people who ran the "Save Radio 4 LW" campaign are now running "Radio 4 Watch".

JHolms

Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Council was held on 9 December 1993 in the McLaren Hall, Chaired by Dr E M McColl. The meeting was attended by Constable Ian Donaldson and Chief Inspector M Mill of Central Scotland Police.

Also present on this occasion was Mr J Jelfs of the Scottish Ambulance Service at the request of the Council.

Three members of the public were present.

Apologies were noted from Mrs P Christie, Mrs M Inglis, Mr K Taylor, Councillor S Duke (CRC) and Councillor I Martin (SDC).

The opening matter for discussion was the use of the local Ambulance Service for the transportation of patients to hospital appointments, leaving the village apparently without local accident and emergency cover. Mr Jelfs, to start with, explained that

the removal of control of the Hospital Car Service to Motherwell, was in order to achieve a better cost effective service. The locally run service had been, in his view, unnecessarily costly. He also explained that the occasional use of the local ambulance for such non-essential purposes did not deprive the village of emergency cover, since there was standby cover based in Callander and at Lochearnhead. He pointed out that the emergency need for the local ambulance was very rare and it seemed to him cost effective to use it occasionally for routine hospital attendance, provided cover, as described above, had been arranged. Council Members, led by the Chairman, expressed their dissatisfaction with these explanations. After some to-and-fro discussion, Mr Jelfs conceded that there would be a return to a greater use of the Hospital Car Service. We also understand that our MP has been in touch with the Scottish Ambulance Service

supporting the Council's point of view.

Donations

The Council approved donations to local organisations as follows:- The Boys' Brigade £100; The Brownies £100; The Killin News £100.

School Bus

The Council agreed to write to the Director of Education with a copy to Regional Councillor Susan Duke regarding the concern felt by the community at the use of a double decker for the school run.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Thursday 10 February 1994 at 7.30 pm in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

S Aitken

Strathfillan Community Council

This was a well attended meeting enhanced by a number of members of the public. A feature of the meeting was debated around the issues of contribution to business by members of the public. This led to a somewhat lively exchange of viewpoints.

On balance it was thought that as the meetings were business meetings, public contribution should be sought outwith formal meeting time. The Convener decided to carry this issue forward to allow him to take advice and counsel from members outwith the setting.

The major issues on the current

programme are progressing satisfactorily. Recent meetings with officials of Central Regional Council Roads and Forth Valley Enterprise had been particularly positive.

Council also noted with pleasure the speedy resolution of problems associated with the playground and acknowledged the input of the Elected Member on this issue.

Despite poor initial attendance, the concept of a Local Tenants' Association was welcomed by many of the people to whom it could be applicable. Although not directly a part of Council's remit, the Convener

agreed, as an interim measure, to arrange for this proposal to be processed.

The proposed Gold Mine at Tyndrum seems likely to go ahead. Currently the District Sub-Committee is re-examining the safety aspects of the tailings dam. It is hoped that this will lead to the final go-ahead for the project. Some initial planning and discussion has also taken place regarding the setting up of a gold and lead orientated visitor centre on the outskirts of Tyndrum.

Paul Kelly, Convener

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Obituary: James Anderson



Mention was made in the last edition of the Killin News of the death of James Anderson. Willie Allan, a friend of James' for many years, has written this obituary.

James Anderson was born in 1902 and lived almost all his life near Loch Tay. He was descended from two well known families from this area. He spent many years as a gardener on Kinnell Estate and took great pride in the famous Kinnell vine. He was *the* historian for the Killin area and a fluent Gaelic speaker; well known as a story teller of old legends (in Gaelic a Seannachaidh). He also wrote books on the life and times of the village of Killin. Perhaps his greatest interest was in the Church where he was a ruling elder for over 50 years. He was a wonderful example in loyalty and support as an elder and amongst the young.

W Allan

Green Team Help Endangered Species

In October last year, 31 members of the Green Team walked to raise money for the World Wide Fund for Nature's Endangered Species Campaign and have so far raised £780 (twice the amount they raised last year!). Several of the Killin Lone Guides and people from outwith the village also walked and increased this total to £1,108. A superb achievement by all of them.

