

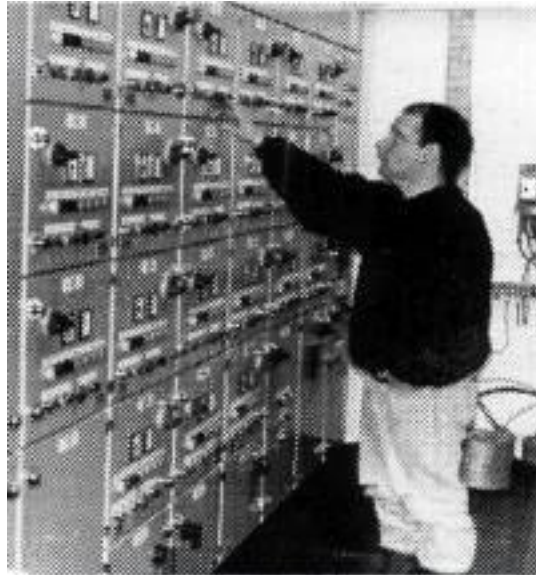
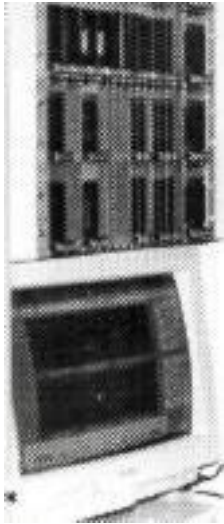


# KILLIN NEWS

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## Official Opening of Killin Water Works



*Austin Hutcheson, Water Supply Engineer checks the computerised filtration system*

To celebrate the official opening, East of Scotland Water held its Board Meeting in Killin on the 15th November. Before the meeting, members visited the new Water Treatment Works up the hill behind Grey Street.

This £900,000 Treatment Works will serve the local community and cope with increased population levels in the tourist season. The official opening was carried out by Dr Ian Reston, C.B.E. Chairman of East of Scotland Water. The development will provide an improved standard of water treatment, meeting European water regulations on colour and iron. It will also secure the local area's supply of high quality water for the future. As to cost, it maybe that charges will be collected by East of Scotland Water in a few years' time, instead of the Local Authority. At present there is a 3 year agreement that the Local Authority will continue to collect the water rate as in the past.

The Killin Works will supply 0.15 megalitres of water a day in the winter months and 0.3 megalitres per day in the

summer. The works are automatically controlled, 24 hours a day, and are linked to E.S.W.'s telemetry system. Also E.S.W. will landscape the site of the new works. But to illustrate the full scope of the new E.S.W. the projected Hyundai plant in Fife will cost about £23 million for supply of water and effluent disposal.

On environmental issues E.S.W. has signed a concordat with a number of influential bodies including the Scottish Landowners Federation, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Ramblers Association and C.O.S.L.A. on the issue of access to Scotland's hills and mountains.

Following the meeting the E.S.W. Board lunched at the Killin Hotel: among the invited guests were former local water board man Willie Foster and his wife. Dr Ian Reston, the chairman of E.S.W., said, 'Killin is an important project for the local community and it's the first new treatment works to be opened under the E.S.W. banner'.

## Glenlochay Longhouse a 'Nearly Winner'

Moirlanich Longhouse was this year short-listed for Museum of the Year Award. Unfortunately it didn't quite make it, being pipped at the post ceremony at Scone Palace on the 28th of November. The entry in fact was not for the restored Longhouse itself, fascinating as it is, but instead for the nearby shed containing rural displays, memorabilia and the story of the house's restoration. Serviced throughout the summer by Killin Heritage Society members, the first season has been a success. Although opening hours have been limited, some 70 visitors have been to look around the Longhouse and the 'museum'. Thanks go to Killin Heritage Society members and to Yvonne McPherson from the National Trust for Scotland for their work.

A.W.

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## Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Council was held on 12th December in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Mr Ian MacGregor was in the chair. Mr Ross of Stirling Council, Community Support Group was present. as were three members of the public.

An apology was received from Stirling Councillor Kenneth Campbell.

### Children's Play Area, Breadalbane Park

In response to a request for the provision of toilet facilities for the children using the new play area, a letter was received from Mr H. Jamieson. stating that no funds were available for this purpose. He suggested that the Community Council might explore the possibility of using 'Portaloos'. and that Environmental Services should be contacted about this.

### Village Officer

Letter received from the Mr H. Jamieson stating that there was no possibility of increasing the Village Officer's hours. No barrow has been provided for his work, but it may be that there is one at the Ambulance Station.

### Public Transport and Concessionary Fares

Mr Gowenlock. Transport Co-ordination Manager, Stirling Council, was investigating the possibility of providing a bus service between Stirling and Killin on a Saturday, but again it seems that the necessary resources will not be available. It was also noted that the Royal Mail Postbuses will not be able to provide a bus service in the afternoon between Ardeonaig and Killin.

### Car/Bus Parking

Work is to start on parking areas at Monemore and the Capercaillie Restaurant early in January (See Page 8)

### Closed Circuit Television at each end of Village

It was reported to the meeting that a survey carried out locally indicated that many people were in favour of the installation of video cameras at each end of the village as a security measure following the recent spate of burglaries. The probable cost would be in the region of £3,000. The council will seek financial help from Stirling. There will also be a public meeting to discuss the project.

### Environmental Project

The Secretary will write to Environmental Services, Stirling Council, to seek financial support for certain Environmental Projects. Among possible projects suggested were the following:

- 1) Repair offence by railway line between Stitt's Yard and Council Yard.
- 2) Provision of suitable screening between back entrance to Killin Hotel and Council Yard.
- 3) Removal of scrub at both ends of Dochart Bridge.
- 4) Provision of benches at various points.

