



KILLIN NEWS

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A Winter Wonderland



The frozen Lochay at the Hotel

So we got our white Christmas and so cold in fact the scenes of frozen rivers and trees were unlike anything we've seen for many years. Unlike the far North and Shetland, we weren't too badly hit, of course, there were frozen pipes and occasional bad stories about exploding boilers, but we survived and none of our roads were blocked. Temperatures some nights approached the nearly record levels of -18 or -19, the coldest for many years.

We thought you would like some photographs to remind you of the quite

extraordinary beautiful scenes, when every single twig on the trees was perfectly white. It is a long time too since the River Lochay was frozen solid right down past the hotel.

The other memorable event was, of course, the freezing solid of the Acharn Curling Pond. Our photograph shows curlers on the pond, wrapped up to the eyes, for the first time for 12 years. We also noticed the presence of the necessary 'spiritual' support for the cold curlers. See page 15 for the report of the Bonspiel



The Falls

held on Hogmanay. When the thaw came, it came very swiftly and resulted in many burst pipes, but our local plumbers seemed to rise to the occasion.

One comment we did hear during this wild spell of snow and cold weather, came from a visitor who travelled up from Ayr on Christmas Eve. He remarked on how well the roads in Central Region were gritted and looked after compared to Strathclyde.

Well done the Roads Department!



Curling on Acharn Pond (see page 15)

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Mervyn's Weather

Lacking in sunshine, rain and wind, so might November and December be described, to this might be added snow and frost, for indeed Autumn 1995 has been singularly devoid of dramatic weather occurrence.

For the record, another very similar Autumn was that of 1983, indeed, one of the few really wet days in that November qualified for exclamation marks - unusual indeed! However, wait for it! The January of 1984 produced what was probably the deepest snow cover for many years on Lochtayside, the average depth of undrifted snow near the Loch shore during the second half of that month being 50-60 cms or approximately two and a half feet and of course, considerably greater above 600 ft.

It was well into February before this cover became broken, even at moderate heights above sea level.

While there is no guarantee that these conditions will recur in 1995/6 the pundits warn us at time of writing, 19th December, that cold northerly winds are bearing down upon us and while December rarely passes without at least a short spell of wintry weather, usually reverting to mild Christmas conditions, this year, the clutch seems to have slipped a bit, so that those that enjoy laying bets on a white Christmas might just be lucky!

Mervyn K Browne

Anniversary of Ballechroisk Court



The Residents at the Opening 1986

The tenants and staff in Kirk Care's sheltered housing development at Ballechroisk Court in Killin, opened by Rev Bruce in 1986, are all looking forward to celebrating the development's 10th Anniversary in January 1996. Miss MacIntyre who was the first tenant to move in, still lives in the development and is able to look back over the last 10 years. During this time, 36 tenants in total have lived in the development and we have celebrated a Golden Wedding, 94th birthday and four 90th birthdays. Four of the original tenants still stay at Ballechroisk Court.

Kirk Care Housing Association was formed in 1973 out of the desire of members of the Committee of Social Service of the Church of Scotland to provide sheltered housing for the elderly in Scotland. The Association is a separate legal entity and is not directly associated with the Church. It does, however, maintain a lively sense of Christian commitment. The development at Ballechroisk Court consists of 15 flats. Ten of these are single and four are doubles. The remaining flat has two

bedrooms. These flats are self-contained with their own kitchen, bathroom and hallway. The development also has a communal lounge which is frequently used for special events, keep-fit classes, etc and a laundry which all tenants are free to use. Mrs Fenna, the resident warden at the development, is on hand to offer advice, support and assistance to the tenants when required. For the first two years the warden was Mrs Satcha Stead. When Mrs Fenna is off duty, the development is covered by a stand-in warden or linked to the Hanover Careline alarm centre in Edinburgh. This means that the tenants are guaranteed a response 24 hours a day. Tenants pay Kirk Care a rent and service charge and heating is paid on a monthly basis along with the rent.

If you are interested in applying for a sheltered flat at Ballechroisk Court, please do not hesitate to contact the Area Office at 3 Forres Court, Edinburgh, EH3 6BJ (0131 225 7246) for an application form. Alternatively, if you would like to look around the development, telephone Mrs Fenna on 01567 820206.

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Killin Community Council

The Council met on 14 December in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Dr Mairi MacColl was in the Chair. District Councillor Ian Martin was present, as was Constable Ian Donaldson. One member of the public was present.

Entrance to Breadalbane Park

Work was proceeding. Some Councillors felt that the time being taken over this work was excessive.

Councillor Martin agreed to look into the matter.

Dog fouling and general cleanliness of Village

Favourable comments were made regarding the efforts of the new Village Officer to clean up the Village and it was agreed that a letter be sent to SDC expressing the Community Council's satisfaction with Mr Green's work. Again a request was made for a skip to make Mr Green's work easier. Councillor Martin also agreed to pursue the problem of dog fouling and litter; he had already raised the matter with the Secretary of State.

Killin Folk Music Festival 1996

The Council agreed to grant permission for camping in the Breadalbane Park during the Festival, on the same conditions as in 1995.

Community Project Grant

It was reported that a cheque for £500 had been received in response to a Grant Application made by the Council for assistance in providing a hedge round the Bowling Green.

Police Matters

The Council was pleased to note that the local Police are now carrying out foot patrols.