Thanks to all who walked and also to all their sponsors.

Helen Cole

Scottish Poppy Appeal 1993

Killin and Ardeonaig Parish once again generously contributed to the Annual Appeal with the sum of £635.15 including the Parish Church's retiring collection of £35. Thank you to all the lady collectors and establishment owners who made this possible!

This information had already been notified to the Dundee Courier and Stirling Observer; a further notice will appear when official accounts are consolidated in Edinburgh and thanks are received from General Gow and his Committee.

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COMMENT

Pre-School Education

We don't think there's much more to be said about the provision, or non provision, for the under fives apart from our front page account. But is our distance from the urban centre ie Stirling, a factor in the lack of support from Central Region for our pre fives? We sometimes think that being on the outskirts of the region is a great disadvantage. But we could be proved wrong!

The McLaren Hall

We would draw your attention to the letter on page 10 from Dr McColl. Clearly the Hall is in a bad state of repair. We were under the impression that a strategy including fund raising was in operation to renovate the building. But information is indeed hard to come by! We would certainly support Dr McColl's appeal to everybody who is involved in the Hall in any way, to turn up at the Hall Committee's AGM to find out what is happening.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the paper will be distributed around about the last few days in March. If you wish to advertise, or inform the village about what your Club or Society will be doing in the months of April and May (which includes Easter!) get your copy to us by the end of February at the latest.

TAXI!

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Killin Village Enhancement Project

The Rural Stirling Economic Partnership was set up to help villages such as Killin to maintain a share of the tourist market and has embarked on an ambitious programme of Village Enhancement Projects. The intention is to give such places more appeal to tourists by developing visitor attractions, such as the Breadalbane Folklore Centre and enhancing the environmental quality of the villages, especially along the main shopping street.

To begin to address these issues, the Rural Partnership formed a Steering Group of all the agencies which might be able to help the local economy, including a representative of the local Community Council. The group commissioned a consultant, Roger Brown, to provide advice. Inevitably he has had to provide recommendations on outstanding matters such as parking and the entrance to Breadalbane Park, but he and his team have also made recommendations to enhance the quality of the main street, to improve the network of local walks and on the need to provide the best possible standards of service and customer care to tourists.

The next stage is for the Steering Group to consider their findings and to discuss them with particular individuals whose property and interests may be affected. Following that exercise, there will be further public consultations on what a realistic and affordable programme of improvements might be. At this stage it must be emphasised that no funds have been specifically allocated to Killin.

An important factor in securing funds will be the extent to which the local community and especially traders can demonstrate that they too are trying to improve the local economy. Ventures of

this sort have to be partnerships between the public and private sectors.

There will be further public consultation in early Spring by which time it should be much clearer what level of resources could be available. The prospects are excellent, especially as Rural Stirling now qualified for significant grant aid from the EEC for the first time.

Improvement to the fortunes of Killin are ongoing; the Lix Toll sign posting was greatly improved last year, the Folklore Centre will be open this Summer, skills training is available from the Enterprise Trust and Area Tourist Board and now there is the real prospect of environmental improvements to the village over the next year. The longer term outlook for Killin will depend upon local businesses making the best of these improvements and opportunities.

*Steve Rodrick, Project Manager
Rural Stirling Economic Partnership*

Coaching in Advanced Driving

Since the offer of coaching, based on the Institute of Advanced Motorists Certificate Test, was given in the July issue of the paper, five drivers have taken part. This was, of course, without obligation or any charge.

The service is still on offer, particularly to young drivers or anyone who has recently passed the test; any age group may participate.

For further information contact Killin 820575.

Something Stirring up Glen Lochay

Signs of activity were to be seen at Moirlannich, the old cottage in Glen Lochay in late November. Moirlannich, a cruck built building of some antiquity, is under restoration by the National Trust for Scotland.

On enquiry we discovered that a young man from Ullapool, who specialises in work on old building refurbishment, was engaged in repairing the roof.

Brian Wilson uses a combination of skills in wood and dry stone that he learned from older craftsmen, whose skills have been outmoded with modern techniques. Brian explained that he had been involved in the full restoration of Jeanie McApline's Inn at Aberfoyle and has worked at the Folk Museum at Kingussie.