## Strathfillan Community Council

As part of the Strathfillan Regeneration Strategy (a.k.a. the Corrom Trust project) a Trust or 'Company' separate from the Community Council is being established. It is to be called the Strathfillan Community Development Trust and will be an umbrella body under which individual projects will be managed and able to lodge their funds. A public meeting was held in Crianlarich on Wednesday 18th December.

A steering committee was formed to establish the Trust, and. with legal and technical help from the Corrom Trust, will lead it to its first A.G.M. Those who volunteered for the Strathfillan Community Development Trust Steering Group are as follows: Carol Kelly, Jock Henderson, May Clement, John Riley, Moira Robertson, Lamond Gosden, Dennis Dawber, Rosie Mauchan, Paul Kelly, John Champion, Gwyneth Scott, John Macdonald, Ian Hulbert, Derek Wilkie, John Wyllie, Wattie Anderson, John Burton, John Christie and Martin Cruikshank.

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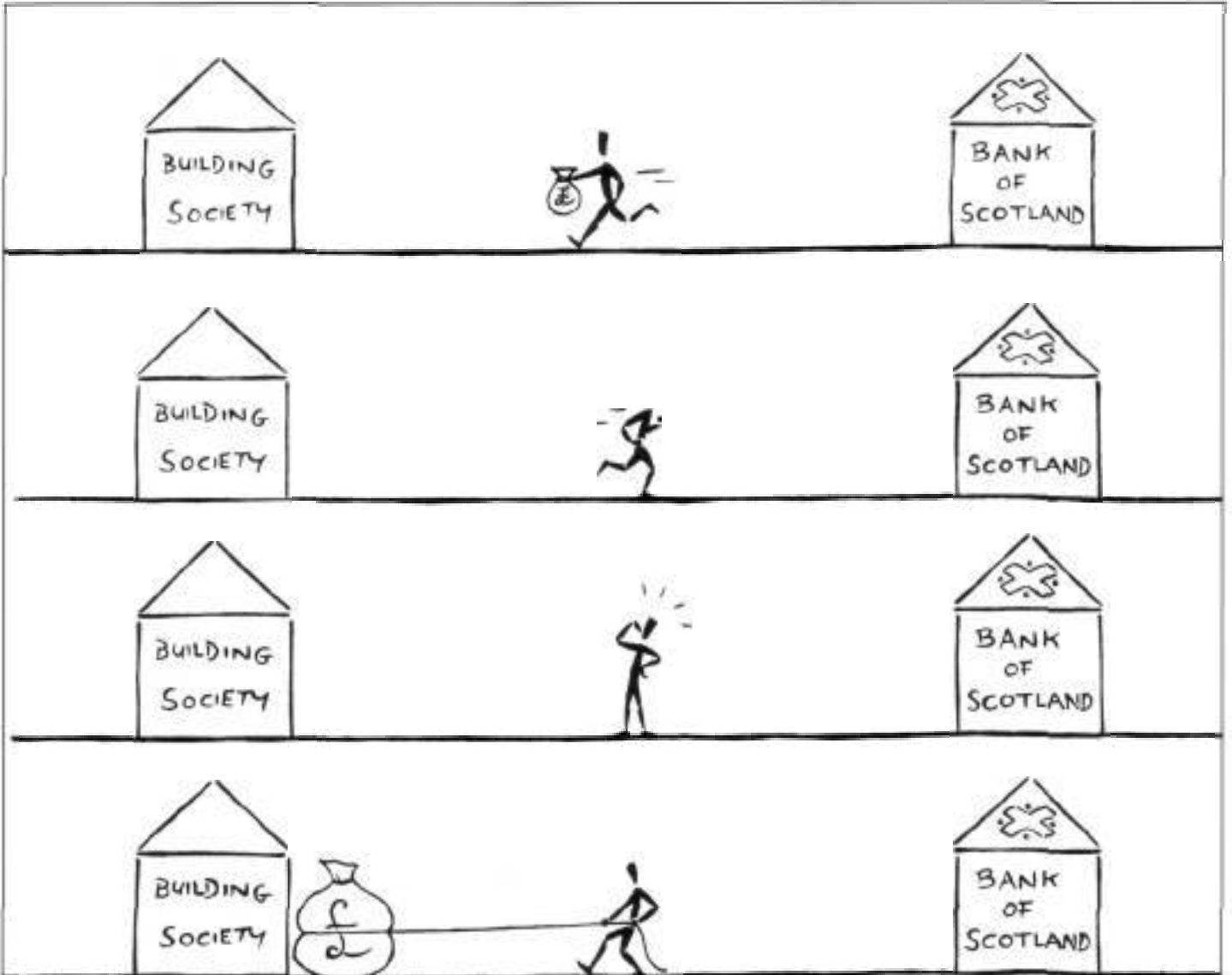
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# Police News

## Security of Boats and Engines

January sees the start of the Salmon Fishing Season and the return of a large number of boats to moorings. Unfortunately, this presents the travelling criminal with the opportunity to steal either boats, engines or equipment. Certain measures can be taken to combat this.

If you do not use your boat regularly, only put it in the water when necessary. If you are a regular user but can readily take it in and out of the water via a slipway, do so.

If you have to keep it on a mooring, make it as secure as possible.

Remove the engine and any accessories and take them home with you.

Make sure that you have noted all serial numbers of engines and other equipment.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously near to boats, contact the Police and note down any vehicle registration number of any vehicles that these people may be using.

Tight lines.

## Cycle Coding

A cycle postcoding day was arranged for Saturday 11 January in the McLaren Hall carpark and advertised throughout the Primary School and in the Stirling Observer.

