

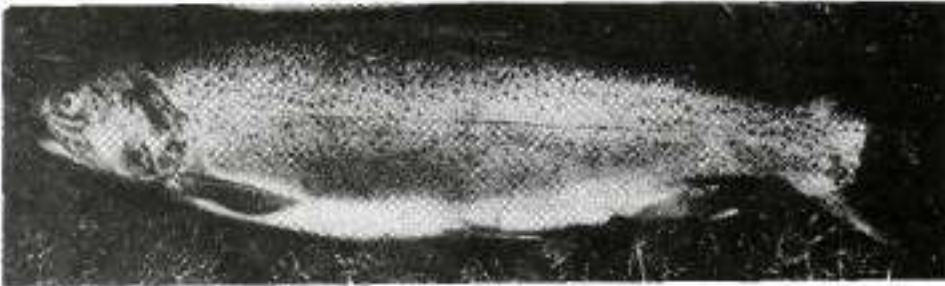


KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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Alien Species Overruns Loch Tay



The shattering surprise of the opening day of Loch Tay's salmon fishing was the discovery that sometime earlier, some hundreds of large alien rainbow trout got into the loch. These fish were caught by the salmon fishers and averaged about 7 to 8 pounds in weight. The salmon catch, on the other hand, was **three fish**. The rainbows came from the trout farm at the Kenmore end of the loch. Anglers and environmentalists are angry at the likely damage to the loch's native species, brown trout and salmon. Rainbows are predators of smaller brown trout and young salmon and if your **salmon right**, (which alone allows you to fish for salmon), cost in the region of £15,000 to buy, you are naturally going to be very angry! Trout fishers, come 15 March, may find the stocks of "brownies" somewhat reduced!

Hopes of Compensation

Much of this anger and dismay was expressed at the recent meeting of the West Loch Tay Salmon Fishers'

Association held in Killin. There was, of course, talk of compensation and indeed, some attempt may be made along these lines, if only to provide cash for angling clubs to restock with brown trout.

Public Enquiry

We are reminded of the application made to Stirling District Council for a trout farm at Ardeonaig, which the Council turned down. The Killin News covered that story and the subsequent Public Enquiry, which, after much evidence from both sides, upheld the Council's decision. During that Enquiry, trout farmers made light of people's fear of rainbows escaping, implying that the management system would be so good that the escape of fish was a small risk! How wrong can you be? We congratulate Stirling District and the Public Enquiry for their decision. The requirement of planning permission for trout farms is relatively new and did not exist when the Kenmore one was started. Rainbows pose a serious environmental problem.



The Culprit! Kames Fish Farm



Killin News 3 Years old!

It seems no time at all since we were tentatively putting together the first (small!) issue of the Killin News. That was April 1991. Three years later our problem seems to be mainly trying to stop the thing getting **too big!** This issue, in fact, is the biggest at 16 pages! But do not worry, we are not trying to compete with the giant Sunday Times!

That we have been able to progress and grow over these three years is very largely due to **the loyalty of our advertisers** - without whom we simply would not exist. Our artwork, layout and printing costs money and so we are deeply grateful to those who have advertised in the Killin News over these three years; you have allowed us to pay our bills.

Many thanks indeed to all of you for your unfailing support.

NOTICE

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the **Killin News** will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Wednesday 6 April 1994. We cordially invite our readers and advertisers to attend.

Apart from hearing from us, it should be an opportunity for you to let us know how the paper might be improved. We are sure you have got plenty of ideas, so come along on that date and join us!

KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting on 10 February chaired by Dr E M McCoil and with Councillor I Martin (SDC) and Constable Ian Donaldson in attendance. Among other matters discussed, the main items of business were:-

The Mart - It would appear that some forward planning has taken place between the owner and the Planning Department of the District Council. Representatives of the Community Development Services are coming to brief the Community Council on the present state of affairs.

Street Lighting - The Community Council will be contacting the authorities vis a vis the poor street lighting between Atholl Cottages and the Capercaillie Restaurant, also the Fingal Road parking area.

School Bus - Following a letter from the Director of Education, stating that the double decker would not be withdrawn, the Council will write to the Convener of Education pointing out the grave disquiet of parents concerning this mode of transport in wintry conditions.

STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The major issues on the current Community Council programme are progressing satisfactorily as reported in the last Killin News. Meetings were held with officials of Central Regional Council Roads Department and Forth Valley Enterprise. It is proposed to hold a public meeting to outline the specific measures envisaged in the Crianlarich Enhancement Scheme.

Tenants' Association - The Community Council will be supporting this proposal as initial soundings were positive from the people to whom a Tenants' Association apply.

Rubbish Skip - Community Council writing to urge provision of a skip (yet again).

