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1st Killin Traditional Music and Dance Festival



The Festival got off to a quiet start with a civic reception in the McLaren Hall. Quiet, that is, apart from some rousing piping by Duncan McKinnon. Provost Greenhill from Stirling District Council welcomed everybody and paid tribute to the thought, planning and supportive sponsorship which had ultimately made the event possible.

Danny Kyle, the Festival Director, spoke of his hopes for the event and even managed to get in a plug for his home town Paisley. Jimmy MacGregor (and after all this was MacGregor Country!) turned up in an open sports car and later on in the Festival gave a talk and slide show. John Mallinson, Chairman of the Traders' Association, who had come up with the idea of a folk music festival in the first place, did look a little anxious - and who could blame him after the appalling weather forecast.

All in all, the stage was set for what turned out to be a great music festival,

with a wealth of talent, foot tapping music, and various events from Algonquin Indian story-telling to many impromptu sessions in pubs and, we were told, on the rocks of the Falls of Dochart. The weather, in fact, was brilliant!

We have to add to this description of a euphoric weekend that in spite of some fears by Killin residents (eg booze, drugs and violence) there was no trouble and the people of Killin were in fact impressed by the music and the people who came to hear it. As it turned out the musicians and artists were just as impressed with Killin and its people. "*Why have ye no had a Festival before?*" "*The place is perfect for it!*" Add to all that the fact that the retail businesses, hotels and guesthouses are judged to have had a 30% increase in business.

There is little doubt that the Festival will become an annual event and we congratulate John Mallinson and the Traders' Association for getting this first one off the ground.

Local Telephone Book

Later this year the current local telephone book will be updated. Without accurate information from all areas concerned - Bridge of Orchy, Tyndrum, Crianlarich, Glendochart, North and South Lochtayside, Glenlochay and Killin - it is impossible to produce a satisfactory new book. Information required:-

- 1 Names or Numbers to be deleted.
- 2 New entries - name, address and number.
- 3 Altered entries.

Written details of name, address and number to any of the following: -

- 1 Killin Library
- 2 Mr and Mrs J Morrison, 2 Pier Road, Killin
- 3 The Post Office, Crianlarich
- 4 Mr J Reilly, Invervey Hotel, Tyndrum
- 5 Mrs M Andrews, 4 Scott Cottages, Bridge of Orchy

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Killin Community Council

The Council met on 8 June in the Lesser McLaren Hall under the chairmanship of Dr M McColl. Councillors S Duke (CRC) and I Martin (SDC) were present, as were three members of the public.

Housing at former Mart

Information received suggests that Mr Craig now has planning permission to build 16 houses on this site. If he receives support from Scottish Housing Association, the houses may be subsidised for local purchase. This has still to be confirmed.

Breadalbane Park Play Area

Councillor Martin reported that a grant is available to improve and resite the Play Area after local consultation. The fence between the School House garden, Glenairlie and the Park, needs repaired. Estimates for this work are being sought and an approach will be made to SDC for financial help.

Dog Fouling in Park

This is now worse than before. New notices will be put up setting out fines. Prosecutions are needed.

School/Public Bus to and from Callander

A letter will be sent to Midland Bus Company asking for an up-to-date timetable, as there appears to be some confusion about when buses are running.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided Councillors with the audited balance sheet for 1994/95. The financial situation was poorer than in previous years, largely because less use of the Park by Caravan Clubs. He also agreed to find out if the Council was liable for Corporation Tax.

Killin Drama Club

The Council agreed to support the Drama Club's applications to the Scottish Arts Council's Lottery Department for part funding of improvements to the McLaren Hall (£5,000 required). The Council will write to the SAC giving its support.

Village Youth Club

Letter in Killin News signed by A

McKenzie, D Wright and S and G Grant about need for a Youth Club, has apparently had some response. We await developments.

Next Meeting

Annual General Meeting 10 August 7.30 pm. Lesser McLaren Hall.

Strathfillan Community Council By-Election

There was no necessity for an Election as there were only 11 nominations as compared with the maximum of 14 defined in the Constitution. Since then, one Councillor has resigned and two have been co-opted. The new Council therefore consists of: **John Riley**, Convener; **John Henderson**, Vice Convener; **Bill Paulin**, Treasurer; **Lisa Wilkie**, Secretary (co-opted); **W Anderson**; **J Allardyce**; **M Clement**; **L Gosden** (co-opted); **M Robertson**; **L Thompson**; **D Wilkie** and **S Wilkie**.

The first business meeting of the new Council took place on Tuesday 27 June 1995 after the inaugural meeting.