This will have taken place by the time this issue of the Killin News is distributed. Therefore anyone who missed it can contact Ian Donaldson at the Police Office and arrange to have their cycle "postcoded". Many thanks once again

to the Community Council for their donation of the stamping equipment.

## Thefts from Vehicles

There has recently been a number of thefts from vehicles parked in areas frequented by hillwalkers, both in our Police area and in Tayside. The target of the criminal is valuable articles left in the vehicle whilst the owners are away hillwalking. If you have to leave your vehicle for any time in a remote area, please ensure that you do not leave valuables in the car. Either leave them at home or take them with you.

Finally, best wishes for 1997 to the community from your local Constabulary.

*Ian Donaldson*

## Young Farmers Raise Money for Killin Ambulance



The Aberfeldy and District Junior Agricultural Society held their Annual Dance in the Moness House Hotel on Friday 13 December. They took the opportunity on that night to present cheques to the Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital and the Killin Ambulance Service. The money, all £900 of it, was divided between them. It had been raised by a sponsored cycle run last June round Loch Tay by some dozen society members. The photograph shows our own *Jock Stewart* for the Killin Ambulance receiving a cheque from *Steve Kelloe and Roy Macdonald*, Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Society.

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## Changes At The Surgery

Writing this on the last day of 1996, I reflect on the changes in the practice over the last year. Julia, our Practice Manager, left in October to pursue other interests. We'll all miss her cheery smile. We had new arrivals, in the form of Michelle. Eileen and Moira. as well as Angus Campbell and his Camcorder. Many other changes have been "behind the scenes" but no less important (and no less hard work). We developed a Charter (copy available in the Library) and a Complaints Procedure and looked at such things as telephone answering skills.

More changes are in the pipeline. By the time you read this, our "Repeat Prescription Hotline" will be up and running (Tel No 820950). Details are in a separate advert. Answering machine for repeat prescription requests has been used successfully in other local practices and welcomed by their patients. The special number allows you to phone in at any time of the day or night (one practice

had a repeat request at 3.00 a.m.!). In addition, there is less pressure on the "normal" number, so urgent calls can be dealt with more quickly. Also, our "acute" prescribing system should have changed so that labels are printed automatically for drugs you may receive after a consultation, rather than having to be specially typed or hand written. In addition, we are developing links to the laboratory in Stirling Infirmary, so that results will be available the same day, rather than 4-5 days later. From April we expect to have in-house visits from a dietician and may expand this to other services

With all this activity we are running short of space! We intend to extend the surgery to give each doctor their own room, enlarge the dispensary, and provide a less "clinical" room for use by counsellors etc. We aren't yet sure of the timescale, so "watch this space". There will be some disruption but it will be worth it in the end.

Finally. David Blaney has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners. This mark of their appreciation of his work, by fellow doctors, is undoubtedly well-deserved. Congratulations!

*Dr David Syme*

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# Stirling Sets Out Power Sharing Plans

A Community parliament will be setup in Stirling next year to help shape Council policies. It will be called the Stirling Civic Assembly and will meet four times a year with representatives from a wide range of voluntary groups, community organisations, private sector bodies and associations.

It's part of Stirling Council's radical power sharing plans that include a Youth Congress, citizens juries, Area Forums, improvements to Local Offices - including a new multi-service office in Dunblane - and regular Council meetings outside Stirling. The proposals follow an unprecedented 43 public consultation meetings across the Council area.

discussions with special interest groups and public surveys.

Council Leader Corrie McChord said "We want to encourage people to take part in as many aspects of the decision making process as possible. We have already set up a radical committee structure that recognises a future where local democracy is a ground breaking partnership with the people we serve" He said 'The Civic Assembly will give the whole community a chance to influence major Council strategies and policies on a whole range of development matters, environmental issues, budget priorities and the Council's involvement in national issues'

Three Area Forums will be set up next year- Stirling and Bannockburn, Bridge of Allan and Causewayhead, Endrick and Blane Valley. Others will be setup the following year. While the Forums have no decision making powers at first, the Council is committed to the phased introduction of delegated powers and responsibilities for such things as grants, local service plans, planning applications, local projects, roads and transportation issues. Councillor McChord said 'These radical and wide-ranging proposals will mean changes to the way the Council works and the way it manages and organises its services. Council staff will have to look afresh at



## Western Country Line Dancing Comes To Killin

For several weeks last November and December. Killin residents had the chance to try out, and enjoy, Western Country Line Dancing - the new dance form which is rapidly gaining in popularity across the country.

The Wednesday-morning sessions were held from 10.30 to 11.30 in the Bridge Of Lochay Hotel, with tuition by Aberfeldy's Eddie Vincent, whose other activities included teaching aqua-aerobics. Participants increased and about two dozen attended the last session. Dancers paid £2, and a final cup of coffee was available as an optional extra.

Line dancing can be as energetic or as gentle as each dancer chooses - but always fun, and age doesn't matter. The enjoyment factor was high, even if not always matched by ability, and we all laughed when dancers unexpectedly came face to face ('all oot o' step but oor Wullie'); and there were even louder whoops, with a triumphant 'Yah-hoo'. when a dance was successfully completed.