Constable Donaldson also reported that a clamp-down on drivers ignoring double yellow lines was imminent.

The Stewart Memorial

It was agreed to ask the Heritage Society to look after this memorial.

The Council agreed to vote for Mr John Riley of Tyndrum to serve on the Executive Committee of the Association

of Scottish Community Councils.

Wind Farm in Glenogle

Councillor Martin reported that a proposal may be brought before the Planning Committee of the SDC for the siting of a Wind Farm in Glenogle.

It was agreed that the Community Council would want to be consulted about such a development and would also seek the views of Lochearnhead, Balquhidder and Strathyre with a view to joint action being taken if necessary.

Youth Club

Is there still some interest in this matter? Would teenagers who are interested, and their parents, please contact Mrs Fiona Stewart, Dochart Road (Telephone Killin 820224). It seems that funds might be available from Central Region to contribute to a "Drop-in Centre," but in the meantime, a group would need to be formed, mostly of the young people themselves to take the idea further.



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Comment

We are pleased to see that the development of the McLaren Community Leisure Centre is well under way, with the setting up of an independent company to control the construction of the complex and then be responsible for its overall management.

We note the fairly widespread representation reflected in the Board of Directors, selected from a variety of nominated bodies, but we are sorry to see that Killin is not represented.

I have no doubt that Killin's interest will be kept in mind, one way or another, and I suppose it is too much to ask for every community with access to the Centre to be on the Board.

We also notice that the swimming pool planned for the Centre is to be 20 metres in length.

We may be wrong but we were under the impression that a pool had to be a minimum of 25 metres in length to accommodate racing competitions.

Does this mean it's to be a fun pool with no competitive events?

What a pity! But maybe the extra 5 metres was just too costly.

Apart from these small niggles, the plan for the Centre is indeed exciting and we look forward to its completion.

Santa visits the Killin Nursery



Our photograph shows Santa visiting the specially decorated "grotto" in the Killin Nursery. Mums and children had a private little meeting with him, no doubt to tell him what to bring down the chimney on Christmas morning!

New Year Dance

In spite of severe restrictions on the sale of tickets, the New Year's Dance at Killin again attracted a record crowd with over 500 people attending to dance into 1996.

Tommy Walker and his band set the pace early on and gave little opportunity for anybody to sit out more than one jig.

Whilst not an occasion for sober reflection, the crowd enjoyed more than a wee dram and were enjoying the revelry until the early hours. Well behaved and good spirited, the

atmosphere was charged with good cheer to see in the New Year.

Certainly there were no prima donnas and the dance showed that young and old, agile and not so agile could all participate.

Admittedly the hall could be a little larger and certainly we would have benefited from more toilet facilities, but nobody could fault the atmosphere and good natured involvement of all who attended.

The coldness of the snap freeze was more than offset by the temperature generated within the hall.

The New Year's Dance is definitely Killin's worst kept secret - this year there were people not just from Killin, but also from Callander, survivors from Edinburgh, foreigners from Hong Kong, Australia and who knows elsewhere.

Perhaps in 1997, we will need to have a bigger venue simply to maintain the fun enjoyed in 1996!

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McLaren Community Leisure Centre

For many years it has been the wish of the community served by the McLaren High School that the school swimming pool should be replaced by a modern sports complex in keeping with the next millennium. To develop the project, an independent company has been established which will control the construction of the complex and then be responsible for its overall management. In order to strengthen community involvement in the project, Directors of the company, which is seeking charitable status, were selected from a variety of nominated bodies to cover the geographical spread of the catchment area. The composition of the Board also reflects the balance which is required between the needs of the school and community and the extensive use of the facilities by the tourists in the area.