Corrom Trust

Corrom Trust's Scottish Rural Programme brings into association BT, Rural Forum, **COSLA** and **Scottish Homes** to establish local partnerships with committees, in rural Scotland. Once the programme is established, after the first year, communities will be able to apply for help from Corrom in building partnerships for regeneration. *However*, in the first year communities have been selected by recommendation. Accordingly, Strathfillan was introduced as a likely partner by Scottish Homes due to their observation of our

community action over many years to obtain low cost housing for local people.

The introductory meeting between Corrom Trust, CRC, SDC, Forth Valley Enterprises and the Community Council took place immediately after the AGM on 14 June 1995 and a plan of action was agreed including a seminar/music workshop and Ceilidh on Friday 14 July 1995. It is hoped that all likely partners and representatives of the community of Strathfillan will attend the Seminar to discuss issues and actions.

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All these pupils are going on to McLaren High School, except Greig Donnelly who is going to Breadalbane Academy in Aberfeldy.

Killin Highland Games

It's that time of year again. The Killin Highland Games are due to take place on Wednesday 2 August in Breadalbane Park. The Strongmen will be back with their own brand of entertainment guaranteed to keep you enthralled for the afternoon. The Committee have been working hard for the past few months to put together an afternoon of family fun. The stalls and side shows will be there and a new event for this year is the Hill Race organised by Dochie McDonald. Entries invited. Also a first for us will be the Piping Competitions with Walter Drysdale as Judge. The Highland Dancing competitions are being organised

by Jean Swanson and will be a highlight of the afternoon. The Games will be opened by Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor Bart with the Parade of Strongmen. The identity of our guest celebrity is being kept under wraps until closer to Games Day.

As a precursor to the Games, the Committee are hosting a new event - The Highland Queen Dance on Friday 28 July in the McLaren Hall. During the course of the evening a Highland Queen will be chosen. She will be accompanying the guest celebrity on Games Day. We are hoping for a dryer day than last year.

Comment

The Music and Dance Festival

I expect we must "comment" on the recent Festival and the only appropriate thing to say is that we think that it was one of the best things to happen to the Village for a very long time. We particularly liked Danny Kyle's remark, quoted in one of the "big newspapers" - "One of the happier events in the musical calendar with a bunch of the friendliest locals in the land." OK. Maybe you would expect him to say that since he was the Festival Director, but we would like to think he meant it! Certainly, everywhere we went we found a happy mixture of locals and visitors, all thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thank you Danny for directing a first class Festival!

Killin News Letters Pages

At last we are beginning to compete with the Scotsman and the Herald with a very lively letters section. Certainly our thanks should go to the group of boys who wrote in the last edition about wanting a Youth Club. You've certainly stirred things up.

Next Issue

Copy and Advertisements for the next issue, which will be distributed towards the end of September, must be with the Editor no later than the end of August, earlier if possible. Remember Advertisements will relate to the months of October and November. Early Christmas advertising?

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The Annual Ploughing Match Glenlochay - 20 May



Charlie Methven

A good day and a good turnout for the ploughing match. With six in one class - 1st - Charlie Methven, 2nd Willie Taylor, 3rd David Baines, 4th Hamish MacDiarmid.

There were four in the other class: 1st Stewart Christie, 2nd Finlay MacAskill, 3rd Ian Noble, 4th Neil MacAskill.

The overall champion was Charlie Methven. **Special Prizes: Ploughing the worst bit of ground:** Sandy Taylor. **Strong Test Plough:** Charlie Methven. **Most Even Plough:** Willie Taylor. **Best Overall:** Willie Taylor. **The Best Feering, ie "opening up":** Stewart Christie. Peter Drysdale was the Judge.

Highland Perthshire Writers' Group Annual General Meeting

The third Annual General Meeting of the Highland Perthshire Writers' Group was held recently and Michael Mulcahey was elected Chairman. Meetings are held fortnightly in Aberfeldy Town Hall on Monday evenings from September until June and anyone in the Aberfeldy, Pitlochry, Rannoch or Killin areas with an interest in either reading or writing poetry or prose would be welcome.

Further details of membership can be obtained by phoning Michael Mulcahey on 01887 830363 (evenings). More from Liz Menzies tel 01887 830274. Press Officer: Highland Perthshire Writers' Group.

Killin Library

Summer activities are as follows:

Thursday 17 August 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm
Beach Party - Seaside Fun and Punch and Judy with Phil Spellacy, Puppeteer (Primary School Children). Please note that this event will be held in the McLaren Hall, Killin and not in the Library. Tickets 50p. Ongoing from 13 July throughout the holidays "Under the Sea Frieze". Add your own sea creatures to the Library Frieze (Primary School age).