"What's a cruck building" I hear you ask? Well, its a bit like having rafters that form an "A" shape with the legs of the "A" going right down to the base of the external walls. An ancient method, the walls hardly carrying any weight whatever. The old cottage has the best "*hingin lum*" in this area - what's this? - well, a chimney wall with a kind of canopy - the smoke going up originally through a hole in roof.

Good to know that work is proceeding in the hands of Brian Wilson and to hear sounds of life in the old house.

A Walker

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Presentation to Janet McIntyre



A well kept secret was revealed on 3 November 1993. Janet McIntyre, much to her surprise, found herself the guest of honour at a social occasion and presentation in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Church Members, villagers, the School Choir and members of the Tuesday Club paid tribute to Janet's contribution to the village. The Rev McNaughton led the occasion and mentioned Janet's career as a music teacher, organist for the Church and Choir mistress.

Born at Daldravaig Farm, Glen Lochay at the **turn** of the century, Janet, once she got over her surprise, talked of her love of music, her training at the Royal Academy of Music in London and working as a teacher in Edinburgh.

Mrs Colmar spoke of Janet's work for the village and her association with Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir. A presentation of a fireside chair and stool was made and from the Choir and Organists, Mr Allan presented a leather bound hymn book suitably inscribed. The School Choir sang a number of songs and a vote of thanks was given by Gilbert Christie. A light supper was provided, altogether a most enjoyable evening in honour of a well loved member of the community.

Friends of Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church

This Society was established in 1986 with the object of safeguarding the amenity of the Parish Church, helping to maintain the adornment and equipment of the building and encouraging research into its history. Over the past seven years the society has replaced the loop hearing system, put in place boards giving the history of certain features in the Church, commissioned an excellent monograph on the Rev James Stewart, installed a new organ stop and most recently, initiated the plan to renovate the memorial window and contributed about 50% of the cost.

Membership of the Society of Friends is open to anyone within this community who care about the maintenance of the building and its history as part of our local heritage. Members can belong to any creed or denomination or none at all and it is, in fact, in the constitution that four members of the Council which runs the affairs of the society, must be people who are not members of the local congregation. The only condition of membership is agreement to pay a minimum annual subscription of £6.00 per annum - although the Treasurer Mrs F E MacKinnon, Kilmallie, Manse Road, Killin will happily accept any larger sum you care to donate.

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OPENING OF THE SALMON FISHING

Although many of us feared the worst, opening day turned out to be both peaceful and dry - if a bit on the cold side. There are, of course, two starting points for the West end of the Loch - Kinnell Boathouse and Loch Tay Highland Lodges - both are featured below. Once again John Mallinson of the Clachaig was instrumental in arranging for the sponsorship of "Famous Grouse", whose amber liquid graced the morning barbecue at Kinnell. Loch Tay Highland Lodges similarly warmed the anglers as they set off with a welcome dram - and there too a more spiritual blessing from the minister himself. Both places, of course, had the traditional piper, and a goodly number of boats set off in search of that elusive salmon.



The Rev. David McNaughton (who blessed the boats), Clive Booth (Loch Tay Highland Lodges), and Roger Sharp, the Piper.



Getting ready to set off from the Highland Lodges.



The morning barbecue at Kinnell Boathouse.



ROLF RADAM, from BERLIN, receiving his "Famous Grouse" prize for catching the biggest fish of the opening day - a splendid 15 pounder! His gillie for the day was Jimmy Young of Crianlarich.

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The Final Word on St Fillan?

One of the main sources of information about early Scottish Saints is the series of commemorative Legends preserved in the **Aberdeen Breviary**, printed at Edinburgh in 1509-10. For studies of St Fillan, three Legends are particularly important, that of St Kentigerna, Fillan's mother, commemorated under 9 January and that of Kentigerna's brother, Fillan's uncle, St Comgan, commemorated under 13 October.

The three Legends agree that Kentigerna, Comgan and Fillan belonged to the province of Leinster in south-eastern Ireland.