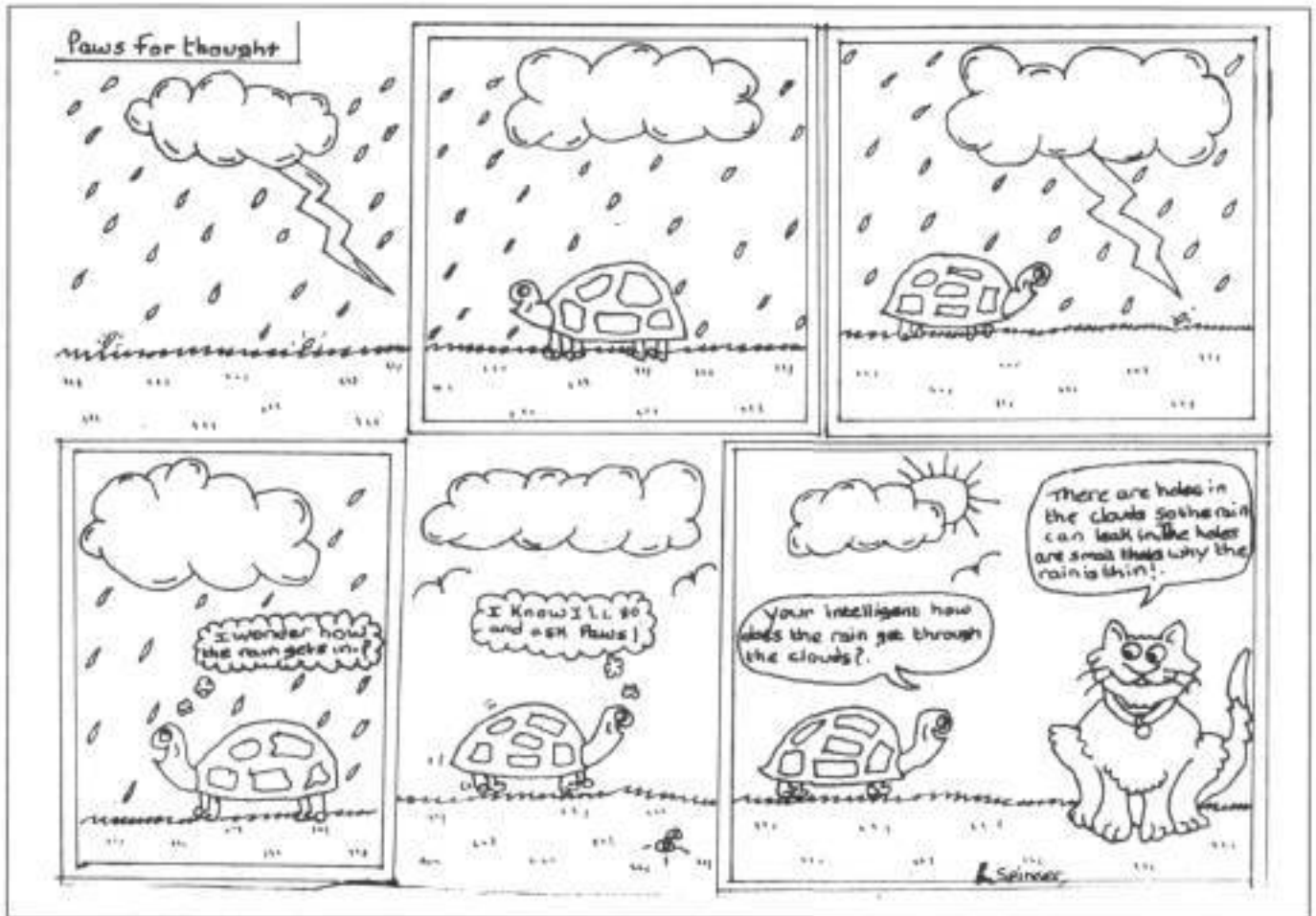
The Board of Directors consists of: Alan Reid, Callander; Margo Bain, Doune; Muriel Sinclair, Callander; Margaret Neufield, Inversnaid; Danny McKirgan, Callander; Norrie Bairner, McLaren

High; Duncan Scott, Lochearnhead; Roddy Ross, Central Regional Council and Bob Calvert, Stirling District Council. The Company is supported by Central Region, Stirling District and Forth Valley Enterprise. Current estimated project cost - £3.5 million.

From a short list of applicants, GAIA Architects, of Aberfeldy, were awarded the contract having been involved in several similar community led projects over the last 20 years. It is intended to commence site work in June 1996 with a projected completion date of September 1997. The facilities include: Spa Bath, Climbing Wall, Swimming Pool (20m x 8.5m) current (19 x 7.5), Games Hall (4 x Badminton Courts), Indoor Bowling Hall (4 x rinks), Sauna and Solarium, Crèche and Meeting Room, Fitness Room and Cafe.

The continuing support of the community is vital to the success of the McLaren Leisure Centre, with hopefully every village in the catchment area making

some form of contribution. To date, major contributions have been received from the Trossachs Tourist Association; Women's Keep-fit Group, Callander and Callander and District Round Table, with smaller contributions from individuals in Callander and Killin who have organised some quite novel sponsored events. See November KN Sponsored Water-ski! To help monitor our progress in fund raising we plan to erect large wooden "thermometers" in the larger villages to indicate the growth in the community contribution. There will also be regular updates in community newspapers. Also, to engage the imagination of pupils, the Board are running a competition for a Company logo. From the youngest to the oldest in our community everyone will have the opportunity to contribute to their Centre through a Buy-a-Brick Scheme (£1 contribution) to be circulated shortly through clubs and schools. At a meeting to be held in the Killin Primary School, Killin on 13 February 1996 at 7.30 pm, the architects will present their concept. (*Editorial comment page 4*).



Jogging along for Children in Need



Killin Primary School pupils jogged through the Village on 26 November 1995. The jog ended outside the School with a knees-up and a song. En route, the children collected £232.82.

Well done pupils and staff, raising cash for a good cause and bringing a bit of colour to a dreich November day.

Local Telephone Book

Now that the new local telephone book is on sale, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to its production, in particular Arnold Young, Mrs Muriel McNicoIl, Mrs Kay Riddell and Gregor MacAulay. Thanks are also due to shopkeepers who continue to sell phone books, without profit; all proceeds going to the Fabric Fund of Killin Parish Church.

John and Isobel Morrison

Postscript

On behalf of the people of Killin and District, we would like to thank John and Isobel for all the work they themselves put in, organising, collating and compiling our new local phone book, a task they willingly take on every few years. Many thanks to you both.

Ed

Oncology Fund

The Oncology Department of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh, is grateful for the tremendous support received from the Killin District during the past four years. The total sum raised is £6,500, of which, 1995 contributed £1,251 with the sale in the Lesser Hall on 18 November realising £220.

All the money raised is sent direct to the department with no deductions for administration.

Generosity has made it possible to send such a handsome sum to assist

in the work of this caring department. The comfort and understanding given to these children as a result of this help is incalculable and long may it continue.