A reminder to all that there is a fax machine in the library - £1.50 per A4 sheet abroad and £1 for Britain and please note that the fax machine is open 24 hours and can receive at 50p per A4 sheet. Also a photocopying machine is available for use at 10p per copy. A diary is placed in the library every year for local clubs and organisations to advertise their forthcoming events to prevent similar functions clashing.

McLaren High School Sports

In recent individual athletics competitions at the McLaren High School, Terry Douglas and Morven Frost again brought credit to the Village when they gained equal winning points. The trophy was narrowly gained by Morven as he had more first places. Other awards gained were Canoeing Certificates, Gregor Gillies, Claire and Paul Ramsay. Reading Club award Marie Donald. Music Prize - Fraser Bedwell. Young enterprise awards - Fraser Bedwell and Douglas Ferguson.

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Any patients involved in specific studies would be informed beforehand and consent obtained. At that point patients would be given a full explanation of the aims of the study.

To select appropriate practices for specific studies, the Medical Research Council needs to look at numbers of patients in a practice, for example, patients of a specific age or with certain illnesses. At that preliminary stage such information would be in general terms, no specific patients would be identified. This sort of information is held in our practice computer. We have been asked to make it widely known that, under the Data Protection Act, you have the right to refuse permission, even for such general disclosure. We would emphasise that specific information about particular patients will not be divulged without written consent.

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The Board would like to thank everyone who supported the new swimming pool/sports complex project. A limited company has now been set up called the McLaren Community Leisure Centre Ltd which will manage the building of the Centre and which is seeking charity status. Funding is in place to complete Phase 1 of the leisure centre which comprises, games hall, climbing wall, 25m swimming pool, multi gym, soft play area for under fives and a cafe area. The Board is still tackling the ongoing issue of the transportation of children to and from school. As Central Regional Council did not have a policy document on school transport, the Board has put together its own Transport Policy Document. There will soon be vacancies for parent members on the School Board. This is an extremely interesting and rewarding position. The term of office is four years. Meetings are held once a month in term time and travel expenses are paid. If any parents of children at the school are interested and/or would like further information, please contact either the Chairman, Mr Brian Luti, Willowbrae, Ancaster Road, Callander or the Clerk, Mrs Susan Trzebialowski, Runrig, Brig O Turk, By Callander.

McLaren Hall eaten by Giant Beanstalk!!

Oh no its not but in January it will be, when Jack and the Beanstalk is produced by the Drama Group. The Vegetable Fairy is practising her spells and Daisy the Cow is taking dancing lessons ready for the production. Help is needed with costumes, scenery building and many other jobs before and during the production, so if you can spare a few hours to help us please contact either Gordon Hibbert 820312 or Glenda Mardon 820248.

Sheep Shearing Competition



This year the competition was again held at Inneshevan Farm, Glendochart. The results were as follows:-

Open Machines: 1st Hamish Mitchell, 2nd Andy Rankine, 3rd Colin Little. *Local Machine:* 1st Fulton Ronald 2nd Aileen Steven, 3rd Donald MacKenzie. *Ladies Machine:* 1st Aileen Steven, 2nd Rhoda Munro. *Oldest:* Jim Wright. *Youngest:* Willie Taylor. *Stock Judging:* Douglas Willison and Dan McLaughlin. *Hand Shearing: Open:* 1st Dick Steven, 2nd Willie Shaw, 3rd Alli McDonald. *Local:* Dick Steven, Jim Wright, Gilbert Christie. *Open Special Prize:* Alli McDonald. *Local:* Gordon Stewart,

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the campers themselves. We also show a scene from the **Appalachian Clog Dancers** "show" in the McLaren Hall, which, according to Allan Walker, was "something else". Well attended by the "natives", Sheila Aitken, Margaret Campbell and (who else?) Kay Riddell were judged to be "nice little movers", so he says. The Festival officially ended on Sunday night with a concert featuring



the world famous **Aly Bain** and **Phil Cunningham**, the **Sangsters** and **Sheila Wellington**. The McLaren Hall was packed! Now we know why Killin is a good venue for music Festivals - we've got a really big Village hall, that is apart from the scenic splendour. There was only one minor hitch that night - two of the performers tried to tell the same joke - the second got nowhere.

We look forward eagerly to the next Festival.



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Killin School Sports Day

Oxfam Week 1995



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By the end of the day Dochart House had 433 points and Lochay 454.

Well done Lochay!

Oxfam would like to recruit local co-ordinators and collectors for Oxfam Week 1995, 30 September - 8 October.

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Before coming to this post in Killin, she was with the Tyndrum TIC for five years and before that a mature student at what is now known as the Caledonian University; good Scottish experience for the new job!