Donations - £100 was donated to the Senior Citizens' Bums Supper and £300 will be donated to the proposed Highland Games. £100 will be donated towards the cost of the restoration of the War Memorial Window.

AOCB - included:- (a) the flooding in front of the Parish Kirk. Community Council will offer a donation of £100 towards remedial work. Letter to be sent to Session Clerk; (b) action to obtain a handrail for the footpath down to Ballechroisk Court (Kirk Care); (c) letter to be sent to Bank of Scotland Head Office regretting the downgrading of the local Branch; (d) Dr M McCoil and A Walker attended a Conference/Workshop on Saturday 29 January about the future of Community Councils in the changing Local Authority set up. It was recommended that Killin join the National Association.

A Walker

Gold Mine, Tyndrum - The gold mine will now probably get the go ahead. The Sub-Committee of the District Council has now re-examined the tailings done with reference to the safety aspect. Given that this is satisfactory, it may be that at last things will start to move.

Centenary of the West Highland Railway, arising from the disinterest of ScotRail Head Planners, some members of the Council have been involved in setting up an adhoc Committee to make plans for a celebration of the Centenary of the West Highland Railway.

Paul Kelly, Convener

Changing Roles of Community Councils

Set up in 1973, the Councils have traditionally acted as groups representing local needs and concerns to the Local Authority. They have **no** statutory powers. The Government in 1993 proposed that the local Community Councils should: 1. Have the right to be consulted on local planning issues; 2. Have a statutory right to consultation on schemes of decentralisation put forward by the new local authorities (in power 1 April 1996); 3. Licensing Boards to keep the Community Councils informed of local developments.

Stirling District Council recently organised a conference for representatives of Community Councils to seek ways of improving relationships with the District. It also proposed a forum to handle common concerns rather than each Community Council working piecemeal. Such a forum could consult with the Local Authorities vis a vis, grant aid to Community Councils and keep them informed about Government reforms. Thanks are due to the District Council and staff for concern that grass roots Community Councils be kept informed and involved in the changing scene.

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Bank of Scotland Killin

Bank of Scotland's Killin Branch will be linked to the Bank's Branch in Callander from June this year. The existing hours of business remain unchanged and to further enhance the present service, a Cash Dispenser is to be installed.

The new Banking Manager at Killin will be Mr Tom Tracey who will succeed Mr Angus J F Inglis in March this year. Mr Tracey will be in charge of normal day to day operations but the Branch will be under the overall control of Mr George N Duffy, Manager at Callander Branch.

Chernobyl

Readers will remember Stewart Christie's earlier article in Issue No 2, June 1991, about the Chernobyl Nuclear accident. Stewart has now brought us up to date with the current situation - things are looking slightly more hopeful.

AW

Eight Years On

It is now nearly eight years since the Chernobyl Nuclear Reactor in Russia exploded, a fact probably long forgotten by most people, but not by local sheep farmers.

Eight farms in the Killin. Crianlarich and Lochearnhead area are still being monitored by the Department of Agriculture. While all the lambs now fall well within the limit when they are sold, some ewes taken straight off the hill, still give high readings.

This seems to suggest that some soil types hold the radioactivity longer than others. When the grass grows in the Spring, this radioactivity is taken up by plants and is eaten by the sheep. However, levels do seem to be falling. Two farms had all their stock tested last Summer and these farms have now been freed of all restrictions by the Department of Agriculture. They intend to continue with this policy of releasing farms as the readings continue to fall. Hopefully, all farms will be free of restrictions before too long.

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COMMENT

The Demise of a Bank?

We reproduced on page 3, the press statement issued by the Bank of Scotland. One could be forgiven for thinking that nothing of any consequence was happening! We are to be "linked" to the Callander Branch. What a nice comradely idea! And - wait for it - the present service is to be "further enhanced" by the addition of a Cash Dispenser. It would seem that they cannot do enough for us!

But the reality behind this bland, almost dishonest statement is that the Bank of Scotland, Killin, is to be **downgraded**. With effect from the close of business on 17 June 1994, all the accounts held at Killin Branch will be "**administered by the nearby office in Callander**". Not so much a **link**, more a subordination.

This is indeed a sad story; not only is the Bank downgraded, the Village itself is thereby somewhat reduced. Our view is that once we get the Cash Dispenser, it will not be long until there is not much else, for the drive for economies and cost savings is ruthless. The community will lose a vital human service and will have to get by with a second rate one. They are also removing from the Village the employment opportunities which many youngsters in the area have benefited from. "A friend for life"? Who needs enemies with friends like this?

Next Issue

The next issue of the paper will be distributed around the end of May.

If you wish to advertise or inform the Village about what your Club or Society will be doing in the months of June and July, get your copy to us by the end of April at the latest.