The lake or pool into which Fillan was thrown at birth was somewhere in Leinster. After a year he was rescued by Bishop Ibar, an obscure but probably historical figure associated with south eastern Leinster. Incidentally, when Fillan emerged from the water, he had miraculously survived, but in spite of what Sheila McGregor says, he had not become fully grown. Later he became a monk under Mundus and on his death, Fillan succeeded as abbot.

The Legends differ in how Fillan left Ireland and came to Scotland. According to the Legend of Kentigerna, she, with her brother and son, came to a hermitage in "Straphilane" - Strathfillan, that is to say between Tyndrum and Crianlarich, with St Fillan's chapel about halfway between the two.

According to the Legend of Fillan, he abandoned his mother and uncle and came to a place called Siracht in the upper parts of "Glendochquhy" ("Glenduckie" according to A O Anderson) where he built the church in which he was himself afterwards buried.

In the Legend of Comgan the sequence of events is quite different. Comgan is

a king whose powerful neighbours conspire against him. He leaves Ireland, taking with him sister and her three sons, Fillan, Ferseus and Ulcanus. They arrive at "Lochelch in northern Argyll" - Loch Alsh, that is to say, opposite Skye on the extreme northern boundary of the medieval diocese of Argyll. Fillan built a church there in honour of Comgan.

It should be noticed that the head of the northern Loch Long, which opens from Alsh, there is a place called Kilillan (Gaelic **Cill Fhaolain** - "Fillan's Church"), a fact which may offer some kind of verification of the story found in the Legend of Comgan.

None of the Legends makes any reference to Killin or St Fillans.

Some early Irish ecclesiastical records refer briefly to Fillan in connection with Rath Erenn or, alternatively, Strathearn in Scotland. The reference may be to the village of St Fillans.

To sum up, the tradition is not really consistent with Sheila McGregor's hypothesis that Fillan was originally the river god of the great glen stretching from Tyndrum to Killin. A connection with part of the glen is clear, but so are connections with a number of other places, some at considerable distances. The most "watery" of the miracle stories involving him, his year under the water as a baby, refer not to a Scottish glen, but to an Irish Loch in Co Wexford. The hypothesis leaves the apparent connection of the saint with Loch Alsh entirely unexplained.

*John MacQueen
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Killin

A Crofting Village

The croft system still existing in the Highlands and Islands was part of Killin life up to the 1960's, the last croft being given up by the Stewarts in Gray Street in 1967.

Crofters - Smallholders - practised a kind of subsistence farming combined with part time work on larger farms. Artisans and tradesmen had their crofts and in Killin employed a man to collect the cattle and take them to and from the common grazing. Ministers had glebes; schoolmasters patches of land to eke out their income. There was a tradition of mutual help between the bigger farms and the smaller crofts at times of harvest and shearing. Crofts were rented from the lairds - McNabs and Campbells. In 1886 the Crofter Act gave security of tenure to crofters in the seven crofting counties but Perthshire was not included.

In addition to the housework, women shared the labour. Peat was dug but this ceased with the coming of the railway which brought coal, so the traditional peat fire at floor level also disappeared giving way to a raised fireplace.

In Killin, croft cottages can be seen opposite the park gates further up the Main Street and in Gray Street beside the Falls of Dochart. In Gray Street the crofts were at the back, beyond the railway.

Allan Walker

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Survival of the Rainforest

It is easy to assume, that as individuals, we can do nothing to influence serious global environmental issues, such as destruction of the tropical rainforest. This contributes to disastrous climatic change and causes mass extinction of plants, animals and people. Many tribes, whose culture and very existence depends on the forest in which they live, now face extinction. Much of the forest exploitation is unsustainable; that is, once these forests are cut they cannot regenerate. The rate of destruction is horrendous with at least 100 acres cleared every minute, mostly for timber extraction. It is estimated that 50 wildlife species become extinct every day. Although usually only one in ten of the trees are used, destruction is total.

But these events take place in south east Asia, Africa, Central and South America, not in Killin, so why mention them in the Killin News? Because as consumers we are helping to destroy these valuable resources forever and Britain is one of the largest consumers of tropical hardwoods. Only a tiny proportion of our supplies come from well managed or sustainable sources. Thus, if we buy tropical hardwood products, we are helping to destroy irreplaceable forest.