The Killin News welcomes her to the village and wishes her every success.

New Water System for Killin

The contract is now set to be awarded for a new water treatment plant in the village of Killin. The £1.147million Water Services project will take one year to complete. Work will begin in July 1995. The new plant will improve the quality of water supplied to Killin, in line with Central Regional Council's commitment to meet legislation in the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) Act.

Killin has a very high Summer demand for water, which more than doubles with the influx of tourists. The new plant will replace an old water tank. It will provide Killin with high quality water at a rate of 300,000 litres per day. The plant will be located out of view, to the south of Killin and has been designed not to impinge on the landscape. A meeting is to be held to present the plans to the local Community Council.

Jim Brown, Director of Water Services at Central Regional Council said "The new works in Killin will have the capacity to provide an increased volume of water and secure this supply for the future. This will meet the changing seasonal needs of the local area. Water quality is already high but there will be significant improvements to meet increasing EC requirements."

Killin School loses Teacher



Because of the falling roll (19 children are leaving for the high school this year) Killin Primary School is now too small to maintain four teachers. So Helen Sinclair is leaving. She is being given a compulsory transfer to Kincardine in Menteith, Blair Drummond, a two teacher School. So Helen will have to adjust to driving to School every morning.

Helen has taught for nine "enjoyable years" in Killin and is sorry to be leaving. We wish her well in her new post.

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The "Wild Miles" consisted of cycling from the Glencoe Ski Centre to Taynult, canoeing the length of Loch Etive and finally running back down Glen Etive.

For this feat Duncan received a very fine certificate showing the triathlon logo. Well done Duncan!

Duncan would like to thank Kay Riddell for collecting the sponsorship money and, of course, those who put up the money and in addition, Rosie who assisted on the day.

Celtic Church Service

The Kirk Session, having agreed to be associated with the Killin Traditional Music and Dance Festival, the result was that a singer, Miss Heather Innes, contributed three songs in the Celtic manner to morning worship on 18 June. The songs were devotional and fitted well into the worship. For text for a sermon on Celtic spirituality Dr Todd, the Interim Moderator and Locum during the vacancy in Killin Church, chose Psalm 16 v 8-9 "I have set the Lord always before me, because He is always at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad and my very soul rejoices."

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Killin Team compete in overseas Athletic Event

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The team of Helen Cole, Morag MacLeod, both accomplished athletes and David Mardon, a "born again" cyclist, competed against 20 other teams from both the island and other parts of the mainland.

Not intimidated by some very serious and over muscled competitors, our team gained 9th place in the race against the clock with Helen swimming one mile, David cycling 22 miles and Morag running 6 miles.

The team name "Killin Krawlers" failed to win a prize for the silliest name, but David's Moulton All Purpose Bicycle won a prize for the strangest bike! This was a successful and enjoyable event which will surely grow in future.

Are there any other would-be triathletes in Killin?

DM

Sponsored "Knee Walk"



On Sunday 4 June, Muriel McNicoll and Sandy Graham did a sponsored walk for the "the Wishbone Trust", Perth Infirmary for which they would like to thank all sponsors. The photo is of them with Mr Haddon the surgeon who performed the operation to give them "new knees".

MG

Letters



Dear Sir

The Music Festival

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work on the part of John Mallinson and his committee in making the first Killin Folk Festival a tremendous success.

It must be gratifying for them to see such a great response to their efforts and we think that everyone concerned would agree that the festival went a long way to "putting Killin on the map".

All the people we spoke to (many of whom had no previous knowledge of the area) were of the opinion that Killin is a marvellous place and they will certainly be back. The many local people who attended the concerts and sessions also seemed to be having a great time.

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Once again, congratulations to John and everyone involved.

Susan and Alan, Killin Hotel

Dear Sir

McLaren Hall plc

In these days of doom and gloom over the tourist industry, it is sad and it is unfair to find village businesses have to face an unexpected threat to their prospects.

Is it right that the McLaren Hall - gifted to our village in trust - should be used to undermine local traders, its own supporters and beneficiaries? Along with other villagers we are deeply thankful to those who shoulder the responsibility of running the Hall - the Trustees, Managers, the Hallkeeper. We thank them so very much for all they do. There is a matter about which we have been deeply hurt though.