I and the devoted team of helpers wish a very Happy New Year to all the many contributors, both locals and visitors, who have made this total possible.

Morag MacNee

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Opening Day of Salmon Fishing

In spite of the fierce wintry weather over Christmas and New Year, the opening of the salmon fishing was blessed with a mild, dry day.

A/s, the reward for the anglers, who put out from Loch Tay Highland Lodges and Kinnell Boathouse, was a round zero. It is many years since we had a blank opening day; maybe as far back as the 1940's! Let's hope things improve!

Of course, there were the "ones that got away"! One angler definitely had a big one on, which unfortunately broke his line. Others caught those ever present aliens - rainbow trout and one or two had kelts which, of course, had to be returned. But no salmon!

The Famous Grouse Prize

This prize, a half gallon of whisky, for the biggest fish caught on the first day is, of course, unclaimed.

At the time of writing (15 January) we understand that the prize will be offered again on the second day. Let's hope someone will be successful.

The other prizes, a half gallon for the biggest fish of the first week and a gallon (!) for the biggest of the year, we shall celebrate in later issues.



A dram poured on the bows can sometimes help



Starting the proceedings at Loch Tay Lodges



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Peter Ross: The Barber of Killin

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Thus one of the most widely used and successful trout flies ever devised. Wherever trout are fished for, you will find anglers using the 'Peter Ross' and many a Scottish fisher, at least, would never dream of putting up a wet-fly cast that did not bear it at the tail - at least for Loch fishing, for it is perhaps rather less successful on the river.

Well known as the fly is, however, its origin is not so widely recognised and one excellent book on trout fishing, published a few years ago, even stated that its origin was unknown.

The anglers of western Perthshire, however, know otherwise and the man for whom the fly was named is a living memory to many in the Killin district.

The purpose of this article is to put the main facts on record, for these facts I am much indebted to D Willison and Peter Ross, both of Killin, Perthshire. The former was a frequent angling companion of Peter Ross, the elder, the latter is his nephew and to him I am indebted for permission to copy and reproduce the only known photograph of his uncle.

Peter Ross was born in 1873 and died in 1923. He and his sister, for many years, ran a newsagent-barber-fishing tackle shop in Killin. The shop survives to this day.

Ross was a small man and usually sat up high in the bow of the boat when loch fishing in order to make up for his lack of inches. He was an extremely skilful angler and won many medals and cups in competitions, including the Scottish National Angling Championships at Loch Leven. He was an early member of the Killin Angling Club (founded 1881) and often won their competitions on Loch Tay up to the time of his death.

In his capacity as tackle-dealer, Ross was a skilled fly-tier. He sent flies all over the world and his fame was such that many a visiting angler bought flies so that he could say 'tied by Peter Ross himself. His variant of the Teal-and-Red, now known as the "Peter Ross", was so successful that he had to take legal advice to protect the name. The date of its invention is not known; it was probably about the turn of the Century.

Peter Ross' name is not recorded in the annals of opera or melodrama as are those of the Barbers of Seville and Fleet Street; but in the records of angling, the Barber of Killin is assured of his place among the immortals.



Boxing Night Dance

The Boxing Night Dance, which was in aid of the Community Bus Funds, was a success despite the freezing cold weather.

The young people of the village supported it very well but there was a disappointingly low number of adults. The raffle tickets sold well and we would like to thank all who donated the prizes.

The Community Bus benefits all the clubs and organisations of the village and we should consider it a privilege to have, but funding is required to keep it in good running order.

So the next time yourself or your son or daughter are going somewhere in the community bus, please remember that to keep it, we have to support it!



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You have created this by the welcome given to all visitors which has spread like the fiery cross through the land and overseas 'the Killin folk put on a great do'.

The dates of 21 to 23 June 1996 are booked for a repeat performance, with quality being the watchword in deciding the programme and features of local interest playing an important role.

The committee is already at work and would welcome additional help from anyone wishing to get involved in the enjoyable task of running our festival.

We need all the assistance which can be mustered to maintain the high standard which the people of the district have themselves set.

Thank you for your co-operation last time and come and join in 'Festival 96'.

*A J M Stewart
Secretary*

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Cleanliness of Village

Alongside is a photograph of Jake Green, our new Village Officer, whose work in keeping the village clean and dealing with litter, has brought many words of praise.

People have said to us "We hope you'll report our satisfaction with his work"! Well, we do!

Well done, Jake.

Note also (*see page 3*) that the Community Council has written to SDC to commend his work.



Next Issue

The Killin News Production Committee would like to wish all our readers, writers and advertisers the very best for 1996. We would specially thank our advertisers, without whose support, the paper would come to an end. We know our advertising rates have gone up a little, but it is delivered to every house, shop, hotel and guesthouse in the area.

Copy for the next issue is needed by the **end of February** and will cover things happening in March or April. Thank you again.

Editor

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Letters



Dear Sir

Lix Toll

The recent letters in past publications, where various writers and may I say, sceptics, attempt to solve the origin of the name **LIX** are without doubt misleading.

A MacGregor Hutcheson writes and dismisses as "a story" that Lix Toll is the 59th Toll, even although it appears in the AA Book of the Road described as such. The same writer also dismisses as "absurd" that LIX should be derived from the Roman 9th Legion. Hundreds of touring coaches every year, with their passengers all heading North to shake hands with "Nessie" (that's the Loch Ness Monster) pass through the area of LIX every year. Some fortunate passengers are told the proper story.