Killin and Ardeonaig Church of Scotland



To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the building of the Kirk (see Killin News Issue 15, July 1993) the Kirk Session is arranging a series of events throughout the year in which it is hoped to involve the whole community.

The War Memorial Window has already been restored and as Convener of the Organising Committee, I would like to express my thanks to all those individuals and bodies, both local and national, who contributed to the cost of this very necessary work.

The proposed programme is:-

Wednesday 30 March, 7.00 pm
A "Hymnalong" in the Kirk, led by the pupils and staff of Killin Primary School.

Sunday 3 April, 11.00 am
Visit by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for morning worship during which the memorial window will be re-dedicated. Thereafter, a soup and sandwich lunch in the McLaren Hall.

Tickets £1.00 from Bunty McGregor, Littlecroft (820513).

Sunday 22 May, 11.00 am
Morning worship in the form of a Pageant.

Wednesday 27 July, 2.30 pm
Sale of work in the McLaren Hall, including sale of artifacts (prints, mugs, etc).

Sunday 31 July - Sunday 4 September, 7.00 pm
A series of evenings in the Kirk illustrating changes in the music in the Church.

Saturday 6 - 13 August
Flower Festival in the Church.
Sunday 2 October, 11.00 am
Harvest Festival.

Wednesday 30 November, 11.00 am
A Final Fling.

In addition Lynda Frost and some of the school children are producing "A Child's Guide to Killin Kirk" and it is hoped that it will be possible to publish extracts from old Kirk Session Records.

D Bowser

Appreciation of Jean McArthur

This Village lost a good friend in December with the death of Jean McArthur.

Many local children had their first taste of school under Jean's guidance. She loved her job and she was an excellent teacher. For many years she ran the local Brownie pack and in the days before all school children got the chance to learn to swim, Jean always tried to make sure that her Brownies got that opportunity. She was a keen golfer and to the end of her life, took a great interest in the affairs of Killin Golf Club of which she was President.

She was involved in many other organisations and was always ready to help in any way she could. Such public spirited people are of great value in small communities like ours and Jean McArthur will be remembered with affection and gratitude by many people.

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Senior Citizens' Burns Supper

About 50 of Killin's Senior Citizens were guests at a most enjoyable traditional Burns Supper in the Killin Hotel on 25 January.

The MC for the evening was Sinclair Aitken who toasted the Haggis after piper, Charlie Methven of Balquhider, had started the event. Allan Walker toasted the lassies and was thanked by Mhairi Stewart. Entertainment was provided by Pat and Gilbert Christie, David Thornton, Willie Allan, Liz Lambert, John Twigg and Jack Rough.

The event was organised by Charlie Grant and Constable Ian Donaldson, funded by the Marquee Dance proceeds with some help from the Community Council.

The Killin News has been asked by a number of Senior Citizens to express their thanks.

Highland Games for Killin!

Following November's public meeting, the Committee formed to explore the viability of bringing a Highland Games "package" to Killin, has moved closer to making the event a reality. To raise £3,500, the sum required to attract the games, sponsors were urgently sought and over £1,500 has been pledged.

The Committee felt confident enough to contact the organisers and say that they hoped to confirm in the near future. The combined package of traditional games and world strong men, as featured on TV, is envisaged for 3 August 1994 in the Breadalbane Park.

We require to raise more money than stated to meet expenses such as tents, etc. There will be room for other organisations at a low cost.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring an event at the games, say approximately £200, please contact one of the Committee members. We thank the sponsors listed below for coming forward thus enabling the Games to become a viable proposition.

Sponsors - Margaret Hill £1,000; John Mallinson £500; Pat Sweeney £500; Community Council £300; J Gas 50p per sale in the area (estimate £200) keep buying! Hydro Electric £200; Woodrows Lemonade - amount to be decided; Esso at AMC - amount to be decided; Loch Lomond and Trossachs Tourist Board - still to be finalised (approx £500).

D Osler

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Killin Village Enhancement Scheme

Killin will shortly be able to boast one of the finest natural attractions in the Country and an outstanding visitor centre; the Breadalbane Folklore Centre. There are few 'tourist' villages which are in such a fortunate position.

As has been reported over the months, a small steering group has been preparing a programme of environmental improvement works to compliment the Folklore Centre. A public meeting will be held in April to present the findings of the group and to give the local community the opportunity to make comments. The date and venue will be publicised nearer the time.