In 1936 the Hall (or more properly, Halls) was gifted by Mr McLaren to the villagers and residents of Killin and District. By common usage it is a public building; we are all the beneficiaries Mr McLaren had in mind. Its ownership is held in trust by trustees for us all; its management is undertaken on our behalf by the Hall Management Committee. It is the job of a trustee to take the place of Mr McLaren and to "read" his mind

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As you may know the Hall has been hired out to outside traders who are in direct competition with locals. We want to ask if this is fair. We want to ask if this is right? Is this what Mr McLaren intended his gift to be used for? Outside traders have zero or few overheads; they make no or little contribution to the village "economy" or its life. We ask **is it right that a public institution, held in trust for our benefit, be used to undermine local business and at an unfair advantage?** Had Mr McLaren this in mind when he gifted the Halls to us?

In common with all other villagers we are beneficiaries in terms of the Trust yet it appears to be impossible to provide us with a copy in a simple way. A Deed of this nature is in fact a public document. A copy will have been registered with the Books of Council and Session in Edinburgh where a copy may be made available for a pound or two. Yet it seems to us much more simple to hold a copy

available to all the beneficiaries, say, at Killin's library. If the Trust permits commercial activities then we believe it should be used to add to the village economy, not undermine it.

Trevor Shaw, Katy Forster

Dear Sir

Youth Club

I am writing in reply to the letter printed in the May edition regarding the youth in the village.

I was surprised to hear the criticism that there is not a youth club in the area. The staff at the Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre currently run the YF which is attended by a great number of youngsters including myself. Activities include regular trips to the cinema, ten pin bowling and swimming and closer to home Ab-seiling, rock climbing, canoeing, archery and wide games. It is not all physical exertion however, on other occasions we play computer games and watch videos. Although YF is held at Ardeonaig, transport is kindly provided by the Centre.

Youth Fellowship takes place on Sunday evenings at 6.30 pm when we are picked up at the car park outside the bank.

This is not the only club offered to the youth in village. Others include

badminton, karate, drama, golf, Boys' Brigade, Brownies/Guides and football and coupled with a wide range of extra curricular activities offered at McLaren High School. I feel there are already ample facilities for the youth in this area. Setting up a new youth club would only serve to drain finances which would be more appropriately spent on existing resources.

As I will be leaving the village in September, I would like to thank everyone involved in the numerous clubs of which I have been a member. I am sure that I speak for everyone when I say that all the help and contribution of the leaders is greatly appreciated. These clubs include the drama club, golf, football and tennis. I would like to give a special thanks to Chris McLarty, Captain of the Boys' Brigade who helped me attain my Presidents award this year. I wish Chris and his fellow officers all the best in the coming years.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the leaders of other village organisations such as Mother and Toddlers, Sunday School/Lazer Group, Green Team, Heritage and the WRI to mention but a few. For a village the size of Killin, I think there is a wide and varied range of clubs and societies catering for all ages from infants to senior citizens.

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Dear Sirs

Youth Club

I would like to reply to the letter asking about a youth club. I personally think it's a great idea and have wondered why we don't have one, but now someone else has thought about it I am willing to help. If most people think that having a youth club would be a good idea then I am willing to write to the District Council to get us started.

Laura Bates

Dear Sir

I write in reply to an editorial trailer in last issue's letter by some village youngsters requesting a youth club

Together with many people in the village I would like to take great exception to the request for us to get on and do something, with the inference that very little was being done. There are a great number of adults, both old and young, who give up their time to provide a multitude of activities on most evenings around the year. Most children, teenagers and parents realise that Killin is very well served by these generous people whom I'm sure most of us wish to thank very much.

Linda Frost

Dear Sir

I am writing in response to the letter in the last edition of Killin News concerning the lack of entertainment for local youth.

I would like to draw attention to the youth club which meets at Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre each Sunday evening for most of the year. It is linked with Killin Church and was held in the Church Hall but moved to the Centre because it was felt to be a better venue with the Sports Hall and Games Room. We do indoor and outdoor games, sometimes activities such as kayaking or archery and occasionally go on trips (eg to Quasar).

The Club is open to teenagers of 13 upwards to school leaving and all in that age range are welcome. Our first meeting after the Summer will be on Sunday 27 August.

The group is picked up outside the bank at 6.30 pm and returned home at 9.30 pm. If there are any questions please feel free to phone Irene on 829743.

Irene Tallach
Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre

Dear Sir

Youth Club

First, congratulations on your 'Countryside' award. I remember visiting the founder Robertson Scott, when I was a small child and I still have it as a gift every year. Everyone who sees the Killin News is most impressed.

Regarding the suggestion for a Youth Club, I feel that a few journeys on the school bus talking to those who would be the members, might be a better way of reaching **all** the kids (rather than just those who might

come to meetings). I feel that a really good leader is the first essential for success, someone who can attract and control the rough diamonds and watch over the shy violets.

Margaret Hargreave
Killin

Dear Sir

Drama Review

I would like to say something about the comments made about the Killin Drama Club. I felt reasonably annoyed after reading it.