A sixth of our imported hardwoods are from tropical countries and include valuable species like teak, mahogany, ramin and iroko. Britain is one of the world's principal consumers of mahogany, most of which is felled illegally and imported into Scotland and sold as doors, windows, etc.

Armed with better understanding, we can now make choices. As consumers, we have the choice, whereas the people at the 'sharp end' usually have no choice.



Classic Cars Visit

On 7 December, Killin was honoured to be classed as a special stage in the Land's End to John O'Groats reliability trial for Classic Cars, one of which is featured above. A range of cars checked in at the Killin Hotel including Edwardian and Vintage Saloons, one of which was a 1919 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost. Having checked in, they set off to the top of Glen Lochay and then over the hill to Glen Lyon.

Tribal people depend on these forests and their rights are seldom enforced as shown by the recent Yanomami massacre. No less than 19 people were butchered by illegal invaders of a Yanomami reserve and of course, wild animals and plants sent into extinction have no rights.

Should we therefore buy mahogany (or other tropical hardwoods) or should we make an informed choice and select an alternative? Perhaps a sustainably grown European softwood? Friends of the Earth's Good Wood Guide gives information on sources of environmentally sound hardwoods. The Good Wood Guide seal of approval is awarded annually to some retailers.

Governments are not tackling this problem, but our purchasing power can help. Think Global - Act Local!

David Mardon



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The Scottish Tourist Industry depends on walking holidays to the tune of around £270 million annually. Yet over 1.5 million acres may be closed to walkers if the Forestry Commission is privatised. This is one of the options currently being considered by the Government's Forestry Review body and it is one that everyone with a share in the Tourist Industry and an interest in the environment should be aware of. There are, annually, an estimated 50 million visits to Forestry Commission land. Clearly our forests, such as the Queen Elizabeth Forest park, are among our most important national assets.

Already 150,000 acres of Commission land in Scotland has been sold to private owners, many of them not even resident in Scotland, some of them mere investment institutions; owners, in short, who have little interest in the environment or in the long term sustainability of our forests. More importantly, from the tourism

point of view, forests where walkers were welcome, are now a no go area where they risk forcible ejection.

All conservation bodies are opposed to *this* privatisation. All Scottish Regional Councils are opposed to it, the timber users are opposed to it, the Scottish Landowners' Federation is opposed to it. Who wants it?

The Ramblers Association conducted a survey, earlier this year, which shows that access for recreation to Forestry Commission land sold into private hands was lost in over 86% of sales. If the privatisation of the 10% of Scotland, at present owned by the Forestry Commission, goes ahead then anyone looking for a business opportunity in Scotland should consider the manufacturing of 'Private Keep Out' signs!

On Sunday 26 September 1993, 10,000 Ramblers throughout the country turned out for organised walks

on Forestry Commission paths to demonstrate to the Government Review body, how much we appreciate our forest walks and that we want to keep them.


If you are concerned write to the PM, your MP and the MEP.

*John Holms
Caledonian Area Secretary
Ramblers Association*

Killin Library

Despite the frosty night, eight teenagers turned out for a "soaps" quiz night at the library. It was enjoyed by all, especially the winners who were:- (1) **Samantha Spinner;** (2) **David Riddell.**

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Logan
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Dear Sir

The McLaren Hall

Like many other residents of this community, I am becoming increasingly concerned about the state of the McLaren Hall. The Community Council has written to the Hall Management Committee requesting that a public meeting be held to discuss plans for renovation, but we are told that this is not necessary as the AGM is due this month.

May I appeal to all organisations and individuals to make sure that they attend this meeting?

There may be perfectly good reasons for the delay in implementing the necessary repairs, but if so, it's time we were told what they are.

Yours faithfully
E M MacColl

2 Dochart Road
Killin

Dear Sir

Thank goodness it is the season for pantomimes with all the silly remarks and throw away comments which bring gales of laughter. How else could those of us who treat Loch Tay with the respect it deserves, react to Les Berrow's opening paragraph of his letter in the November newspaper?