The main purpose of the initiative is to promote the economic prospects of the Village by enhancing the environment, improving facilities and helping to create an even better image for Killin. This does not necessarily mean that the Village will be overrun by tourists. The main objective is to increase their expenditure through expanding their stay. Local businesses should be the main beneficiaries of the programme, but they too have their role to play through improving services, premises, marketing and the goods on sale and their presentation. Some of the specific elements of the **proposed** programme include:- developing a new car park closer to the Falls; improving the parking outside the shops at the west end of the main street; improving the entrance of Breadalbane Park; new litter bins; development of a Heritage Trail through the Village; development of walks around the

Village; landscaping of the school grounds; continuing support for the "Village in Bloom" work; new Information Boards and new Village road signs. Before the public meeting, there will be a display of sketches and plans of these proposals. It should be borne in mind that at this stage, no agreement has been reached with the land and property owners involved.

The types of initiative which the local business community could undertake includes:- improvements to window displays; floral displays; improved shop fronts and signs; improvements to individual parking areas; improvements to service, business and employee training; improvements to accommodation; collective marketing and promotion and support for new 'Village events'. A final thought, is there any support for the construction of a new pedestrian footbridge over the Falls, upstream of the existing bridge? I hasten to add there are **no** plans to build a bridge, but a suggestion has been made.

*S Rodrick, Project Manager
Rural Stirling Economic
Partnership*

Breadalbane Folklore Centre, Killin

The external works are now completed and the partners of the project are delighted with the quality of work by the contractors involved. The internal works contract has now been let and work will start on site in mid-March. The contract period is 14 weeks and the target for opening is mid-June.

Stirling District Council and their funding partners will be working very hard in the next few months to deliver this top quality attraction in Killin.



If anyone has any ideas as to who should officially open the Breadalbane Folklore Centre (or anyone who is on first name terms with any hugely successful personalities) please let me know.

We look forward to welcoming you in the Centre in June.

*Helen McPhie
Assistant Project Officer
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We are indebted to Mervyn Brown of Ardtalnaig for the following article. Mervyn has kept records of the weather since 1958 which he has submitted to the Meteorological Office. Mervyn has agreed to give us a weather update for each issue of the Killin News.

Mervyn writes: Though the shortest month in the year, February seems to have acquired considerable notoriety judging by the numerous proverbs and adages appertaining thereto. "February fill the dyke be it with black or be it with white" being possibly the best known. Should this be the case, it might bode well for the ensuing months and many reckon that too good a spell at this time results in a weatherwise mediocre year to follow, as witness the old quotes "All the rest of the months of the year curse a fine Februar!" and "A February Spring is never a good thing!" Mostly these old saws and sayings are merely generalisations and do not refer necessarily to the particular day mentioned, but rather to the weather regime obtained around this period, but as St Swithins day (15 July) itself does not really make or break the Glasgow Fair holiday, rather that unsettled conditions lend to become established in some years about that

time and conversely anticyclones or areas of high pressure can remain the dominant feature once in place over us.

What then of the remainder of February 1994 and the ensuing Spring? Who knows? Here at Ardtalnaig, since early November, conditions have been decidedly wintry and probably the worst for wintering livestock for several years, the combination of wet, wind and cold being much less favourable than dry hard frost even with snow cover. January had produced just under 8 inches of rainfall which is considerably more than the 30 year average of 4.6 inches and the average mean temperature somewhat below normal. Despite all this, things are moving behind the scenes. Oyster catchers are in evidence on the lower reaches of the Tay, though with very high water there is as yet, not much shingle on the shores of the Loch for them to prepare to nest. Snowdrops have been in flower for a month, birches are purple with rising sap and many other less noticeable harbingers of Spring are with us, not least the salmon fishermen out in force on the wide waters of Loch Tay! Spring will come, it always has!

Mervyn K Brown

Another bit of news from the south side at Ardtalnaig was Mervyn Brown's and Peter Haigh's rescue of a girl who had fallen over a bridge and into the burn, some 25 feet below,



The BBC's 999 programme will be re-enacting the incident, filming some time in April, showing the rescue which involved medical teams from Pitlochry and Aberfeldy.

Members of the Killin News team met with BBC research staff when visiting Ardtalnaig and have been invited back to report on the production. We will feature this in our May issue.

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similar centres in Scotland. The aim of the Trust is to offer high quality outdoor activities and holiday facilities to young people. Situated on a 20 acre site, the Centre employs 12 permanent staff.

Some of the amenities provided include nordic skiing in Winter, kayaking, canoeing, orienteering, field studies, absailing and hill walking.



Centre Director, Phil Simpson, told us that the building was gifted to the Abernethy Trust (the parent Group) by a Mr Barry Barrett. The Abernethy Trust, a Christian charitable organisation, operates three other

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Walking for Life Appeal

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Michael Jones

This Aeroplane will allow mobile medical care units to reach remote villages and communities in Tanzania, which would otherwise be left to suffer because of poor quality road networks. The plane will also service the needs of other relief agencies in the region.

The walkers will travel via Inverness, Perth, Edinburgh, Galashiels, Carlisle, Preston, Warrington, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Chepstow, Bristol, Taunton, Penzance and all being well, arrive at Lands End on 2 June.