The area of LIX, with the TOLL at its centre, is indeed the site of the camp of the Roman Lost Legion, Legion IX. The Roman Legion, relentlessly carving its way towards the barbarians in the Western Highlands, went missing at Lix Toll. There are no records of a massive battle or of a bloody massacre as in Glencoe. Nothing much in the history books, just a great mystery. Some opinion has it that the Romans liked the area so much they simply mingled with the locals and disappeared.

Those of us who live and work in the area know that this magic continues in the present day. Hundreds of invaders (now called tourists) who arrive, not in chariots anymore but in road weary or battle scarred cars, never get past Lix Toll. Something mysterious happens, cars suddenly break down, rocks jump out from the verge into their path and strange magnetic forces pull them off the road. Like mariners in the famous Bermuda Triangle, they are trapped. Robbed of their transport, they are forced to return to their homes in all parts of the globe.

Decide for yourself What is the truth ?

Jim Cushley
Toll Keeper, Lix Toll

Don Sharp
Natural History Preparator

Dear Mr Walker

I met you last August in Killin when you were manning the Killin News tent. We spoke of my MacDonald side of the family. I told you that I have got some excellent old photographs, passed on to me by my grandfather James MacDonald, who was born in Aberfeldy. I have had these photographs copied for you and perhaps you may like to publish them in the Killin News. I would indeed like to know if any reader recognizes the croft, is it still in Killin? Are there any descendants of William MacDonald?

The photograph shows a superb shot of



c/o The Steading
Killin

Dear Editor

Having the privilege of being invited as a beater on the Boreland Estate Christmas Shoot, I suffered a blackout resulting in personal injury. The prompt medical attention I received was first class! I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Jock Stewart and Mr Smellie for their on-the-spot medical attention, Falcon Frost and "the lads" for their mercy dash to alert the ambulance service, "hats off" to Len the ambulance driver, to Tricia who did the serious medical "stuff", to the unknown driver of the grit lorry and finally, to the caring attention of Dr Turner and humor of Dr Blaney. My apologies to Tim, George, John, Jack and Julia for the disappointment caused by my unexpected recovery! I still have need of my good boots, coat, bag, gun and "popcorn". Many thanks for the numerous calls I received regarding my recovery.

Warmly
Barry G Rogers, Big Bear, California

my great, great, grandfather, William MacDonald, with his wife Jannet Fisher (two nn's in Jannet) and three of his six children - Catherine, Elizabeth and Christian, outside his croft at Killin circa 1870.

I am always drawn to Killin and Ardeonaig, a most beautiful part of Scotland I have a lot more interesting facts about the MacDonalds of Killin and Aberfeldy. If anyone would like to contact me, please write to Donald Sharp, The Natural History Museum, Wollaton Hall, Nottingham, NG8 2AE. Please pass the photographs on to someone who can use them. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully
Don Sharp

Barncroft of Auchlyne
Killin

Dear Sir

With regard to the improvement to the Killin Water Supply, I would hope that for £1,147 million, the result would be a plentiful supply of the best champagne, whisky and wines available.

Emma Paterson

Editors Note

Touche! Of course we apologise. How nice it would be if champagne did flow from the taps! Alas, not so! The figure was actually, but misprinted, £1.147m (one point one four seven million pounds) Well! spotted, Emma.

Ed

Obituary Notices

Nan McKellar died on 26 November at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

A native of Killin who lived all her life in the family home in Grey Street, Nan was a well-known and loved figure who took a keen interest in village life and activities, a member of the Kirk and the WRI. She had a wealth of knowledge about Killin and the older families.

Our sympathy goes to her brother Jim.

Albert Lumsden sadly passed away on 16 November after an unfortunate accident.

Born in Edinburgh in 1919, Albert served in the RAF during the War, spending time in India and Burma. He moved to Rhodesia with his wife Betty and his only daughter Frances, in 1956. Although he loved Africa, Scotland was always home for Albert and he returned to settle in Killin with Betty in 1980.

Albert loved the fresh air and the countryside, walking, animals, gardening, music and in his younger days, was a keen tennis player. He will be fondly remembered for his sense of humour, his quiet determination and as a kind man

who respected the feelings of others.

Albert will be sadly missed by his wife, daughter, grandchildren, family and friends.

Robert ("Bob") Cook, former local hotelier, died on 31 December.

Born in Edinburgh in 1918, he spent his early years in Kircudbrightshire before departing to attend a local telecommunications college. He became a radio operator sailing with P&O for two years.

At the age of 20 he joined the MOD at Evanton working on early radar, but volunteered for the forces at the outbreak of World War II. Serving in Burma he walked to India and was finally invalided home in 1945.

After the war he completed marine electronics at Hull College. From there he joined Kelvin Hughes which enabled him to work all over the world. He was seconded to Salvasons to work on the use of sonar in the Antarctic.

In 1969, he and his wife Joyce bought a derelict 16th century coaching inn which he restored and renovated.

Once completed, they left the Ardeonaig Hotel to move to

Portnellan, Crianlarich, developing a yacht-chartering business and chalet site.

Retiring to the north side of Loch Tay he enjoyed his remaining years converting the barn at Cragganester.