The esteemed editor of this publication saw the deed but perhaps there was a Midsummer attack of panto magic and a tree trunk of telegraph pole proportion turned into a piece of driftwood and the clown princes were really water nymphs in costume rehearsing for Babes in the Wood or was it Water?

I must, however, wholly support Les on the problem of the foul mess left by "so called fishermen". There is an exclusion zone covering the shoreline below the harbour and above Firbush which is marked on "where to fish" plans available with permits. Under the protection order these areas should have notices put up by riparian owners which indicate no fishing between clearly defined boundaries. This should have a deterrent effect and make the no fishing rule easier to enforce under the act.

Yours faithfully
A Stewart

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their end of season shoot for all the major trophies for the year on Sunday 14 November 1993. Mrs Bowser handed over the annual trophies at a small get together in Suie Lodge Hotel. Prize winners on the day are as follows:-

DTL Class A - 1. D McRobbie 66; 2. E McAllister 59; 3. H Campbell 56; 4. G Mitchell 53; 5. D Robertson 47. **DTL Class B** - 1. J Sinclair 55; 2=. S Christie & G Ross 48; 4. J Miller 47; 5. D Stewart 44 **DTL Class C** - 1. E Paterson 50. **DTL Visitors** - 1. J Mitchell 68; 2. F Ronald 60. **Sporting Class A** - 1. D Deans 72; 2. G Mitchell 69; 3. J Sinclair 66; 4=. D McRobbie & E McAllister 57. **Sporting Class B** - 1. G Coyne 60; 2=. Jas Sinclair & S Christie 57; 4. R Paterson 54; 5. G Ross 51. **Sporting Class C** - 1. J Gledhill 45. **Visitors** - 1. J Mitchell 66; 2. S Donaldson 60. **High Gun & Suie Cup** - D McRobbie 123.

33 Guns turned out on a dry, cold day.

Annual Trophies

Agg. Shield - 1. D McRobbie 480. **Runner Up** - E McAllister 475. **Curry Rose Bowl** - J Sinclair 266. **Classification DTL A** - E McAllister 253; B - J Sinclair 232; C - E Paterson 216. **Sporting A** - J Sinclair 249; B - R Paterson 216; C - J Gledhill 174.

The Christmas Shoot was held on Sunday 12 December 1993. 22 Guns turned out on a cold, wet, sleaty day. All the Guns enjoyed the varied competitions put on. Prize winners are as follows:-

10 **DTL** - 1. E McAllister 27; 2=. Lennox, Jas Sinclair & G Coyne 23. 5 **DTL SBS** - 1. E McAllister 15; 2. G Ross 12; 3. J Sinclair 11; 4=. B Donaldson & R Mills 10. 5 **Pair D/R** - 1. E McAllister 27; 2=. J Sinclair, A Donaldson, G Ross & G Coyne 24. **High Gun & Dochart Cup** - E McAllister 69. **Flush** - 1. E McAllister, R Cairns, E Paterson, A Lawder, V Corriere 41; 2. J Sinclair, S Christie, H Campbell, J Gledhill, G Coyne 40. **Continuation** - R Cairns.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. Many thanks to the Committee and Helen Sinclair for their help on and off the field.

G Coyne, Secretary

Killin Drama Club

Once again the stars are beginning to shine every Wednesday night as rehearsals continue for the next production by the Drama Club.

Last year's format appeared to be well received, so, as the saying goes, why change a winner and this year's show will be along similar lines, May Hewitt is producing a Scots play "March of the Day" by Harry Glass. Julia Bates and Felicity Campbell-Smith are again in charge of a growing band of junior players and to give everyone a part, they will enact two short plays - "Let's be Devils" and "Us and Them". Lesley Kettle has again promised a surprise, but this year without the banana or Colin McRae "falling down the stairs". Colin will be in the show however and we urge you to come and see him as you have never seen him before and not likely to see him again.

The McLaren Hall has been booked for Friday and Saturday 18 and 19 March so, since we would all feel rather silly performing without an audience, please pencil one (or both) of these dates in your diary now and we'll see you there.

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November

Mrs Sheena Chisholm, President, opened the November meeting by welcoming new members and guests from Lochearnhead Institute.