"It was disappointing that some of the young actors could not be clearly heard by the audience." Well at least we have the courage to stand up and perform a little piece which is more than some people would do.

"Perhaps with a firmer guiding hand they could excel." I think that this is unfair, if you are prepared to complain why not be prepared to do something about it. Can I suggest that acting is more than just performing to the audience. It is about being prepared to attend regularly, co-operate with companions, having a good time and channelling our creative energy rather than becoming frustrated anxious youngsters.

I can only say that the unfair reporter was short sighted and biased in their attitude.

Laura Bates

Dear Editor

Car Park Toilets

For obvious reasons I remain anonymous, but as a local resident who occasionally uses the toilets at the Depot Car Park, I wish to express my appreciation of the very high standard of cleanliness maintained there.

It is wonderful and I hope our visitors and residents appreciate and respect this.

Anon

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Obituaries

Nan Bickerton - On 21 May Nan Bickerton died peacefully after a short illness. Nan, housebound with arthritis for a number of years, bravely accepted her pain without complaint and never lost her spirit or great sense of humour. A fervent Scot at heart, she took a lively interest in the sporting world and what was happening in Killin.

She came to live in Killin when she married Tom Bickerton, Painter and Decorator and ran the local hardware and paint shop for many years.

Nan's family and friends were her main interest in life and she was at her happiest in her garden, which her sister Mima came regularly to tend when she was no longer able to look after it herself.

JB

Sandy McLeod - Sandy McLeod was born and schooled in Amulree and after his apprenticeship came to Killin in 1932 as a mechanic with Horwood and Co. His skills as a mechanic were soon known, for Sandy could listen to any part of a motor vehicle and tell the customer what was the fault and repair it. He was soon appreciated far and wide and many tourists had their cars overhauled while on holiday in Killin.

Sandy was also an accomplished musician and played both the accordion and the violin, the latter being the love of his life, he played it with such skill. He and his old landlady, Meg McPherson were in much demand at concerts for charities.

Sandy and Mary, with their three boys, Sandy, the late William, and James, eventually moved to Mansefield House. Mary, though still with us, is a very sick lady. Our sympathy goes to you all and wherever you are Sandy, there will be music around you.

WH

Thank You

Auchmore Barbecue - 1 July

On behalf of around 200 guests, may I say thank you to Liz, Dug, Kenny and Co for a most enjoyable evening at the annual Auchmore Barbecue.

As usual the menu and barbecuing was excellent. Liz's raffle, which everyone supported so generously, raised £444 for the Oncology Department, RHSC, Edinburgh.

A great start to 1995. Thanks again.

Morag MacNee

Sponsored "Knee Walk"

Muriel McNicoll would like to thank her many friends who so kindly sponsored her for her knee walk in Perth. Eighty two registered walkers took part.

I was sponsored for the sum of £155 for which I received a lovely onyx trophy.

Ann Smith

Ann Smith has returned home after her recent setback and hospitalisation. George thanks family and friends and wellwishers for their support once again.

Hopefully Ann should be on the road to a full recovery.

Tom Tracey

John Gledhill

The Management Committee of the Community Bus would like to thank John Gledhill on his retiral as Chairman.

At the beginning of his term of office John had a great deal of work thrust upon him when a new bus was required. To Helen and John we wish health and happiness in their new home. His successor as chairman is Jimmy Gauld to whom we wish every success in a difficult job.

Alex Chisholm

My mother and I would like to thank all those friends who gave their support since Dad's death and for all the messages and cards.

We would also like to express our appreciation of the medical staff at Killin for their kindness and care, beyond the call of duty.

Isa and Sandy Chisholm

Tom Tracey

I would appreciate if you would pass on my grateful thanks to everyone who visited, sent cards and offered prayers during my stay in Stirling and Edinburgh Royal Infirmarys. I am now hopefully well on the mend and hope to be back in Killin in the not too distant future.

Tom Tracey

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Golf Club

Open Mixed Competition 27 May 1995

Scratch: 1. G Smith and V Welsh (Killin) 76; 2. Mr and Mrs Lambie (Dunkeld) 80; 3. A Chisholm and K Kibble 83.

Handicap: 1. B Godbold and L West (Hertfordshire) 61; 2. D Nicolson and S Chisholm (Killin) 65; 3. A Wilson and M Carruthers (Pitlochry) 68. The Bill Mitchell Salver for best Killin Pair was won by D Nicolson and S Chisholm.

Ladies Open - 3 June 1995

Silver Division (Scratch): 1. M McRae, Routenburn (74); 2. R Johnston, Whitehill (79 BIH), 3. H Cunningham, Dunkeld (79 BIH).