Sessions are expected to resume on 29 January 1997, with details available from Margaret Ireland at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

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## Music Collection for Killin Library

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# Opening of Salmon Fishing



*Rev. David McNaughton and Roger Sharp, the piper at Loch Tay Highland Lodges*



*Stefan sets off with a piper for luck!*

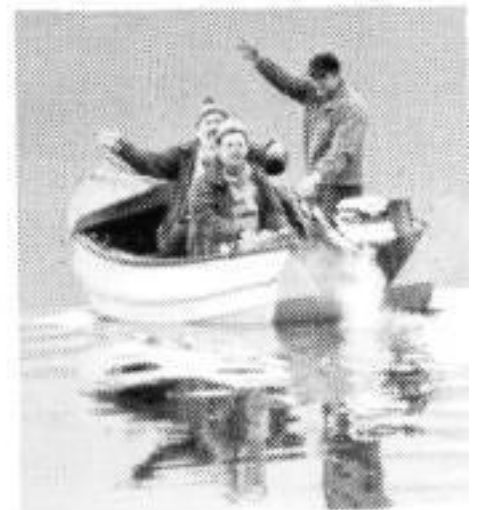
Once again, in spite of (or because of!) a mild calm day the reward for the many anglers was nil ! so none won the half gallon of Grouse for the biggest fish of the day. We expect that the prize will be carried over to the second day ?

Nevertheless, as these photographs testify, a great day was had by all and the opening was celebrated in great style! As most people know the old tradition of gathering below the Killin Hotel for the blessing and the morning dram has for some years now been superceded by two starting points - Loch Tay Highland Lodges where the minister, Rev. David McNaughton, gave the blessing and Roger Sharp piped the boats out - and Kinnell Boathouse where a morning barbecue is traditionally held. Once again, Stefan Schuman. (from Germany, where else?) brought his usual supply of beer and sausages, and Famous Grouse supplied much of the amber liquid and a gathering of about 30 (including "supporters") enjoyed a happy start to the day.

While the day apparently produced no salmon, other "things" were caught - some pike, a kelt or two, and at Loch Tay Highland Lodges Davie Reid, from Milngavie brought in a "fish" of about 3 to 4 pounds. There was much argument about what "it" was. Davie of course claimed it was a grilse other said "No way" - a sea trout (!), even a brown trout! *We await a verdict.*



*The Morning Ceilidh at Auchmore*



*Hamish Campbell and Co's hopeful start*

## Killin Village Enhancement Project

### The Final Chapter: Solution to Parking Problem

At a meeting held on 29th November. Hugh Lightbody of Stirling Rural Partnership, told representatives of village organisations that at last a solution" to Killin's parking problem was in sight.

Apparently after much negotiation. Stirling Council has bought the land adjacent to the Capercaillie Restaurant for an undisclosed sum. Consequently work can now proceed to build a fairly large car-park on that site, with the existing roadside area by the main road developed for buses only, 5 in number. This area would be re-designed for both British and Continental buses, with an access area on both sides. All cars will be required to use the new Car-park.

We were informed that ideal!) (i.e. to include decent environmental screening) the cost would be about £ 132,000 but at the moment the budget had only £110,000. The money it seems has come from three sources European Community Funding £30,000. Stirling Council £50,000 and Forth Valley Enterprises £30,000. Incidental!) the whole project is handled by Stirling Rural Partnership, for whom. Hugh Lightbody is the Project Manager. This development is in fact the final part of the well-known Killin Village Enhancement Project which started some years ago.

## Flowers and Fairies



When people say that the youth of today have little incentive to do anything with their lives, let them read this article and think again!

The Youth Ballet Of Scotland invited students from the West Of Scotland Ballet School to attend auditions for the forthcoming production of The Nutcracker. Six of them were accepted, including Marissa Mardon. She was given the roles of a party parent in Act 1 and in the corps de ballet Waltz of the Flowers in Act 2. Rehearsals started on Sunday afternoons in Edinburgh. Glasgow and Stirling. Performances took place in The Church Hill Theatre in Edinburgh on 6 November and three in the MacRobert Arts Centre in Stirling University on 8 and 9 November. The audiences reflected the hard work of the students and the costume ladies. Sponsorship was necessary, especially for the splendid costumes, so many thanks go to Creagan House in Strathyre. Bank Of Scotland. Killin branch.

Maureen H Gauld Antiques, Killin Crafts & Woollens. A C Fraser & Son and Breadalbane House for their support.

Not content with this mammoth amount of rehearsing. Marissa was also involved in her own ballet school's production of La Sylphide. In this she had the role of a principal Sylphide and one of the guests at the wedding. This involved a lot of dancing on pointe which was performed with grace and poise, and was well received by both audiences at The Corran Halls on 23 November and Marco's at Fort William on 31 November. This will probably be her last show for her ballet teacher Alison Rockley, at least if she succeeds in passing the 5 highers she is doing in her fifth year at school. However, she hopes to sit and pass her Elementary [STD exam later on in June, leading on to make ballet her career.

*Glenda Mardon*

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## In The Spotlight

by Gamekeeper, Tim Frost

Though we have not had the amount of snow that many areas have, we are unmistakably in the grip of winter. Cold days and long winter nights - when a keeper's fancy turns to spotlighting. Large roof-mounted lights on the Land Rover can be moved around from inside the cab to scan the hillsides and fields. It's sometimes surprising what wildlife (and wild life) can be seen. Have you ever wondered why we're often first with the gossip?!

Tawny and barn owls, brown and mountain hares, stags and hinds can be seen apart from the fox. If a fox is "caught" in the light it can often be squeaked in by making a noise like an injured rabbit and shot. This is a clean

Another killer often seen far away from home is the family cat. A recent survey by biologist Nick Fox (apt name!), states that cats kill 210 million birds each year. Another survey, estimates the annual kill per cat at 100 birds and small animals. Multiply this by the estimated population of 8 million and the result is frightening. In Australia there is a move towards government control of feral cats.

One interesting 'sighting' a couple of winters ago was on the Lawers hill road at about 11 at night in a deep snowdrift. A car load of Australians (maybe government cat-catchers?) had decided to drive into the drift as they had never seen snow before. They were a bit bored in Killin so had decided to go over to Glen Lyon in search of better night life! They were lucky it was lamping night and they were towed out. We never did find out who told them the story about Glen Lyon.