Copper Mines at Tomnadashan, Ardtalnaig

The second Marquis of Breadalbane convinced himself (hat there was gold in the hills of Breadalbane and spent much of his time roaming the hills between Taymouth and Tyndrum, chipping at outcrops of rock. Copper mining was carried out at Tomnadashan but the only evidence remaining are three caves, two roofless galleries and drill markings. The boulder strewn floors give the impression that mining here had not always been straightforward. In the first 13 years of existence (1838-50) £4,267 had been spent, but by 1862 the outlay had risen to £10,000. Set against this the only return for ore sent to Swansea in 1851 was £253.16.6. On the Lochside, remains of buildings and a wooden jetty can be seen. These were used for boats transporting coal and building materials and taking out the ore. Ore that was mined in the 24 year period was stockpiled at the Lochside and in 1850, Lord Breadalbane realised he had stockpiled iron pyrites which contained sulphur and there was an increasing demand for sulphuric acid. He built an acid plant and in 1860, James Napier, who was one of the country's leading industrial chemists, was appointed Superintendent at a salary of £500 per year.

In February 1861 the plant was working but the output was less than expected due to the poor quality of the ore. The plant was closed late in 1861 and no trace of it remains. At the same time a furnace was built to smelt the ore to obtain copper but this was also a failure. The end of Loch Tayside's industrial era came with the death of the second Marquis in 1862 and the term 'fools gold' for pyrites might have been coined for Breadalbane alone.

Judy Forster

South Side Stories

The Breadalbane area was much more heavily populated in the 1700s. In 1794, Kenmore's population was 3,463 and Killin's 2,360. The south side of the loch was known as Toyr or north facing, a fact that gave rise to a village long deserted, known as Cloichran, to be called "Cloichran Fuar" meaning Cold Cloichran, where snows lay long and the sun was hardly seen in Winter.

The Church provided a school for the Cloichran children in the 1700s. Ardeonaig, an ancient place with cup markings and crannogs (lake dwellings) was at one time a small parish with a pre-reformation church and a small castle. The Inn was known as Tigh na Linne - the house on the pool. Ardeonaig had a Urisk (a mischievous water sprite) living in the burn who tormented the people until outwitted by a local woman. The Pipers Pool on the Ardeonaig Burn was the scene of an encounter between a noted archer and his six sons. Twelve cattle thieves and a piper were causing chaos in the district. The archer ambushed the "caterans" and aided by his sons killed all of the thieves. The piper, as he fled, was shot and tumbled into the pool, giving the pool its name

With the depopulation of the district and the indigenous population, many of the old tales of superstitions, fairies and heroic deeds have been lost, but if you wish to know more, dig deep into "In Famed Breadalbane" written by the Rev W Gillies in the 1930's, which is an amazing treasure chest of lore about this area.

A Walker

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The McLaren Hall AGM

The AGM was held on 24 February 1994. Together with the trustees and office bearers, there was a large turnout of members of the public. The Chairman, W Stitt, confirmed negotiations of grants for the repair of the Hall were complete. The Hall has been awarded £22,000 SED Grant and £11,000 SDC Grant. However, in order to receive these grants, the Hall must contribute £11,000. Plans will now go out to tender and work should commence early June. The work is very extensive but hopefully will be finished by the Autumn. £11,000 has to be raised by the Village. It is a huge undertaking, but the results will benefit the whole community. It was unanimously agreed that all organisations must make every effort to raise this vast sum of money in order for the work to be completed. The Secretary will be writing to all groups asking for fund raising ideas. To communicate the role of the management of the Hall, a copy of the Trust Deeds and Constitution will be displayed in the Library.

Office bearers elected: Chairman - W Stitt, Secretary - Cheryl Campbell, Treasurer - Mrs M Masterson, Bookings



Secretary - Mrs A McNee. All bookings must be made through the Bookings Secretary. Trustees - W Stitt, G Christie, W Allan, G Wilson, J Willison. The Secretary again urged all organisations to inform her of their representatives. These names go forward towards forming the Management Committee. Anyone wishing to raise any matters re the running of the Hall should write to the Secretary, Mrs C Campbell.

As one can see from the preceding report, the AGM of the Hall Management Committee went some way to clarify the concerns that had arisen over the

condition of the Hall. Much of this concern appeared to be through lack of information about what was happening. We now know that much work has been undertaken to secure grants towards structural repairs. The McLaren Hall, as such, has little money and what there is should be husbanded. Many a village would be glad to have such a hall. The onus is upon us as Villagers to urgently raise the £11,000 necessary to qualify for the grants mentioned in Mrs Campbell's report.