Silver Division (Handicap): 1. L Fertacz, Dunkeld (67); 2. H Telford, Pitlochry (68 BIH); 3. R Hunter, Killin (68). **Bronze Division (Scratch):** 1. S Hutchison, Dunkeld (84); 2. B Brown, Whitehill (85); 3. L Wilkie, Killin (86).

Bronze Division (Handicap): 1. F Ramsay, Killin (66); 2. D Wildblood, Pitlochry (67); 3. K Blyth, Killin (68). **Craigdochart Cup (Best Scratch):** M MacRae, Routenburn. **Killin Cup (Best Handicap Score):** L Wilkie, Killin.

Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best Local Handicap Score): L Wilkie, Killin.

Football Club

Player of the year - Robert Leeland.
Young Player of the Year - Blair Falconer.
Top Goal Scorers - David Feaks and Roddy MacDonald.

Killin Bowling Club

Although bowling, due to the advent of televised bowling competitions is no longer looked upon as an elderly person's pastime, the Killin Bowling Club is compromised, with one or two exceptions, of members who are approaching or past, retiral age!

Every Club needs young blood and in an effort to achieve this, our Vice President, Mrs Margaret MacDonald, with help from some other members, has started a junior section for 11 years old upwards. Those who have already come along are full of enthusiasm and appear to be enjoying the fun but we would like to have some more young people come and give the game a trial.

Anyone interested will be made welcome at the bowling green on Mondays after school and/or Thursday evenings at 6.30 pm.

We already have a trophy for a Junior Section Competition.



Jock receives cheque from Gun Club

Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their Annual Charity Shoot on Sunday 14 May. The sum of £200 was handed over to the Ambulance Fund. Many thanks to all those who donated prizes. Shoot results as follows - **DTL Class A:** 1. H Campbell 66; 2. E McAllister 66; 3. G Ross 50. **Class B:** 1. J Sinclair 66; 2. G Coyne 65; 3. T Devlin 63. **Sporting Class A:** 1. J Sinclair 60; 2. E McAllister 60; 3. J McKay 60. **Class B:** 1. R Cairns 63; 2. D Stewart 57; 3. J Gledhill 45. **High Gun:** J Sinclair 126.

Shoot results Sunday 11 June

DTL Class A: 1. G Ross 60; 2. D Neilson 54; 3. R Paterson 49. **Class B:** 1. T Devlin 54; 2. James Sinclair 32. **Visitors:** 1. A Rowntree 67. **Sporting Class A:** 1. D Neilson 66; 2. G Coyne 60; 3. G Ross 57. **Class B:** 1. T Devlin 51; 2. James Sinclair 51; 3. E Paterson 48. **High Gun:** D Neilson 120. **MacKay Trophy:** G Coyne 87.

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Loch Lomond Anglers' Visit



On Sunday 25 June the annual visit took place by members of the Vale of Leven Angling Club.

Seventeen friends of the Killin Anglers arrived for the outing and were met by their hosts at the moorings on the Lochay. Nine boats with accompanying ghillies set out under the blazing sun to do battle in the 80 degree heatwave.

Conditions were difficult to say the least, but fish were seen and the light wind made it possible for trout to be tempted to rise to carefully placed flies.

The morning session ended with two fish being landed and one lucky angler, Harry, had the excitement of having a salmon swirl at his cast in Morenish Bay.

The Barbecue excellently prepared by

Jim and Stuart was enjoyed at lunch time. The afternoon proved just as trying as the morning, even with a stiffer breeze, with a further two trout and two char falling to our guests hard fished flies.

At the end of the day everyone gathered at the Dundarrah Hotel to compare sunburns and enjoy a cold refreshment and sandwiches. The day was pronounced successful by the Lomond Anglers despite the hot sun and lack of fish.

The return visit by the Killin Anglers and friends to Loch Lomond will take place on Saturday 26 August.

Those wishing to attend should give their names as early as they can to Kevin at Fishers Hotel in order that transport can be booked. Special thanks to all who helped our Lomond friends enjoy the day.

Angling Club Update

The members taking part in the competitions to date this year has shown an encouraging increase from the previous season, especially in the attendance of much needed new blood. Members should attempt to support these competitions and ensure the newer anglers are aware of the safe areas to fish and that proper etiquette is observed.

The numbers of fish weighed in has also increased, at present 50 being booked over the three competitions.

Only one cup has been decided, the Peter Ross, which was won by Ian Downie with a bag weighing 21lb 12oz. Ian also leads the club championship with the combined total of 61lb 1oz and also has the heaviest bag to date of 31lb 5oz with Stuart MacDonald weighing in the heaviest fish at 11lb 8oz ... still much to fish for!