Soon the nights will be drawing out, our welcome flock of greylag geese will be moving on. Even now the raven will be nesting, spare a thought for her up there amongst the icicles.



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# The National Trust for Scotland Takes on the Tarmachans

In earlier issues of Killin News I reported work on the National Nature Reserve to restore the natural habitats which have been destroyed. One specific aim is to save certain species of plant and their communities from extinction. The land owned by the National Trust For Scotland (NTS) since 1950 has grazing rights which limit the opportunity for this kind of work to very small areas. Until now, only 1% of the Trust land has been protected by fencing, by agreement with the farmers using those parts of the hill.

In the spring of 1996, the Trust was invited to make an offer for part of the neighbouring Morenish Farms estate, and has now bought the hill ground, from the head dyke upwards. The land acquired is the south and east side of the Tarmachan ridge, excluding Creag na Caillich. This was offered without grazing rights, giving an exceptional opportunity to conserve some of the most interesting mountain vegetation in the Highlands. The flora was well known to us because we work on both the Meall nan Tarmachan and Ben Lawers ranges, to represent the interest of Scottish Natural Heritage.

The area includes remnants of what are probably the richest and most colourful tree-line communities of plants in the country. A wide range of tall herbaceous plants are present, but these are found only on the high cliff ledges where they are not eaten by sheep or deer. Also, several species of shrub are present, most of which are restricted to similar sites and reduced to very small numbers. Some of these are either recently extinct or on the verge of becoming so. Recent European legislation has given us a legal obligation to maintain both of these communities, tall herbs and scrub, at a 'favourable conservation status'. Much of the ground would naturally have trees, especially the mountain birch, but these too are reduced to a few ageing plants on cliff ledges. None of these plant communities has a 'favourable' status at present, and this can only be achieved by active restoration, in other words putting back what man has taken away. These plants all provide essential habitats for a wide range of animals including insects, small birds and even mammals

such as the declining, native red squirrel. These should also return to the area when the habitat is restored.

The Trust has already planned the restoration project on paper and has submitted an application for funds to the Millennium Forest For Scotland Trust. This body aims to double the amount of native woodland in Scotland, funded by the Millennium Commission. Our project concentrates on the eastern end of the Tarmachan range, including Creag and Lochain, down to the head dyke. The aim is to re-establish native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants on this area, including the site of the conifer plantation at the south-east corner of the property. This will require a combination of natural regeneration and planting, and removal of alien conifers. Our experimental work has shown that herbaceous plants may spread without intervention, but the trees and shrubs cannot do so because of a lack of seed production on site. The process will also depend on protection from browsing by sheep and deer, but the method by which this will be achieved has yet to be decided.

Our climate sets a limit to the altitude at which trees can grow, around 600 metres or 2,000 feet above sea level. Above this 'tree-line' the 'montane willow scrub' will be the main aim of restoration. The woodland and scrub that develops may never be an exact replica of what grew there at any specific time in the past, and such precise knowledge is lacking anyway. However, it should achieve more of the potential "biodiversity" of the site, to use the current buzz word, the existence of a wide variety

of plant and animal species. Many areas of heather, grassland and wet springs are also interesting and they will not all be covered by trees or shrubs. Neither the woodland nor the scrub will be dense and impenetrable, but will form a mosaic with other habitats, most of which will remain as open, short vegetation. One feature of this area is an excellent archaeological record and the many sites will be maintained at treeless parts of the cultural landscape.

The normal NTS policy of open public access applies to this land, which when restored, will undoubtedly offer visitors a potential wildlife experience unique within this country. The project plan is still under development and much remains to be decided. I hope to report progress again in the future, but if any Killin News readers would like to comment, please write to us at the NTS Office, Fagus, Manse Road, Killin, FK21 8UY.

*David Mardon*

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## Comment

We note (pages 6 & 12) that there is much proposed activity in Stirling Council towards a more democratic, community friendly approach to local government: Community Parliaments, power sharing, area forums. Community involvement in decision matters and so on!!

But the inevitable cynical thoughts begin to arise! First we know, and indeed understand why, that resources, money, is now very scarce! We know there will be cutbacks in services, particularly education: and in our little corner here in Killin we note with exasperation that there is not money for toilets for the children in the vicinity of the new 'state of the art' play park! And not even enough to provide Jake Green, or excellent village officer, with a barrow of some kind! So a million pounds can be spent on a new water filtration plant, but there's not a couple of hundred (?) for a refuse barrow. Come on Stirling, get down to directly responding to people's needs!

## Outstanding Loans for Old Mill Project

At the time of purchasing the original *Old Mill* (now the *Breadalbane Folk Lore Centre*) a goodly number of local people gave either interest free loans or straight donations so that the village could at least achieve half the purchase price, while the then Stirling District Council put up the rest. The village's total of £11,000 was required to make the purchase possible. All that was some 5/6 years ago.

Now it seems that there is a distinct possibility of the loan being repaid in the near future. Unfortunately some lenders have left the village, and indeed some have died. We are nevertheless still anxious to contact those who loaned money for the project (as opposed to those who made gifts) in order that they may be repaid.

***Consequently, will all those who loaned money for the purchase of the Old Mill, some five years ago, please contact J. Sutherland on Killin 820540, as soon as possible.***

## Bonspiel: Killin Curling Pond: 9 January



For the second year running, the Curling Club was able to organise a Bonspiel on the Acharn Pond. Fortunately, there was a long spell of dry, very cold weather, and once the snow was swept aside and the pond "polished" there were three or four rinks of very keen ice on a dry night. The lights were fixed up and the curlers were sustained by soup and sandwiches - and other "refreshments!"