A Walker

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Killin Gun Club



The Killin News plan to have an occasional feature giving the background and history of the Clubs and Societies in the Village. We are grateful to George Coyne for the following information.

Killin Gun Club

The Club was formed in 1927, 'shoots' being held at Auchmore until 1933 when a new site near the Sewage Works was used until the late seventies. The early office bearers were: Robert McGregor, President; Donald Campbell, Secretary and H Horwood, Treasurer. In 1984 the Club was re-constituted with W D McRobbie, President; George Coyne, Secretary and John Sinclair, Treasurer. Mrs Bowser offered the stance at Luib as a site and this was gratefully accepted. Membership was restricted to the Killin Postal Area until 1980 but this has now been revised and anyone can join. The club encourages all ages to come along from Juniors to Seniors. Tuition can be given by our more experienced members. Good shooting is had by all.

Gun Club News

Killin Gun Club AGM was held in Suie Lodge Hotel on Sunday 20 February with

an attendance of 14 members. The Club has had a very successful year. There was no change in the office bearers or Committee. The meeting was followed by a video shown on clay shooting and tuition.

The shoot dates for this year are as follows: 20 March, 1 May, 29 May, 26 June, 7 August, 50 Bird Open Sporting, 4 September, 50 DTL Open, 2 October, 13 November, 11 December. Entries close at 1.00 pm.

G D Coyne, Secretary

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West of Scotland Rally Championships

Tyndrum car rallyist Allan Brodie and co-driver William Campbell of Oban, won the 1993 Class 2 in the West of Scotland Rally Championships. However, in the last rally of the year, disaster struck. At Gatehouse of Fleet the 1600 Mark II Ford Escort broke a half shaft, causing the car to spin and hit a tree, breaking the chassis,

Disappointed, but unharmed, Allan bought a group 4 shell and has spent the Winter building it in readiness for the 1994 season which starts in Inverness.



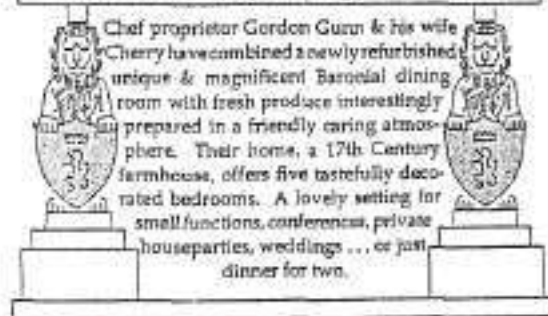
Allan collecting his trophy at the RAC Headquarters in Glasgow.



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Letters

Callander

Dear Editor

Extract from the February edition of the Trout & Salmon. Opening day: Salmon 3 total, rainbow 134 total.

In days gone by, I would have been very angry after reading the above report of the demise of Loch Tay as a brown trout and salmon loch and its conversion into a very fine rainbow trout fishery.

But now I have come to realise that it is only fishermen that will be upset at rainbow trout taking over the loch, after all we are really only a small minority. So fellow fishermen, calm down, let us join the modern world. After all there is a pot of gold at the end of a "rainbow". Some positive things could come out of this development. Look at all the nice fires that the fishermen will light every

100 yards round the loch. We could turn this into a tourist attraction and Loch Tay could be known as "The Fiery Loch".

Rainbow trout come from California; as foreigners, we should make them welcome. Put to the back of our minds that these American fish will eat our silly brown trout and salmon parr. Do not think about the fact that they will devour all the feeding in the loch. A suggestion for the rainbow trout breeders. They have succeeded with the rainbows from California, why stop there? Why not import alligators from Florida and farm them. There must be money in that. Would that mean there would a "Croc of gold?" Just think of the fun we would have with the escapees. What breaking strain would be used for instance? A leg of mutton for bait perhaps? One way or another it looks like farewell to the salmon and trout and come on the good ol' rainbows. Congratulations to the fish farmer, you have done a fair job on Loch Tay.

D Allan

Ballechroisk
Killin

Dear Sir

I would like to say that many of the dog owners in this Village are absolutely disgusting, letting their dogs foul pavements and roads, they obviously have no consideration for other people, especially children.

Ever since the houses around Ballechroisk have been built in the field, the pavements from Kirk Care to the Mart and from Allan Walker's house at the beginning of the one way street, to Mrs Colmar's house at the corner, look like a dumping site for excrement. Pet shops and supermarkets sell many gadgets to dispose of dog dirt, maybe they should be tried out by dog owners, you never know you might get the hang of disposing of it hygienically! It is about time heavy fines were imposed then others might think about letting their dogs foul the streets!