He leaves a wife, two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Margaret Burton was brought up at Acharn, the eldest of three daughters of the Willison family. After training at Lawers and Auchencruive, she managed a poultry farm. She married John Burton in 1962 and spent the rest of her life at Cononish with John and their two sons Ian and David.

In her youth she was an accomplished hockey and tennis player and later showed promise at golf but her main sporting interest was curling and many friends who shared happy times with her, on and off the ice, will remember "Maggie B" with affection. She took an active part in the affairs of the community until limited by ill health and the large number who gathered at Strathfillan Church on 9 November was a tribute to her popularity.

She will be much missed.

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Killin Traders' Association AGM

At the Killin Traders' AGM held on Tuesday 28 November 1995, the success of the Folk Festival and Highland Games was discussed. One of the main items raised was the fact that there are not enough people to help organise and run both these popular events and it was the same people who were doing both. With the success of these events, it was decided to donate £2,000 to the fund for the lighting and sound equipment being installed in the McLaren Hall by the Drama Club.

The Chairman, Mr John Mallinson, brought to the attention of those present that the Traders' Association, in running these events, was not able to devote enough time to the interests of the traders. There was a possibility that the Community Council could provide more influence to help both the traders and the members of the public.

It was decided that the Traders' Association was an events group and as we could not help the traders, we could not continue to call ourselves the Killin and District Traders' Association. With this in mind, it was decided by a vote to set up, with the help of the Drama Club, an Arts and Drama Liaison Group which would help each to acquire funding for any events that could be held in the village. There will be a meeting held to formally constitute this group, close the existing bank account for the Traders' Association and to re-allocate the funds to new accounts for the Highland Games and the Folk Festival.

New Office Bearers elected for the Highland Games are: Chairman Mr Charles Grant; Secretary Mrs Fiona Stewart; Treasurer Mrs Frances MacLaggan.

New Office Bearers for the Folk Festival are: Chairman Mr John Mallinson; Secretary Mr Alex Stewart; Treasurer Mrs Frances MacLaggan.

Representatives for the new Liaison Group are: Mr John Mallinson, Mr Charles Grant, Mr Gordon Wilson and Mr Ian MacLaggan.

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Thank You

I wish to thank all the kind people of Killin for the help and concern they have shown to Andrew and myself during the past few months. Also for the many letters, cards and flowers I have received since Andrew's death. I shall always be grateful.

The response to the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund raised a magnificent £390!

Irene Duncan

(We apologise for the accidental omission of this item from the last issue - Editor.)

Thank You

Annie Allan would like to thank her many friends and neighbours for the gifts, flowers and cards she received on her 90th birthday.

Thank you all most sincerely.

Thank You

The Gilfillans wish to thank neighbours for their kind help and assistance in early January, making particular mention of Donnie and Lily MacKenzie and Jake Green; not forgetting the staff at the Tighnabruaich Hotel.

The Gilfillans

Thanks to Judge Stroyan for our Christmas Trees

Judge Stroyan, as usual, provided the village with its Christmas Tree, as well as those at the McLaren Hall, Kirkcare and the school.

Thanks are due also to Willie Stitt, Michael Grant and their helpers for putting up the tree at the Church and fixing the lights. Thanks also to the Episcopal Church for the use of their electricity.

Isa MacIntyre

Isa MacIntyre, Flat 3, Kirk Care, celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday 3 November 1995. Mrs Margaret Fenna, Warden, presided over the residents and friends who met in the lounge to offer congratulations and good wishes to Isa. After a toast, the company enjoyed a tea party when Isa cut a lovely birthday cake.

On Saturday 4 November there was a family lunch presided over by Colonel Sandy Menzies and his wife Valerie. Also present were their son James, daughter Helen and her husband Paul; Hamish Menzies and his wife Betty, their son David and daughter Elizabeth, all from Blackmount, Bridge of Orchy; Mr and Mrs James Campbell, Cruachan; Margaret Campbell, Kirk Care; Peggy Hutchinson, Edinburgh; Dr Mairi MacColl and Mrs Agnes Colmar. Killin.

It was fortunate that Leslie Bounphray and his wife Margaret, from Carlisle, were on holiday and were able to join in the celebrations.

Leslie, a boy at school, came from Glasgow with his little sister, Rita, (now in New Zealand) when schools were evacuated and stayed with the McIntyre family. Leslie has been far travelled to Uganda and has a daughter in Wales. Every year Leslie and Margaret return to Killin on their Autumn holiday to visit their favourite places where he played with his school friend Willie Foster.

It was a lovely family reunion on one of those beautiful days we had in November this year. Isa wishes to thank all kind friends for making her 90th birthday so memorable.

Bowling Club



The Bowling Club held their annual prizegiving and social evening in November. Our photograph shows all the prize winners gathered round the trophies.

Killin Quilters



Killin Quilters, after a long campaign, drew the raffle for a superb hand-made quilt at the McLaren Hall on 9 December. It was won by Mrs Kitty MacLachlan of Lochearnhead. The sum of £777 was handed over for the McLaren Hall Fund. Well done the quilting ladies! Photograph shows Mairi Stewart, leader of the Quilters, Mr W Stitt, Chairman of the McLaren Hall and Mrs A Macintosh, Quilting Tutor.