Five rinks took part: two from Killin skipped by Douglas McRobbie and John Willison, two from Glendochart skipped by Gilbert Christie and Jimmy Reilly and one from Kenmore led by Ian Menzies. As it turned out there was no outright winner, but as there was no cup at stake, a tie was declared and drams were exchanged"

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## New Year Dance

Once again the annual dance on New Years Night proved popular and successful, with the usual support from locals and visitors alike. The demand for tickets exceeded the number allocated but the policy of admission by ticket only ensured the evening was enjoyed by everyone. The advanced ticket sales allow control and safety and adequate dancing space for the revellers to the music of Tommy Walker and his Band, and this system will continue to operate for everyone's benefit. The generosity of those who attended will again filter through to village organisations who shall receive donations for their funds from the proceeds. Many thanks for all your support from Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans and we hope to see you all at the same place and lime in 1998.

## People Power Shake Up for Community Councils

Local Community Councils are heading for a major shake-up as Stirling encourages more people power. Plans for new boundaries to better reflect our local communities, postal ballot elections and an increase in the number of Community Councils from 37 to 41 are going out for a two month consultation.

The new draft scheme is the result of extensive discussions with community councils. Representatives of the Community Council Forum have drawn up the current proposals. Councillor Gillie Thomson who chairs Stirling Council's Community Services Committee, said "A vibrant local democracy depends on community participation. Stirling Council is committed to extending this participation to involve as many people as possible and breathe new life into community councils which have struggled to attract interest' He said 'I believe the scheme we are proposing will enhance the legitimacy and credibility of Community Councils and increase public interest in their activities. We have taken the opportunity to tidy up a number of anomalies and to make sure that wherever possible the new Community Councils represent whole communities'

## Santa visits the Killin Children



Two parties in Killin had visits from Santa before Christmas. The photograph above shows Santa (a.k.a. Jimmy Gauld) with some of the children at the Primary School Party. The other shows Santa again (a.k.a. Bill MacPherson) giving out presents at the Playgroup's Party. On both occasions everyone had a good feed and great entertainment.

*Editor's Note : Since the Dunblane tragedy, schools have been given instructions to get parents permission before photographs are taken in the school. We were consequently only able to get together a small group of parents at the school party for their permission.*



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On 29 December the sun set behind the hills of Ardeonaig at 3.40 pm. For a full hour and a half after this, the reflected afterglow on the clouds remained in various shades of pink and red. When in fact the sun itself would be setting far out in the Atlantic. This was an example of the glorious sunsets we have been enjoying over the past weeks. In fact with the exception of the odd gale and one or two really wet days, plus the wintry spell of the last ten days of November, the Autumn and early winter have proved quite acceptable. As 1996 fades the pressure pattern is not unlike that of a year ago. Then the Siberian "High" became firmly established over Northern Europe and produced the seemingly interminable Easterly winds which plagued the Spring of 1996. Easterlies have been and are in evidence since around 10 November, which date has been said to determine the wind direction for the ensuing winter, so it is to be hoped that a repetition of last year's miserable Spring does not occur.

Meanwhile we in Central Perthshire, while not actually basking in warm sunshine, are enjoying remarkably quiet conditions which are dry and invigorating while the unfortunate denizens of the far south are struggling manfully (and no doubt womanfully!) with the inevitable chaos which seems to follow a snow fall, reported to be two inches in some parts possibly even three!

*Mervyn K Browne (29.12.96)*

## Next Issue

The Killin News Production Committee would like to wish all our readers, writers and advertisers the very best for 1997. We would especially 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 can advertise events happening in April and May. Thank you again.

*Editor*

## OBITUARIES

### Jim McKellar

Jim McKellar who died on 18 November 1996 aged 82 years, was truly a son of Killin. He was born in Grey Street and lived in the same house practically all his life. He was the youngest of four, was a keen football fan and a very long time member of both indoor and outdoor bowling clubs. Jim began his working life in Wallace's Mill, spent some time working for a timber merchant and ended working for the County Council. Owing to illness, Jim accepted early retirement. During the last year or so he lived in The Falls Of Dochart Retirement Home where he was well cared for by all the staff, our Doctors and nurses. A kenspeckle figure, he will be missed in the community.

### Isobel Grant

Isobel Grant, born in Crieff in 1918, died on January 2nd in S.R.I, after a short illness. She married the late Robert Grant in 1945 and moved to Killin in 1952, and lived in Rowancroft, previously known as Beechcroft, where they brought up a family of seven sons and one daughter. Five years after the death of her husband in 1973 she moved to Fairview Cottage, now known as Beechcroft. Isobel was an active member of community organisations. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank local doctors, nurses and ambulance technicians for their attendance and care, also Rev. David MacNaughton for his comforting service and to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards and floral tributes and to all who paid their last respects at the church and graveside.

### Bruno Dynowski

My father Bruno Dynowski passed away at home, on January 6th after a long illness. Born in Grudianz, Poland, he came to Killin after some incredible wartime adventures escaping from Russia and walking, firstly to his home, then to France and eventually to Britain. There he rejoined the Polish Tank Corps and saw action in France. On leaving the army he joined another, the one which built the Hydro-Electric Schemes in Scotland. Many local families will have had relations who took part in that campaign. Sadly many are gone now, as is my father. He enjoyed nearly forty-two years in the village and it was his second home. My mother, sister and I will miss him dearly. We would like to express our thanks to the doctors and nurses who helped my father and us through his final days.

*John Dynowski*

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## Killin Carpet Bowling Club

### Spring Courses

Both Computer courses are still in operation. We are negotiating with the Clackmanan College to run some non-certificated courses during the summer term to try to satisfy the demand and possibly two or three certificated courses again next winter. Look out for the posters and enrol early!