Yours faithfully
J MacNee

Scoop

Since receiving the above letter, we have had the following information:-

There is now a supply of Pooper Scoopers that can be obtained free from the Library. Further, in an attempt to reduce the public nuisance of dog fouling, a Stirling District Dog Warden will be visiting the Village more frequently and unannounced. Owners may be asked if they are carrying a disposal bag or scooper when out with their dog. Dogs running loose may well be impounded and taken to Stirling. There is no doubt that the problem has become worse recently. The recreation park is no exception. We would ask that owners behave in a more responsible fashion.



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Killin Tennis Club

The Club will restart at the end of May/beginning of June. Old members and new members are needed, especially adults.

Come and give it a try, free of charge, for two nights to help you make up your mind if you are going to be another John McEnroe!

Prices for 1994/95 are presently under review. For more information contact Bryan Donaldson 820637 or KayRiddell 820291.

STOP PRESS

The Old Mill will open in the Summer as the Breadalbane Folklore Centre. Space has been allocated for a display of items that will illustrate the history of Killin and District.

We need exhibits and appeal to the people of Breadalbane, Killin and District to donate/loan old tools, maps and other items of interest, etc. In order to plan the display, we need to make a list of what is available.

If you can help, please contact Dr M McColl (820563) or Judy Forster (820298) or Allan Walker (820784) as soon as possible,

Bowling Club

It is hoped that the opening date will be Saturday 7 May, weather permitting. The Club would benefit greatly from an influx of new members and it is hoped that anyone interested, whether they have bowled previously or not, will join us on the 7th. Any prospective new member will not be required to pay the annual subscription straight away, but can have up to four sessions, free of charge, to help in making the decision whether or not to continue.

Bowls, heel-less overshoes, etc will all be available. So, if you are interested in having a try do come along on 7 May or, if this does not suit, contact the Secretary (820582) to make another arrangement.

Hope MacDonald
Hon Secretary

Killin Arts & Crafts Exhibition 1994

The Killin Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin, during the first week of August 1994 (3-6 August). This advance notice will allow anyone who may be interested to think about possible exhibits.

Painting and Crafts may be entered either for exhibition only, or for sale, if the exhibitor so wishes, in which case, a commission on any sale will be charged.

We hope that you will keep this date in mind and will support the Exhibition in due course. Any further information may be obtained from Mrs E Lumsden, Riabhach, Glen Dochart, by Killin, Tel 820404 (Secretary) or Mrs M H McNeill, Sandyford, Craignavie Road, Killin, Tel 820514 (President).

Heritage Society

The AGM of the Heritage Society was held in Dall Lodge Hotel. Dr E M McColl was elected as Chairman; Mr S Mudd, Vice Chairman; Mrs J Forster, Secretary and Mr D Main, Treasurer. After the business meeting, the members took part in a photographic quiz.

The Heritage Society are holding a Wine and Cheese Party at Finlarig on 14 May. Proceeds in aid of the McLaren Hall.

J Forster, Secretary

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Killin WRI

President Mrs Sheena Chisholm welcomed members to the February meeting held in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Mr David Mardon gave a splendid slide show and lecture on his travels and the history of Peru. He showed beads and woollen goods made by the natives. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Sheila Ferguson. Entertainment was as usual in the able hands of Mrs Helen Gledhill. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs Sheila Ferguson and Mrs May Graham.

Competition Results - Gingerbread: 1, Mrs M Twigg; 2. Mrs B McGregor; 3. Mrs S Ferguson. **Bowl of Hyacinths:** 1. Mrs S Ferguson; 2. Mrs E Campbell; 3. Mrs B McGregor.

West Loch Tay Fishers' Association

At a recent meeting of the above association, dissatisfaction was expressed about Superintendent Gibb's (Salmon Fisheries Board) pronouncement that boat fishermen should be allowed only one rod per person. Furthermore, no more rods than there are people on board a boat. This would mean that a single salmon fisher could put out only one rod. On Loch Tay it has been tradition to have three rods per boat regardless of the number of people on board. It is understood that the concern of the Board is in regard to boats going out festooned with rods. The Clubs will be contacting the Board.

Guides and Brownies

Thinking Day 22 February, is the day where Guides and Brownies, Scouts and Cubs remember the international aspects of the organisation. In a celebratory service on 20 February, the Rev McNaughton and Brown Owl, Mrs A McNee, stressed the importance of laws and promises in providing a structure for the organisations. They were joined by members of the Boys Brigade.

The 1st Killin Brownie pack appeals to former Brownies to return uniforms. Jane Brown will be happy to receive these at home or at the hairdressers. Young girls 7 years and upwards who would like to join, are welcome to come to the Church Hall, Monday 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm.

The Boys Brigade

This year's session will end in April with an Open Night (date to be fixed) when all will be welcome. The Boys Brigade has always taken an interest in helping the development of young men as individuals, balanced with teamwork that encourages responsibility for and towards others. This the Brigade will continue to do as part of its concern.