I apologise for re-arranging the date of the competition on 18 June which clashed with the Folk Festival to 1 July, this will be noted for next year.

The salmon catch has been less than at this time last season but the quality much better with the average weight up. The run of fish has been fairly heavy going through the Dochart with some seen in the 30lb plus category, which is encouraging for the future and there still appears to be a substantial head of salmon in the Loch.

The Club is continuing with its policy of improving the facilities for members and visitors. The Loch was stocked with brown trout early in the season, the muddy area at the jetty was dug out and bottomed and Neil Cairns and his helpers rebuilt the bridge to the Salmon Pool which will give the Club's members safer access and the hand rails which are in place are a benefit for those fishing both main pools.

Many thanks to all who assisted.

A Stewart

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Down: 1. Arson 2. Spit 3. Raggle 4. Limerick 5. Advance 6. Instrument 9. Situations 12. Romantic 14. Settler 16. Screed 19. Inane 20. Stun

1. What football team managers always seem to want! One way or another! (6)
4. A way of getting in. To money? (6)
9. Bigger than your average, even bigger still. (7)
10. Bury between! (5)
11. Army holiday. (5)
12. Make is steeper or better? (7)
13. Study the team and its value, but be kind. (11)
18. The RU's false denial. (7)
20. Part of an acre, terraced in a Greek island. (5)
22. Nut so moist. (5)
23. Reverse pure Edward for an explosion. (7)
24. Five hundred piles of paper in your imagination. (6)
25. Some can with a pistol enlist, but it's illegal. (6)

1. Some of the crumb, left over. Hear the noise? (6)
2. Poor Agnes, her sister is quite the opposite. (5)
3. Epistles? (7)
5. A hundred kinds of heather held closely. (5)
6. One of those who got in and took part. (7)
7. There's a tree in this road. (6)
8. Basically aged, and is dreadful in the garden. (6, 5)
14. The team's not in goodform and pays the penalty. (7)
15. One is curt with army with a beginner. (7)
16. Examinees get this done to them. (6)
17. Some of us often don't realise its physical importance. (6)
19. They do this to the strings. (5)
21. Praise to the extreme. (5)

Forthcoming Events

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| July | 26 | Scottish Country Dancing - McLaren Hail, Killin 8.00 pm (and every Wednesday) |
| | 28 | Highland Dance Queen McLaren Hall, Killin |
| Aug | 1-2 | Nearly New Sale - McLaren Hall, Killin |
| | 2 | Killin Highland Games - Breadalbane Park 2.00 pm |
| | 5 | Killin Golf Club - Mens Open Competition |
| | 12 | Killin Golf Club - Open Stableford Competition (and every Saturday) |
| | 13 | Killin Gun Club - 50 Bird Open Sporting |
| | 13 | Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band - Killin 1.00 pm |
| | 18 | Marquee Dance - Breadalbane Park, Killin |
| | 18/19 | Display of handcrafts, baking, floral art, etc - McLaren Hall, Killin 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Friday. Saturday all day. |
| | 19 | Killin Agricultural Show - Breadalbane Park, Killin |
| | 27 | Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band - Killin 1.00 pm |
| Sept | 3 | Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band - Killin 1.00 pm |
| | 3 | Sheep Dog Trials - Finlarig Farm, Killin |
| | 3 | Killin Gun Club - Open 50 DTL |

Changes in the Kirk

At a meeting of the office bearers and the Presbytery Re-appraisal Committee it was decided to pursue the matter of a Linkage with Balquhider.

Representatives of both parishes have met and agreed to recommend a Linkage to their congregations. There is good will and interest in Balquhider towards a Linkage and Mr Benson, Minister in Balquhider, is happy to serve both parishes. A Linkage means that both parishes remain completely independent, retain their own Kirk Sessions and share the services of a Minister. Whilst not an issue at present, Linkages can be dissolved in the future to take account of changing circumstances. The next step is for the office bearers to meet on 11 July to approve the terms of the proposed Linkage, which will then be put before a congregational meeting on 13 August. In the meantime, the Kirk Session has taken steps to update the Electoral Role prior to the vote which will take place on 13 August. If further information is required please speak to one of the office bearers.

Phillip Simpson
 Joint Session Clerk

Floral Award Scheme

Have you entered for the Floral Award Scheme? If not, please do so as soon as possible and help to build up the entries and aim towards "Village in Bloom" competition. Names to Tourist Office. £1.00 adults. Children Free.

Killin Show

Would anyone requiring a stand at the show please phone 820658.

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