### Further Courses:

Theory of Politics: If anyone is interested in attending a course in the above please phone 01567 820753.

### Photography

Anyone interested in this course in the Spring - Telephone 01567-820878.

### First Aid

Look out for the posters advertising this course, beginning in May or phone now to enrol 01567-820374.

### Attention!

Since our first AGM in November the new committee is as follows:

Chairperson : S. McRobbie : 820374.  
Treasurer : C. Russell : 820472.  
Secretary :  
M. Storrar: 820878.. Committee : K. Riddell : 820291. J. Rhys : 820753.  
G. MacNicol: 01877 354205.

Also we want to hear from anyone about courses they are interested in attending or teaching. If you have any good or mad ideas then please contact one of the committee members. Whatever you want to do. we will try to provide, within reason!!!

The Killin Carpet Bowling Club held its Annual Open Pairs Competition on Saturday 7th December 1996. Forty-six pairs took part which was very encouraging and showed the increasing revival this traditional sport is enjoying. The result was a win for the Crianlarich pair of F. Ronald and C. MacLennan : second was R. MacLeod and D.Kennedy from Camserney : third C. Grant and A. Stewart from Killin and fourth J. Henderson and P. Henderson from Crianlarich. The consolation Singles saw two of the younger generation of bowlers show the rest how it is done and Killin's G. Donnelly defeated Fearnan's C. Stewart in the final.

On Sunday 8 December the Killin Club hosted a Junior Pairs and Singles Competition and twenty enthusiastic youngsters took part. The Pairs was won by Kenneth Campbell and Emma MacPherson with Euan Mackenzie and Alexander MacPherson second. The under ten Singles was won by Robert Grant with Emma MacPherson second, the over ten Singles was won by Kenneth Campbell with David Stewart second. The first junior competition proved so popular, especially with the Mothers in the village, that it will be an annual event, and with some of the juniors now attending the Club nights the future of Carpet Bowling looks secure.

## Gun Club

29 Guns turned out on a cool November day. Shoot results for 10th November, as follows

Class (A) D.T.L. 1. E.MacAllister - 75.  
2. G. Ross - 70. 3. G. Coyne - 69.

Class (B) D.T.L. 1. D. Robertson - 69.  
2. S.Christie - 66. 3. R. Mills - 64.

Class (C) D.T.L. 1. B. Donaldson-64.  
2. E.MacLellan - 55. 3. R. Gibb - 44.

Class (A) Sporting. 1. H.Campbell-63.  
2. J.Sinclair-60. 3. E.MacAllister-59.

Class (B) Sporting. 1. A.Donaldson - 63.  
2. S.Christie-54. 3. J Ward-51.

Class(C)Sporting. 1.G. Munro- 54.2.  
B. Donaldson - 42. 3 (eq) V.Carsie & E. MacLellan-39.

High Gun and Suie Cup- E.MacAllister - 134.

Annual Trophy Winners- 1996.  
Agg. Shield - E. MacAllister - 548.  
Runner-up Shield - J. Sinclair - 527.

Curry Rose Bowl - E. MacAllister 291.  
Junior Shield- M. Howson -  
Classifications- D.T.L. (A)-J.Sinclair.  
D.T.L. (B) - S. Christie. D.T.L.(C)  
B.Donaldson.

Classifications-Sporting. (A)-G.Ross.  
Sporting (B) Jas Sinclair.  
Sporting - (C) D. Howson.

### Christmas Shoot

Side by Side Competition - 1. S. Stubbings - 30. 2(eq) G. Coyne & R.Mills-27.

Dochart Cup - 1. J. Sinclair - 72. 2(eq) -G. Coyne & R. Mills-71.

Flush- !. A.McCorquodale. J.Sinclair,  
S. Christie, D. MacCallum & B. Stavely.

34 Guns turned out on a cold frosty day. The Club has been well attended this year. Thanks

to all for your support throughout the year.

*G.D.Coyne (Secretary)*

*N.B A.G.M. Suie Lodge Hotel on 23rd February, 1997.*

## Cancer Research Campaign

The local committee would like to thank everyone in Killin and district for supporting their various events throughout the year. A total of £3486.66 was sent to Glasgow to help with research work in Scotland. Very many thanks to you all.

*B. McGregor*

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# Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The AGM of the Club was held in the Killin Hotel on Monday 11 November when a good cross section of members attended. The President, A Stewart welcomed everyone and opened the proceedings. The Secretary D Murray and Treasurer A Inglis presented their reports which were well received by the company. The President in his remarks reported on his attendance at the Tay Salmon Boards meetings, and on the seminar he and Kevin O'Reilly had gone to which dealt with possible measures to improve the environment for the Spawning Redds and development of the young stocks. The conservation measures which are being examined by specialists will be more fully explored during 1997 and each riparian owner would be consulted on the proposals of the results of the study. Catches in both Trout and Salmon had decreased from 1995 and various reasons could be given to explain this overall decrease in numbers caught

The election of office bearers and committee was as follows:- President A Stewart. Vice President K O'Reilly. Secretary D Murray. Treasurer A Inglis. Competition Secretary I Downie. Committee - D Twigg, S Gillies, N Cairns, C Booth and J Scougall. The dues for the 1997 season were set at £10 for trout and £20 for salmon with affiliate trout members £25 Mooring charges and slipway charges remained unaltered. Clive Booth offered the Club the use of his moorings on the River Lochay. This was unanimously accepted and it was agreed to have these detailed and marked for club use, any maintenance would be looked at once the numbers of the moorings to be used had been confirmed.