Thank you to those who have given help and support through the year. The Autumn session will commence on **Friday 16 September 1994.**

Chris McLarty

The Killin Curlers' Burns Supper

This Burns Supper was held at Suie Lodge on 19 January. Douglas McRobbie, President of the Curlers, presided. The Haggis was presented by Gemma Riley with piper Colin Clements of Auchessan in good form. Peter McDiarmid gave a spirited toast to the Haggis, followed by an amusing toast to the lasses by Peter Riley. Pat Christie gave the reply.

Entertainment was provided by David Thornton, Jim Cushlie, Mary Masterton, Pat and Gilbert Christie and Stan Davies from Kirby Stephen, Stan proved almost unstoppable!

An excellent night was had, the vote of thanks being given by Sheila Aitken. It was good to see the young folk contribute so much to the evening.

Allan Walker

Women's Guild

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a musical evening with the Rev J Benson in the Church Hall on 21 April at 7.30 pm. There will also be a sales table.

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B Macgregor

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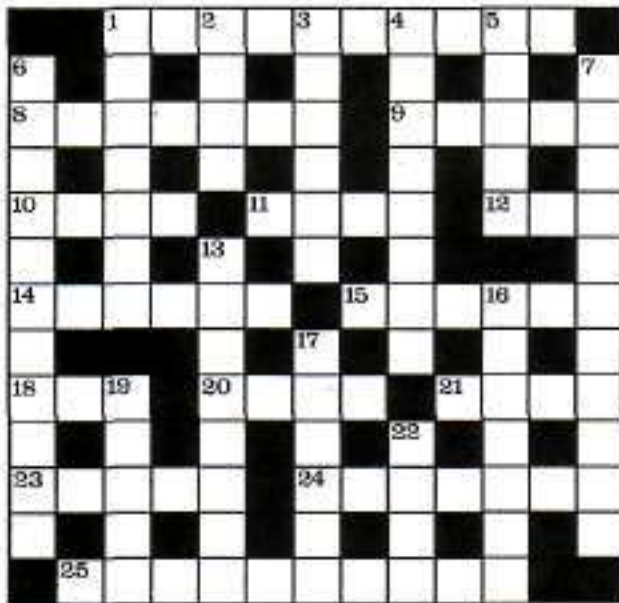
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Crossword by Scorpion

ACROSS

DOWN



11. Do we take the responsibility or does it lie with America (4)
 12. The pair are in to hunt wolves (3)
 14. Rather strong dislike (6)
 15. Is this where the octopus sleeps? (3, 3)
 18. Noughts and cross for a stock cube (3)
 20. Not stimulated (4)
 21. A consumer in blouse ribbon fastening (4)
 23. Ben is a Norwegian responsible for "The Wild Duck" (5)
 24. Princess dead - No! the opposite (2, 5)
 25. At enticing to make an effort (10)

1. Sit tied for the neatest result (7)
 2. Made from hemp (4)
 3. Net has been used for capital city (6)
 4. Little Edward is a fool for having tried (8)
 5. Concerning a term in the ring (5)
 6. Into dancing for a refreshing drink (3, 3, 5)
 7. Acceptable condition (2, 4, 5)
 13. Cause alienation among the finest range riders (8)
 16. Second class inquiry for sun worshipping (7)
 17. Give the worker assistance to rise (4, 2)
 19. A violent attack (5)
 22. A special island? (4)

1. The first man followed a Scotsman, who followed a sailor to road surfacing (10)
 8. Is it a survey under water? (2, 5)
 9. Treat with disdain and contempt (5)
 10. So let it be (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across:

1. Weatherman, 7. Pattern, 8. Treat, 10. Echo, 11. Hellfire, 13. Romper, 15. Askant, 17. Nautical, 18. Impi, 21. Erase, 22. Inertai, 23. last chance

Down:

1. Watch, 2. Area, 3. Hansel, 4. Ruthless, 5. America, 6. Appearance, 9. Theatrical, 12. Pediment, 14. Mousaka, 16. Banish, 19. Metre, 20. Mean

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Church News

Episcopal Church

We understand that the Rev Charles Fryer has given notice that he will be leaving Killin later in the year. The Bishop of St Andrews, we believe, is attempting to find a minister to fill the vacancy.

Church Notice

St Fillans Episcopal Church:-

Easter Service - Sunday 3 April.
 Holy Communion - 9.30 am.

Official - The Rev Dr C E Fryer.

Community Diary

This Diary is located at Killin Library for members of the public, groups or organisation etc to enter any planned events.

Kay Riddell, Librarian

THANKS

Iain Hunter would like to thank all those who sent cards and visited him in Glasgow and Stirling Royal Infirmaries, also all those who enquired about his progress.

Congratulations

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