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The November meeting was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Mrs Liz Lambert, President, welcomed members and visitors from Kenmore and Dull and District. Mrs Milne and Miss Haydock from Balquhiddar showed slides on their trip to Brazil. Tea was served by the Committee, after which a quiz on objects from various parts of the world was played. The evening finished with the rural song followed by the National Anthem.

Competition Results: Toffee Apple: 1. S Ferguson, 2. B MacGregor, 3. E Stewart. **Travel Photo:** 1. J Willison, 2. M Naismith, 3. E Holmes.

On 11 November there were 13 tables at the annual whist drive for the war blinded. The sum of £245 was sent to St Dunstons. At the December meeting Mrs Lambert welcomed members and introduced Mrs Christine Thomson, Federation Chairman, who demonstrated Christmas Floral Art in unusual containers. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs A MacNee and Mrs M Hunter. After tea there was a quiz on household noises, compiled by Mrs K Riddell.

Competition Results: Table Decoration: 1. Mrs B MacGregor, 2. Mrs M Naismith, 3. Mrs S Ferguson. **Jar of Mince meat:** 1. Mrs Copple, 2. Mrs B MacGregor, 3. Mrs S Ferguson.

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The members of the local committee would like to thank everyone who gave so generously and supported their recent coffee morning. The sum of £644 was raised. The total for 1995 was £3,029 which was sent to Glasgow to be used for research in Scotland. Thank you all very much for supporting this worthy cause.

Bunty MacGregor

Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their last Club shoot of the competitive season when 25 guns turned out.

Winners on the day and for the season are as follows:

DTL Class A: 1. G D Coyne 69; 2. E McAllister 63; 3. H Campbell 58. **Class B:** 1. D Robertson 68; 2. J Sinclair 56; 3. S Christie 54. **Class C:** 1. S Argo 43; 2. J Ward 40; 3. T Frost 24. **Sporting Class A:** 1. J Sinclair 53; 2. H Campbell, E McAllister 42. **Class B:** 1. R Cairns 48; 2. A Lennox 48; 3. J Ward 48. **Class C:** 1. S Argo 38; 2. E Paterson

36; 3. I Downie 33. **High Gun and Suie Cup:** D Robertson 110. **Classification Winners: DTL:** A. G D Coyne 263; **B.** J Sinclair 233; **C.** T Frost 150. **Sporting:** **A.** G Ross 246; **B.** R Cairns 240; **C.** Jas Sinclair 186. **Agg Shield:** 1. G Ross 488; 2. R Cairns 470. **Currie Rose Bowl:** G D Coyne 266. **Junior Shield:** D McCallum.

The Christmas shoot was held on Sunday 10 December 1995. Thirty one guns turned out on a good dry day. Shoot results as follows:

1. G Ross 69; 2. H Campbell 69; 3. E McAllister 65. **High Gun and Dochart Cup:** G Ross. Team Flush was won by R Mills, G Smithson, G Coyne, D Robertson.

Thank you to all for their help and support for the past year. Hope to see you all next year. All the best in 1996. Killin Gun Club AGM will be held in Suie Lodge Hotel on Sunday 18 February 1996 at 8.00 pm. All welcome.

G D Coyne (sec K G C)



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Karate

On Sunday 5 November, after a hard training session, two members of Central Freestyle Karate Club passed their 1st Dan Blackbelt. A large number of students also advanced a grade. The course was a great success, due to the effort made by everyone to turn out on the day.

Flora McBurnie took the warm-up and put everyone through a difficult stretching routine. Following this, Sensei McAllister gave a few basic moves to put everyone into the swing of things. The Dan grading started almost immediately. Everyone performed well and for a change, I didn't see anyone sitting out. Perhaps the presence of a 3rd Dan kept everyone on their toes. Everyone who sat a Grade passed, though some fared better than others. Two trophies were awarded for the "best beginners" and the annual trophy for Student of the Year was presented.

I would like to say thanks to all who turned up and a big thanks to Sensei McAllister for grading the Blackbelts.

Mr K Gray, Dalmally, Chief Instructor



Postscript

Congratulations to my wife Eileen who has achieved the coveted Black Belt in Karate. Over the years I have had to listen to her as she complained of the aches and pains, bruises and bumps - trophies of her training! On 5 November, after an afternoon of being graded by visiting instructors, she was awarded her 1st Dan (no mean feat for someone 42 years old). I am justly proud of her.

Congratulations also to Flora Haining, pictured with Eileen, who also passed her black belt.

Tom Coffield

Killin and Breadalbane Angling Club

The AGM of the Club took place on Monday 13 November in the Killin Hotel. The President, A Stewart, welcomed everyone and opened the proceedings.

During his review of the past season, Alex made reference to the dedication of Tony Weaver during his term in the chair and, in particular, his part in the successful purchase of the Salmon Right on the River Dochart.

A presentation of a trout fly rod was made to Tony on behalf of the members.

Dave Murray, in his secretary's report, highlighted the problem facing the Club in the loss of some stretches of Loch and river bank from the permit scheme, the riparian owners now administering their own fishings. Negotiations were in hand with land owners to bring other areas under the Club's permit.

Angus Inglis presented the balance sheet which showed a decrease in income from last year but left a good surplus for next year's expenditure. It was decided to allow affiliates who had been members for five years and supported the Club in its activities to apply to become full members of the trout section.