Discussion then centred on changes to the rules for the Salmon Water, and after in depth views and votes on specific motions it was agreed that the following would apply; from the end of March, the morning session would start at 6.00 am and end at 12.00 with the afternoon session starting at 2.00 PM until lighting up time, the sessions from January 15 to the end of March would remain as at present but a two hour gap from noon to 2.00 PM will apply. The maximum number of salmon caught per member for the season will be six. It was also agreed to carry out a trout stocking policy and investigate the starting up of the Hatchery.

The President then introduced Donald MacKenzie who presented the prizes for 1996. Club Champion was I Downie who also won the cups for the Heaviest Basket. Handicap and Casting competitions; A Stewart for the heaviest fish. John Scougall won the Peter Ross Cup and the "Awa" Cup. The Salmon section winner for the heaviest fish was D McLarty. Donald then spoke of the new Cup which the MacKenzie Family presented to the Club in memory of his late father Donnie. who had won the Falls Of Dochart Cup for the most Salmon caught during each season event year since its presentation, and which had been given to his widow Lilly as a memento of her husbands achievement.

Donald presented the new Donnie MacKenzie Cup to the 1996 winner N Inglis. Norman suitably replied thanking Donald on behalf of the Club for giving this magnificent trophy from the MacKenzie Family in memory of Donnie. and that since it was his late father who

had shown him how to fish the River he was proud to be the first winner of the new cup. The President congratulated all the winners and asked Donald to express the Club's thanks to his Mother and the rest of the MacKenzie Family for the generous gift.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Killin Hotel for their hospitality and a buffet supper was then enjoyed by the company.

## WRI

At the November meeting, Mrs. Gail Anderson gave a talk on vegetarian cookery and members were invited to sample the dishes.

### Competition winners.

Favorite wall plate; 1. M McRobbie 2. 1 Campbell 3. S Chisholm  
Pasta Dish; 1. M Naismith

There were 11 tables at the annual whist drive in aid of St. Dunstons War Blinded. Card master was W Allan and S Davidson proposed the vote of thanks. *Prizewinners.* Ladies 1. B Hogg 2. L Lambert 3. N McIntosh *Consolation:* M. Hunter Gent: 1. G Gillies 2. S Davidson 3. D McDiarmid *Consolation:* A Chisholm.

£200 has been sent to St. Dunstons. Thanks to all who contributed in any way. In December, Mrs Crabbe from Kippen, demonstrated the art of making beeswax candles. *Competition winners Christmas Decoration:* 1. A Smith 2. M Naismith 3. B McGregor *Chocolate Fudge;* 1.M Aitken 2. B. McGregor 3. M Hunter

M Hunter

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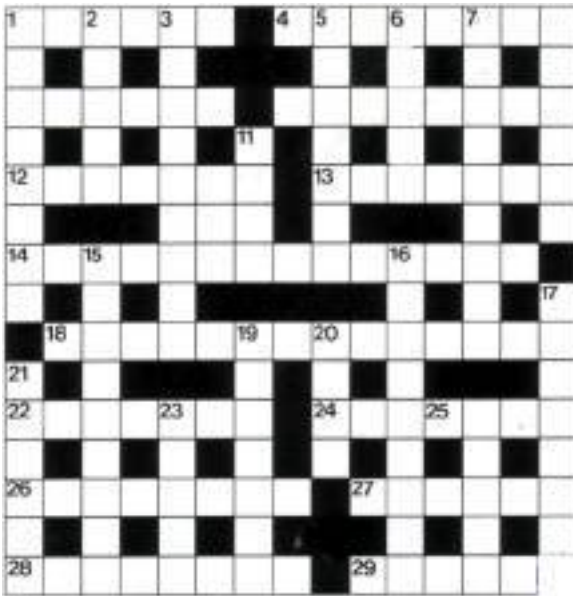
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4. With this flower up its pretty strong' (8)
8. Some Angle this.' A bit thick (6)
10. This will do more than make you laugh, if you keep at it! (8)
12. Sailors pit hurts (7)
13. Leash, or rather not (7)
14. High, straight, map-maker. Some holiday! (7, 7)
18. Wide Skyship' Yes' For singles? (8,6)
22. Love drains - if they help us make progress (7)
24. Bet a pound in church! (7)
26. Sounds like hard working trips' (8)
27. To begin with I so often beat a retreat when I see the weather forecast 16)
28. ----- and it's barometric! (8)
29. Worth a bob? Or two' (6)

1. Travel illicitly, in the main (8)
2. Flower position (5)
3. Former pupil with quarters in the city - disgusts (9)
5. Sudden hurried exit? (7)
6. Out of prison now, and do well (5)
7. Perhaps sorts of hawkers who prey on others (9)
11. Some of this is left in the water (4)
15. Dock again for a time to inform (9)
16. A bacon slice with ale - just for practice! (9)
17. A circular trip (5,3)
19. Pertaining to 11! (7)
20. Every fruit a penny short (4)
21. The best spill spinner (6)
23. Gather a crowd (5)
25. Pole at noon is best (5)

### Solution To Prize Crossword

Across: 1. Changeable 7. Dungeons 8. Upon 9. Shark 10. Liberal 12. Old Age Pension 15. Mystery 17. Daily 20. Garb 21. Complete 22. Conscripts

Down: 1/6 Couch Potato 2. Algeria 3. Glow 4. Assailed 5. Louse 1. Derricks 13. Layman 14. Scallop 16. Taboo 18. Lotus 19. Emir

### Winners Of The Christmas Prize Crossword

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the Prize crossword, with some 20 entries, were as follows: Mrs. W Davidson. Killin and Mrs M McKenzie. Killin. Each of them wins £15 kindly donated by the Bank Of Scotland. Killin.

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