Mrs Chisholm introduced Miss Joanne McKelvie who took the ladies through "A Day in the Life of a Vet". Her talk was illustrated by showing trays and the instruments used for mending animal fractures. Mrs B Gordon thanked Miss McKelvie for a most interesting evening.

Following tea served by hostesses Mrs H Gledhill and Mrs B Gordon, entertainment took the form of "Name that Tune".

Competition Results-Chutney - 1. Mrs B McGregor; 2. Mrs M Hunter; 3. Mrs M Graham. **Animal Photograph** - 1. Mrs B Gordon; 2. Mrs W Davidson; 3. Miss S Spinner.

December

Mrs Sheena Chisholm, President, welcomed a large turnout to the December meeting in the Lesser McLaren Hall.

Mrs Ross from the Achray Hotel, St Fillans, gave a most interesting demonstration of the making of starters and puddings. The end results were much appreciated by the members.

The vote of thanks was given by Mrs E Stewart. Following tea served by the hostesses Mrs A McNee and Mrs E Stewart, members were entertained by a game of "pass the parcel" organised by Mrs P Christie. Raffle was held in aid of "Pennies for Friendship" the amount collected being £24.75.

Competition Results - Gift Tags - 1. Mrs E Stewart; 2. Mrs M Graham; 3. Mrs B McGregor. **Chocolate Eclairs** - 1. Mrs B McGregor; 2. Mrs M Graham; 3. Mrs E Stewart.

On 13 November the WRI held a successful 'Whist Drive' in aid of the Scottish War Blinded. The sum of £208 was raised for this worthy charity.

15 December was the date for the School's Annual Christmas Party. Judging by the noise and expressions, a great time was had by all.

The ladies of the WRI would like to

thank all those who helped to make these occasions such a success.

The Birthday Party

Mrs Sheena Chisholm, President, welcomed members to the meeting which took the form of a 70th Birthday Party held in the Killin Hotel. The Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs Bunty McGregor. The entertainment, organised by Mrs Helen Gledhill, was greatly enjoyed by all of the large number present. During the evening a raffle was held in aid of Bosnia. The sum of approximately £50 was raised.

Competition Results - Party Hat - 1. Mrs Sheila Ferguson; 2. Mrs Ellen Stewart; 3. Mrs May Graham. **Limerick** - Mrs Fiona Inglis.

*Mrs B E Gordon
Press Secretary*

Angling Club

Killin and Breadalbane Angling Club AGM was held at the Killin Hotel on 29 November. As the Annual Dinner had to be cancelled, the presentation of prizes was made by the President, Dr H M Weaver at the AGM.

Trout - Club Champion - S MacDonald 26 trout weighing 16lb; **Runner Up** - J Scougall (Snr) 21 fish weighing 14lb 5oz. **Heaviest Fish** - S MacDonald tie with J Scougall - 11lb 8 oz. **Peter Ross Cup** - S MacDonald 11 fish - 6lb 9oz. **Handicap Cup** - S MacDonald 5 fish - 2lb 3oz. **Awa Cup** - J Scougall (Jnr). **Salmon - Heaviest Fish** - D MacKenzie - 24 lbs. **Runner Up** - N Cairns - 20lbs. **Total Fish** - D MacKenzie 25. **Runner Up** - N Cairns 19.

The office bearers and Committee for 1993 were unanimously re-elected for 1994.

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Carpet Bowling

The Killin Carpet Bowling Club held their annual open pairs tournament on Saturday 4 December. The tournament was well attended with 34 pairs competing. The winner was a Crook of Devon pair Alan Paterson and Ian Brown. Second was also a Crook of Devon pair Archie Paterson and Jim Johnstone. Third was Killin pair C McLarty and John Willison. Fourth was Jim Hermiston and D Kennedy from Camserney. First in the singles was Alistair Kerinmoth from Fearnan. Second was Willie Nicol from Acharn. Many thanks to all who took part.

Carpet Bowls are held every Monday night in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Anyone interested should come along at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday Club

Members thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Dinner Celebrations which were held in the Church Hall.

During the course of the evening, a presentation was made to Mrs Brenda Taylor who is returning south early in 1994. Brenda's company will be missed by the many friends she has made here in Killin.