The proposal regarding changes to the method of fishing for salmon was discussed and it was the opinion of the meeting that the Club should await the outcome of the Tay Salmon Fisheries AGM before making a final decision. The President stated that he was still trying to get information on the meeting. It was unanimously decided that Mr Stewart should continue in his attempts to attend the forthcoming meeting and report back to the committee.

The meeting then discussed the lease of the access road and slipway at the River Lochay. It was clarified that the Club were responsible for maintenance and the terms of the lease allowed the Club to charge for launching boats. Some work had been carried out and estimates were to hand for extending the slipway and installing a secure restriction to prevent unauthorised use.

The meeting decided that the work would proceed. The charge would be set at £10 per boat for those who had the use of a seasonal mooring on the river and £5 per boat for daily launchings, both

charges subject to being reviewed annually.

There was agreement to new permits and maps for visitors and larger reference maps at sale points to indicate how visitors accessed the fishing areas. The charges for membership and permits would remain the same with juniors and senior citizens paying half for trout fishing.

The office bearers were re-elected with Ian Downie taking over as competition secretary. There was one resignation from the committee, with the remainder being re-elected. Expenditure for the following year would include new permits, slipway improvements, stocking and hatchery use and the repairs and painting of the club boats. It was decided to sell the 'cuddy' which was surplus to requirements at an asking price of £200.

The trophies were then presented and a mini buffet enjoyed by the company. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to everyone for attending and to the Killin Hotel for their hospitality.

A J Stewart

1st Killin Brownies

The Brownies had a successful year. We ran a coffee evening in November which raised the sum of £171 for our funds.

We have 12 Brownies at the moment. If there are any girls wanting to join, we meet every Monday night between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm in the Church Hall.

Annie MacNee, Guider

Curling Club Breadalbane Province

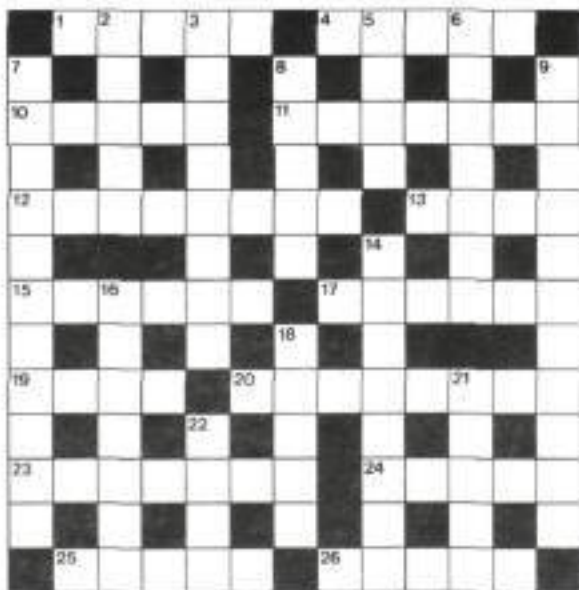
At Acharn Pond on Hogmanay, a Bonspiel was held for the Breadalbane Tee and Baird Cross. It was the first time for 12 years that this competition was held outside. Six rinks took part, Kenmore won.

The runner up? Johnnie Walker!!
(See photograph on page 1.)

Crossword by Safarian

ACROSS

DOWN



Solution to last crossword

Across: 1. choice 4. pewter 9. upstage 10. Rioja 11. set-up 12. tremble 13. conditioned 18. patriot 20. pound 22. rhomb 23. ousting 24. antler 25. idlers. Down: 1. clumsy 2. onset 3. cramped 5.eerie 6. trouble 7. reader 8. restitution 14. outpost 15. opposed 16. Sparta 17. adages 19. imbue 21. unite.

1. Sounding tiny, but actually great in strength (5)
4. Another profit (5)
10. See 5 down.
11. This destroyer found in limits of water creek all churned up. (7)
12. Keep going after this point (2, 6)
13. Odds on the endless dude alias Murphy (4)
15. Can this jazz fan be found in Trad dictionary? (6)
17. So cold, cold beginning in this big truck. (6)
19. Have this band of dissenters had its nose put out of joint? (4)
20. Where rules McGregor, say, if methodic without it is all mixed up. (8)
23. Confused sea-bird might fly in this direction. (7)
24. Where this bed might be found. (5)
25. No missing fear now is disturbed to hold the slider. (5)
26. This sea-serpent can be viewed in southern skies. (5)
2. Take the blame for Killin curling debacle in local matches. (5)
3. Harvest sign of yore seen no more ... alas. (8)
5. & 10 across. No U-turn grouchy Len likes rafting down the river here. (4, 5)
6. The sink top split to make this mark. (7)
7. His sport is heading for the tops these days. (11)
8. Words fashioned so they can wound as well. (5)
9. Confused ramp enticed me into this unpleasant situation. (11)
14. No serious match here it seems. (8)
16. & 21 down. But unlike 7 his work is going down. (7, 5)
18. Start showing how I never exercise yet always sparkle. (5)
21. See 16 down.
22. Nothing more than water. (4)

Winners of Christmas Prize Crossword

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the Prize Crossword, with some 30 entries, were as follows: Mrs M MacKenzie, Killin and Mrs Isobel Cowan, Collieston, Arbroath. Each of them win £15 kindly donated by the Bank of Scotland, Killin.

Note: Mrs Cowan asked that her prize money, if she was a winner, be donated to the Killin Tuesday Club. This has been done and on their behalf. Thank you Isobel.

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