THANKS

I should like to thank all my band of helpers who are enabling me to continue living in Killin.

It is a great community effort and everyone is doing a wonderful job. I do appreciate it.

Dorothy Fraser, Riverside

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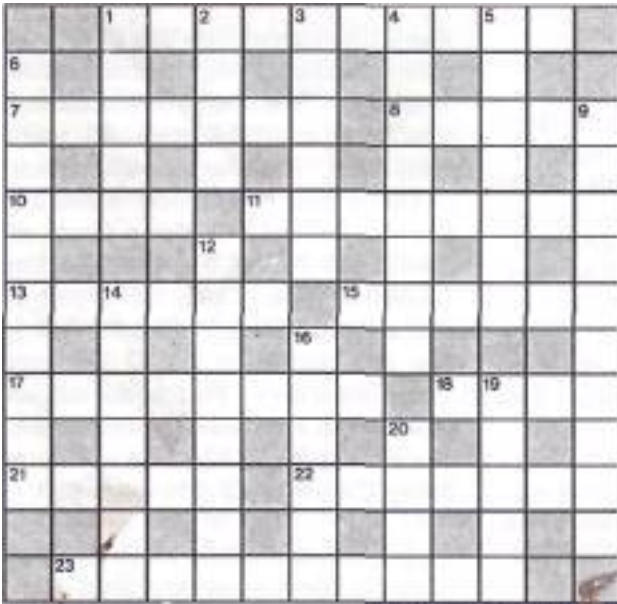
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Crossword by Crustacean



ACROSS

1. Rainmaker? No, but he'll be blamed (9)
7. Girl gets the bird for this design (7)
8. What Scrooge never gave anyone (5)
10. In the choir you hear the sound again (4)
11. Biblical retribution (8)
13. The players' suit (7)
15. Sideways (5)
17. Mainly a cut nail! (8)
18. A young rascal. I join a SA warrior group (4)
21. After a service remove a part (5)
22. In this state there's no movement (7)
23. In this saloon your number's nearly up! (4, 6)

DOWN

1. Look! Guard your neighbourhood (5)
2. In this space there are a lot of yards (4)
3. Starter Gift (6)
4. Without the lady, determinedly cruel (8)
5. The home of the free! (7)
6. A very quiet start to this look (10)
9. A thespian manner (10)
12. Change your mind Pete? It's above the door! (8)
14. A Greek dish! (7)
16. Send away for a bash round Northern Ireland (6)
19. Measure some of the same treatment (5)
20. Average and Nasty (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. dubbing 5. insipid 9. molotov 10. tiniest 11. school tie 12. stern 13. spill 15. epicentre 16. backtrack 18. polar 21. usage 22. efficient 24. cats paw 26. instant 27. streaky 28. amended

Down: 1. demists 2. Bolshoi 3. intro 4. give the game away 5. in the nick of time 6. sin 7. present 8. detente 12. sheep 14. litre 16. bounces 17. coaster 19. leeward 20. rotated 23. caste 25. pea

The lucky winner was Helen Douglas of Killin who received a cheque for £25 from the Bank of Scotland. Well done Helen!

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THANK YOU

Mrs Clark wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and flowers received during her recent stay in hospital.

Thanks

We would like to use this column to bid farewell to Killin and a sad goodbye to all our friends. Although we are looking forward to our move South, a part of us will never leave these hills and lochs, which we love so much.

Thank you for having us. It's been a happy five years.

Reg & Brenda Taylor

The Village Christmas Tree

The Killin News takes this opportunity on behalf of the Community Council and the village as a whole, to thank Judge Stroyan of Boreland for once again providing us with a fine Christmas Tree for the Festive period. We are also grateful to Douglas McRobbie (Electrician) and Stitt Bros for erecting the tree and wiring the lights and to St Fillans Church for the use of their electric system.

Obituary - Ada Fryer

Ada Fryer, who died on 23 December, was a physician who became an artist in middlelife.

After retirement to Crianlarich she spent much time painting Scottish landscapes and flower arrangements, frequently exhibiting at the Art Society and the Killin Show. She was also a talented pianist. Late in life she gained a BA (Hons) from the Open University.

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